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Customs Training and Regional Cooperation Workshop for combating illegal trade in ODS in the  
Region, 29-31<sup>st</sup> March, 2008

Venue: Maple Leaf INN,  
Haji Yaqoob Square, Street #3, House #2 on the right side  
Tel: 0799 -321 -401, 0700 203 – 412 Hotel, Kabul Afghanistan

The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan ratified the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and its Amendments on 17th June, 2004 and became the 188th to the Montreal Protocol.

The main objective of this three day workshop is to build the capacity of the Afghanistan Customs officers in knowing more about the Montreal Protocol provision and to improve the level of knowledge of the Afghanistan customs officer and other relevant stakeholders in the country for implementation of the Montreal Protocol in Afghanistan. The workshop will provide the opportunity to interact with the custom officers from Pakistan and Iran and share one another experience in the implementation of the Montreal Protocol in their respective countries. The workshop technical sessions will be facilitated by experts from Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan and UNEP Bangkok office which will allow the participants to experience a very technical workshop. The workshop will also help and assist the participants to understand the overall requirements of the Montreal Protocol, the challenges faced by the country in implementation of the National Phase out Plan and the specific responsibilities of the stakeholders and actions required to achieve the objectives of the National Phase out Plan.

The workshop will start on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 at 9:30 am and aims to facilitate the phase out of the 100 % consumption of ODS in Afghanistan through different measures by controlling the imports of ODS (CFC-12 Refrigerants) and enhance the imports of non ODS (R-134a and R-22) Refrigerants in to Afghanistan to fulfill the obligation under the Montreal Protocol which Afghanistan is party to it.

The South -South cooperation concept developed by UNEP regional office for Asia and Pacific will also be useful by involving the local experts as well as presentation of case studies in the region. Group discussions on these issues will provide the necessary varied regional and global perspective to enable the participants to formulate a set of practical and implement able recommendations, which will enable Afghanistan to meet its obligations in a timely and effective manner.

**Workshop Participants:**

GTZ – Proklima –Government of Germany, UNEP ROAP CAP – Bangkok, Iran Ozone Programme and custom authorities, Pakistan Ozone Authorities, along with National and provincial level participation from different stakeholders.

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