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Brief report of International Ozone Day:

Ozone and Climate: restored by a world United

The International Ozone Day was successfully celebrated on 19 September 2016 in eastern city of Afghanistan Nangarhar province (Jalalabad City).

Representatives from all the government agencies and private sector and civil society attended this important event. Majority of the government agencies were represented by the provincial Directors. Nearly 110 participants were present in the event.

Deputy Director General of National Environmental Protection Agency and focal point of Montreal Protocol in Afghanistan, Eng. Ghulam Mohammad Malikyar, inaugurated the ceremony with delivering an informative speech and emphasized on the commitments of the National Environmental Protection Agency for successful implementation of Montreal Protocol. Mr. Malikyar insisted on strong collaboration among government bodies for the implementation Montreal Protocol and as a result the protection of Ozone Layer.

The Voice Governor House of Nangarhar province, has delivered a message about the importance of environment and specially Ozone layer.

Head of Council of Ulama, Director of NEPA in Nangarhar, professors form the Nangarhar University, representative of Director of women affairs, delivered speeches regarding Ozone layer and the need to protect it.

A short movie clip about the Ozone Layer, were showed to the participants.

Ahmad Samim Hoshmand, Project Management Unit Coordinator and OiC of NOU-NEPA delivered an informative presentation about Ozone layer, causes of Ozone layer depletion and Ozone Depleting Substance. And talked about the responsibilities of the National Environmental Protection Agency and its National Ozone Unit in regard to the implementation of Montreal Protocol. Mr. Hoshmand, elaborated the achievement of NEPA/NOU in the last one decade such as successfully phasing-out CFCs, CTC, Halons and Methyl Bromide, and 10 % reduction of HCFC in Afghanistan, and the trainings NOU has given to enforcement authorities and refrigeration and air-conditioning servicing technicians.

And at the end one Ozone Depleting Substances Identifier Machine handed over to the representative of Nangarhar Custom Department.

On the occasion of the International Ozone Day 2016, one day training for Jalalabad customs officers was organized by the National Ozone Unit of the National Environmental Protection Agency of Afghanistan,. The training was attended by at least 30 officers from all units of the customs. The training comprised of lecture and practical sessions.

Few of the photographs are below:



