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### Workshop on Environment Act for NEPA Officials

**Kabul, Afghanistan** – Over the course of the last two years, UNEP has supported the Government of Afghanistan to develop a legislative framework for environmental management. The cornerstone of the framework is the Environment Law, which was passed on 18 December 2005.

The National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA), under the leadership of H.E. Mr Mostapha Zaher, is the key institution responsible for implementing the Law. To encourage effective implementation, UNEP will host a workshop on Wednesday 10 May for all NEPA officials based in Kabul at which an implementation manual, developed by UNEP and translated into Dari, will be presented and discussed. In the months that follow, and parallel to the civil service priority reform and restructuring process that is underway within NEPA, UNEP will continue to provide targeted hands-on capacity building support to the various divisions within the institution in order to establish the systems and procedures required to begin effectively implementing the Law and regulations made under it.

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