

# Celebration of World Ozone Day 2019 in Afghanistan

“32 YEARS AND HEALING”



DATE: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Venue: The Queen Palace, Babur Garden, Kabul-Afghanistan

# SUMMARY

## 1. INTRODUCTION/ABSTRACT

On 16th September 2019, the World Ozone Day was celebrated in the Queen Palace of Babur Garden, this event was attended by more than 270 participants including H.E Director-General, Respected Deputy Director-General, the Directors of Different Divisions, and provincial Directors of the National Environmental Protection

EVENT TITLE	World Ozone Day Celebration 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2019.
EVENT OBJECTIVE	To raise the awareness for governmental and non-governmental organizations One Montreal Protocol and Preservation on Ozone Layer.
FACILITATORS NAME	National Ozone Unit, NEPA
VENUE	Queen Palace of Babur Garden, Kabul, Afghanistan
DATE AND TIME	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2019, 09:00 AM
MAIN AUDIENCE	Different Government/ Non-Governmental, Civil society, R/AC Union, Afghanistan's importers Union of Electronic Equipment's, ODS Importers, R/AC importers, Educational Institutions, International Partners, Private Sector.....
# OF PARTICIPANTS	270
KEY WORDS	World Ozone Day Celebration.

Agency of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Senior officials of the Different Ministries, Representative of Afghan Customs Department, environment ambassadors of Afghanistan, Director of Federation of Afghanistan Craftsman and Traders, the R/AC Union, the Electronic Equipment's Union, Educational Institutions, the R/AC importing Companies, the ODS importing Companies, attendees from the civil society, media, lecturers and students of the Universities, and other sectors.

The main event was started by playing the national Anthem of Afghanistan and followed by a statement of H.E Director General-NEPA and Country Program Manager at UN Environment Afghanistan.

This event was accompanied by the technical presentations, Exhibition on Ozone Friendly and green technologies, Exhibition on environment-related books & publications, and live painting of the world ozone day theme.

## 2. EVENT OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this event was to celebrate 32 years' success of the most successful international environmental treaty in history (the Montreal Protocol) and raising weariness about the preservation and importance of ozone layer.

Also the Contribution of the Montreal Protocol for the Climate change based on Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, another global commitment to stop climate change.

Additionally, this event provided a good opportunity for the National Ozone Unit to introduce the activities of the Unit. And the private sector to talk about new technologies and current market challenges.

The event was also accompanied with exhibition on the Ozone Friendly and green technologies, exhibition on environment related books & publications, and a live painting which covered the world ozone day theme “32 years and healing”

### **3. KEY OUTCOMES**

The event was officially commenced with a statement of H.E Director General-NEPA by welcoming the participants followed by the short information about celebration of world ozone day worldwide and stating the commitment of Afghanistan for better implementation of Montreal Protocol

He also pointed some of the activities done over last years for the implementation of Montreal protocol which covered the banning of HCFC based equipment's in the country, 25% reduction of HCFCs during this year, and successfully implementation of the quota system in the country.

On behalf of NEPA he congratulated the World Ozone Day and assured the commitment of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in supporting the Ozone Program for the preservation of the Ozone layer. Following this, Mr. Mohammad Hasnain, Country Program Manager at UN Environment has shared his opening remarks.

He firstly thanked the NOU-NEPA for organizing such an excellent event in a beautiful place, and continued his speech on the importance of the Montreal Protocol and The 2019 UN Climate Action Summit on September 23<sup>rd</sup> in New York City.

At the end he summarized the key messages expressed by United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres and UN Environment Executive Director Ms. Inger Andersen on their statement for this day.

After the opening remarks, an informative and technical video about Ozone layer and Montreal Protocol was played in two national languages to engage the audience to the event.

During the main event, a presentation about NOU activities was presented by Ms. Shahlla Matin, project coordinator for Kigali amendment enabling activities followed by a video from afghan sportsmen about preservation and importance of Ozone Layer. this video covered a motivational message from afghan sportsmen including Nesar Ahamad Bahawi, Ahmad Wali Hotak, khalid Hotak the environment ambassadors of NEPA and Gulbadin Naieb Afghanistan cricket team captain and some other afghan cricket team members about importance and preservation of ozone layer.

At the end of main event, Mr. Mohammad Aman Qasemi, CEO of Expert Afghanistan presented a technical presentation about the new technologies and current market challenges to the participants.

Moreover, the participants were then invited to visit the exhibition on Ozone friendly and green technologies, exhibition on environment related books & publications. during the visit of exhibitions, exhibitors explained all the new technologies to the participants.

After visiting the exhibitions, all participants took part in the live painting session to complete the Ozone Day painting with the World Ozone Day 2019 Theme “32 years and healing”.

