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Environmental Journalism Training Workshop

In order to raise and reinforce environmental awareness in Afghanistan and to support the development of environmental journalism and media NAI Supporting Afghan Open Media, the Center for International Journalism (CIJ) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are launching their environmental journalism training project which will be ongoing until December 16th 2006.

Several workshops will be organised as part of this project: a Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop for 14 media trainers of CIJ, Nai, Salam Watandar, Killid radio, Khost University and IRIN, several workshops on radio/TV/printed press environmental journalism for Kabul media journalists and one workshop on environmental photojournalism for Kabul print and TV professionals. Other public events will be organised around the trainings for the general public.

Trainings will be conducted and managed by Jeff Hodson of Internews Earth Journalism Network, and renowned photographer and trainer Beth Wald, winner of the Rowell Award 2006. The training is funded by UNEP which is currently implementing a Capacity and Institution Building Programme for Environmental Management in Afghanistan funded by the European Commission, the Government of Finland and the Global Environment Facility.

The workshops will take place in the locations of CIJ and NAI in Kabul in two phases, covering Training of Trainers and photo journalism from November 5th to 18th and environmental journalism for media professionals from November 26th to December 9th. Over 60 trainers and professional journalists will be trained through the event.

Invitations to media institutions to nominate professional journalists to partake in the trainings will be distributed.

The project will culminate with an exhibition of products and results from the workshops in mid December. Among the results will be a resource guide on environmental journalism in Afghanistan in local language.

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UNEP's Post-Conflict Branch (PCoB) extends UNEP's work in areas of the world where the natural and human environment has been damaged as a direct or indirect consequence of conflict. PCoB conducts environmental assessments in post-conflict countries and strengthens national environmental management capacity through institution building, promoting regional cooperation, technical legal assistance, environmental information management and integrating environmental concerns in reconstruction programmes. PCoB is based in Geneva, Switzerland, with field offices in Kabul, Monrovia and Amman.

NAI is a local Afghan organization working for the development of open media in Afghanistan. Since its creation, on June 22, 2004, its mandate had been to foster independent media in the emerging Afghan democracy. It helps local groups to work for the adoption of open broadcasting and internet policies in order to guarantee equal and indiscriminate access of all groups to open media (TV, radio, press, and the Internet), regardless of their political, economic, and social statuses and positions. Nai and Internews are working jointly on journalist skill development and monitoring activities. Internews' international trainers and Nai Afghan trainers conduct courses on human rights and gender and health issues, business development, journalism ethics and investigative journalism.

CIJ is an Afghan journalist training entity with a team of experienced Afghan journalists whose goals are to teach international journalism standards, ethics and practical skills. CIJ also defends professional journalists facing threats or harassment; writes and translates international journalism books for universities and media organizations; and offer professional courses for media officers.