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# World Environment Day 2007 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 "Melting Ice – A Hot Topic" and is relating to Climate Change and Global Warming, which is affecting every part of the world including Afghanistan.

On World Environment Day 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.

The National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA), UNEP, UNDP, ACC and other partner organizations are organizing events in several locations around Afghanistan to raise awareness on environmental topics and to demonstrate the growing cooperation for the management and protection of Afghanistan's environment.

The following activities are scheduled for Tuesday, 5 June 2007:

### **Kabul**

Coordination: National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Location: Lycée Esteqlal

Time: 0900 – 1230 hrs

Activities: Event with and for children involving around 200 students from five schools in Kabul, selected in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.  
The main feature of the event will be a debate among the students on the following topic: “What does Afghanistan need, rapid development or environment?” The debate will be followed by a slide show taking the audience through a photographic journey of Afghanistan’s natural environment.

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### **Kabul**

Coordination: Environment Center for Afghanistan (ECFA), Kabul University

Location: Kabul University

Time: Afternoon

Activities: Presentation on Climate Change followed by discussion

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### **Kabul**

Coordination: Afghan Conservation Corps (ACC)

Location: Kole- Hashmat Khan / Schools

Time: Morning

Activities: Competition with questions relating to the Kole- Hashmat Khan wetland between students of two schools of the Kole Hasmat Khan neighbourhood

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### **Kabul**

Coordination: Afghan Conservation Corps (ACC)  
Location: Kabul Zoo  
Time: Afternoon  
Activities: Clean up campaign  
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### **Herat**

Coordination: NEPA Provincial Office and Afghan Conservation Corps (ACC)  
Location: Herat City  
Time: Morning  
Activities: Screening of environmental film and distribution of posters, sport competition, song performance, exhibition of medicinal plants and presentations by different local environmental advocacy associations  
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### **Balkh**

Coordination: Education Department of Balkh and United Nations Development Program – Greening Afghanistan Initiative (UNDP GAIN)  
Location: Mazar City / Education Department  
Time: Information unavailable  
Activities: Environmental presentations and discussions among various related governmental departments, such as Agriculture, Health, Education and UNDP/GAIN, presentation of poems and dramas by students  
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**Bamiyan**

Coordination: NEPA Provincial Office and Afghan Conservation Corps (ACC)

Location: Bamiyan City / Schools

Time: Information unavailable

Activities: Drawing competition with children  
Presentation at the Faculty of Agriculture

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**Samangan**

Coordination: Afghan Conservation Corps (ACC)

Location: Aybak City

Time: Morning

Activities: Drawing competition in Malika Ajani School and distribution of posters

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**Nangarhar**

Coordination: NEPA Provincial Office and Afghan Conservation Corps (ACC)

Location: Jalalabad

Time: Information unavailable

Activities: Messages and speeches and clean-up activities in cooperation with the municipality in 7 districts of the city.  
On 6 June clean-up activities will continue involving schools in Khygyani, Pachiragam and Shirzad districts.

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The NEPA Provincial Offices of the following provinces will also try to hold press briefings and public discussions: Kunduz, Khost, Kandahar, Balkh.