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**World Environment Day 2006
Afghanistan**

World Environment Day is celebrated every year on 5 June to rally worldwide awareness and support for environmental issues. The theme for this year's World Environment Day is Deserts and Desertification, which is particularly relevant to Afghanistan as an arid country often negatively affected by water shortages and drought.

All around the world citizens and governments will give a human face to environmental issues by promoting an understanding that communities are pivotal to changing attitudes towards the environment, and by supporting partnerships that will ensure all nations and peoples enjoy a safer and more prosperous future.

Recently, Afghanistan's Environment Law was enacted. The Law is a critically important step in the direction of an effective environmental management regime. In addition, the environment features prominently within the UN Development Assistance Framework. With the assistance of international partners, significant other steps are also currently being taken to conserve and rehabilitate Afghanistan's vulnerable and degraded environment.

The National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) and partner organizations have organized events in several regional centers around Afghanistan to demonstrate the growing cooperation for the management and protection of Afghanistan's environment.



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The following activities are scheduled for Monday, 5 June 2006:

Kabul

Coordination: UNEP and NEPA

Location: Kole Hashmat Khan Wetland

Time: 0900 – 1100

Activities: Speeches by NEPA and the Ministry of Agriculture;
demonstrations of solar and other environmental
technologies by several NGOs; site visits around Kole
Hashmat Khan

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Mazar-e-Sharif

Coordination: NEPA and UNDP/GAIN

Location: Information unavailable

Time: Information unavailable

Activities: Information unavailable

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Jalalabad

Coordination: NEPA and Afghan Conservation Corps (ACC)/UNOPS

Location: Department of Information and Culture conference hall

Time: 1000-1600

Activities: Presentations; city beautification and clean up projects;
mural drawing with school children

Contact: Mr. Abdul Razaq, NEPA Provincial Director Nangarhar

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Herat

Coordination: UNEP, ACC/UNOPS, Herat University

Location: Information unavailable

Time: Information unavailable

Activities: Information unavailable

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The NEPA Provincial Directors from the following twenty provinces will also try to hold press briefings and public discussions: Logar, Laghman, Parwan, Kunduz, Khost, Kandahar, Paktia, Kapisa, Samangan, Faryab, Helmand, Bamyan, Takhar, Ghazni, Nimroz, Baghlan, Paktika, Kunar, Nuristan, and Maidan Wardak.