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Climate Change and Disaster Preparedness Training Workshop for NCSA/ NAPA Working Group

Kabul, Afghanistan – UNEP has organized a training workshop for the Climate Change and Disaster Preparedness Working Group in Afghanistan, which brings together 17 representatives from the National Environmental Protection Agency, the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food, the Ministry of Energy and Water, the Ministry of Mines and Industries, the Meteorology Department and the Department of Disaster Preparedness.

The workshop took place in Kabul from 6 – 16 March 2006 and the training was delivered in Farsi by Mr. Ahadi, Senior Expert on Energy and Environment Planning at the National Climate Change Office within the Department of Environment of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The working group was provided training on how to assess capacity building needs to meet the obligations of the UNFCCC based on appropriate analysis of weaknesses, strengths, opportunities and root causes of Afghanistan's present situation and on how to develop a program of action to adapt to climate change through assessing vulnerability and identifying priority adaptation measures.

The National Capacity Self- Assessment (NCSA) and the National Adaptation Plan for Action (NAPA) are being jointly implemented in Afghanistan. The objective of the NAPA is to develop a programme of action to adapt to climate change through assessing vulnerability and identifying priority adaptation measures, while the NCSA objective is to assess Afghanistan's capacities and capacity needs to meet the obligations of three environmental conventions: climate change (UNFCCC), biodiversity (UNCBD) and desertification (UNCCD).

The integrated project management structure includes a joint Steering Committee, Joint Work Groups, an Integrated Work Plan and a National Project Coordinator. Lead agency for the project is the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) of Afghanistan with assistance from UNEP's capacity building and institutional development programme for environmental management in Afghanistan, funded by the European Commission, the Government of Finland and the Global Environment Facility.

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