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## **Islamic Republic of Afghanistan**

### **National Environmental Protection Agency**

The National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) of the Islamic republic of Afghanistan is implementing the Part of Environment of Afghanistan National Development Strategy (ANDS) since May 2005 as an independent agency.

NEPA’s mission is to protect the environmental integrity of Afghanistan and support sustainable development of Afghanistan’s natural resources through the provision of effective environmental guidance and management services. To achieve its mission, NEPA takes four key actions:

- Coordinate **environmental affairs** at international, national and sub-national level.
- Develop and implement **environmental law, policies and strategies** in order to integrate environmental issues and sustainable development approaches into the legal and regulatory frameworks of Afghanistan.
- Provide **environmental management services** in the areas of environmental impact assessment, air and water quality, waste management, pollution control and permitting of activities that impact the environment.
- Provide **communication and outreach** for environmental information to ensure awareness of the environment specifically for the needs of Afghanistan.

During the last 5 years, NEPA has made tremendous achievements in building the foundations of environmental management in Afghanistan through coordination, law and making, providing environmental management services and environmental education and awareness raising activities.

Some of the main achievements in terms of law and policy making include ratification of Afghanistan’s environment law, Forests and rangelands law , National pollution control and management policy, Kabul air quality strategy, National biodiversity strategy, Environmental impact assessment regulation, etc.

In terms of Environment Agreements and Conventions, Afghanistan is now the signatory of many different environmental conventions/agreements including UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol, United Nations Convention of Biological Diversity (UNCBD), United Nation Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Basel convention, Convention on Migratory Species and Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

NEPA has also had projects on Customs Training, Recovery & Recycling, ODS Phase-out in Industry and Refrigeration Technicians Training.

In cooperation with Ministry of Education, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Information and culture and national and international partners, NEPA has ongoing efforts for improving environmental education and awareness raising activities in Afghanistan.

**To achieve the Most important goals we need cooperation in the below fields:**

**Suggestions:**

1. Technical Equipments for Pollution Quality for Kabul and other Provinces of Afghanistan.
2. Expert to make Standards, Policies and important regulations in fields that Afghanistan needs it to behave.
3. Training the Afghans National Environment Protection Agency Staff in the Specific fields of Environment.
4. Provide the city cleaning facilities for Kabul.
5. Recycling Machinery.

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