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“Kabul’s environment in pictures” – Opening of the first environmental photo exhibition in Afghanistan

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 implementing an environmental journalism training project which was launched at the end of October 2006 and will be ongoing until the end of December 2006.

Several workshops were 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.

From December 16, 2006, the project partners will present the results of their work in the first ever environmental photo exhibition in Afghanistan. Eleven photo stories will be presented to the public under the authority of renowned photographer and trainer Beth Wald, winner of the Rowell Award 2006, together with a handbook on environmental journalism by Jeff Hodson, of Internews Earth Journalism Network. The French Cultural Centre will host the exhibition for two weeks after the official opening, which will be held at 1.00 pm on Saturday 16th of December.

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Project Partners

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.