

Train-the-Trainers in Good Practices in Refrigeration Kabul, Afghanistan

The first Train-the Trainers in Good Practices in Refrigeration was jointly organized by National Ozone Unit-National Environmental Protection Agency (NOU-NEPA), United Nations Environment Programme, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics-Compliance Assistance Programme- Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP DTIE-CAP-ROAP) and Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Technische (GTZ) during 19-23 May, 2007 at the Ministry of Work, Social Affairs, Martyred and Disabled (MWSMD), Kabul, Afghanistan. It was attended by 16 participants composed of trainers, senior technicians and shop owners from Kabul. The trained trainers will train around 300 refrigeration and air conditioning technicians in Afghanistan as part of the Multilateral Fund approved National Phase out Plan for Afghanistan. Four training centers in different Provinces of Afghanistan were equipped by UNEP CAP ROAP to cater to the training needs of technicians in Afghanistan.

International resource persons from GTZ and UNEP CAP ROAP conducted the training. Under the South-south cooperation, a Farsi speaking refrigeration expert from Iran assisted in the translation and facilitation of the training.

GTZ, UNEP and NOU are collaborating with Afghanistan-Korea Vocational Training Center on the delivery of the technicians training and the inclusion of Good Practices Modules in their on going curriculum. NOU will provide training equipment to Afghanistan-Korea Vocational Training Center as part of their cooperation on the implementation of technician training.



Protecting the ozone layer is a responsibility of everyone.

Joining hands in protecting the ozone layer are (from R-L):

Asif Zaidi, Programme Manager, Post-Conflict Branch, UNEP, Kabul, Hu Shaofeng, RMP officer, UNEP CAP ROAP, Engr. Noor Agha, PMU Coordinator, Mr.Hussain Ferman, Director Skills Development, MWSMD, Engr. Ahmad Yaar, owner Ahmad Yaar refrigeration shop, Kabul, Zahidullah Hamdard, NOU Ozone Officer and Engr. Dad Mohammad Baher, Deputy Director General, NEPA.



Participants performing the recovery of refrigerants and charging a system using dial-a-charge cylinder under the supervision of Mr. Kalantari, GTZ resource person (extreme right).



Mr. Manuel Azucena, one of resource persons from UNEP CAP ROAP showing the participants the difference when brazing the copper tubing with and without nitrogen flowing in it