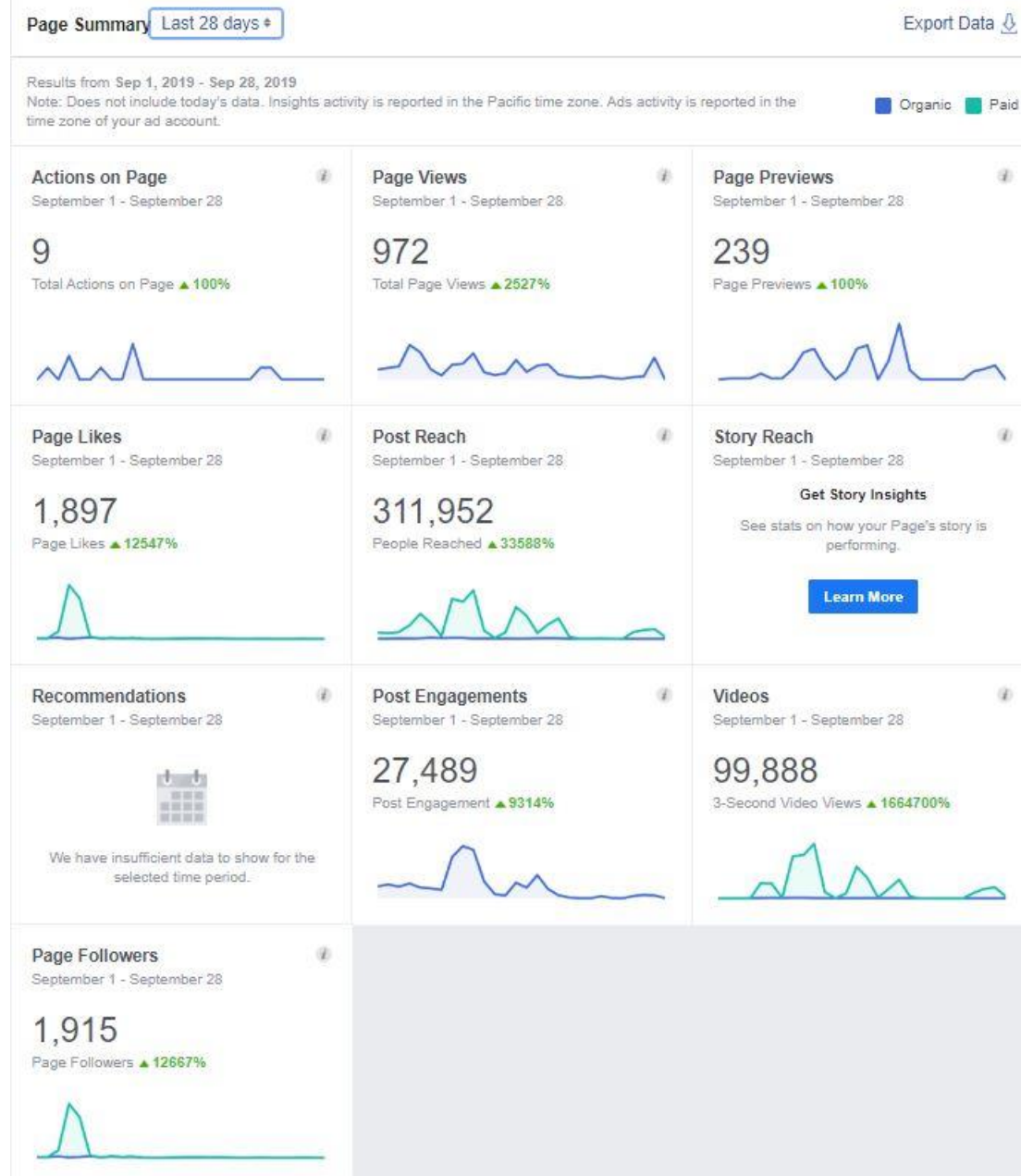
The celebration of World Ozone Day 2019 ended with lunch break and at the end, it provided a good space for network building among the participants.

#### 4. MEDIA CAMPAIGN FOR AWARENESS RAISING

As part of the World Ozone Day Activities, the National Ozone Unit run a social media campaign for public awareness-raising from SEP 1<sup>st</sup> till SEP 25<sup>th</sup> 2019. This campaign covered some key information about the Ozone layer, Montreal Protocol, Kigali amendment, climate change, and energy efficiency.

All this information was delivered through posters and video clips from the National Ozone Unit and NEPA Facebook pages.

The campaign had a great impact and every post reached to the thousands of people around social media.



#### 5. TARGET AUDIENCE

This event was attended by more than 270 participants including H.E Director General, Respected Deputy Director General, the Directors of Different Division, and provincial Directors of the National Environmental Protection Agency of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Senior officials of the Different Ministries, Representative of Afghan Customs Department, environment ambassadors, Director of Federation

of Afghanistan Craftsman and Traders, the R/AC Union, the Electronic Equipment's Union, Educational Institutions, the R/AC importing Companies, the ODS importing Companies, attendees from the civil society, media, lecturers and students of the Universities, and other sectors.

## **6. SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

- Holy Quran recitation
- Opening remarks by H.E Schah Zaman Maiwandi the Director General-NEPA.
- Opening remarks by Mr. Mohammad Hasnain, Country Program Manager at UN Environment
- Video clips about Ozone Layer, NOU technical team
- Presentation on NOU activities by Ms. Shahlla Matin, Project Coordinator for KA-Enabling activities, NOU-NEPA.
- Video message about importance of ozone layer from afghan sportsmen
- Presentation on new technologies and current market challenges by Aman Qasemi
- Video clip about how Kigali Amendment reduces climate change
- Ozone friendly and green technologies Exhibition visits
- Environment related books & publication exhibition visit
- Painting the World Ozone day painting with WOD 2019 theme "32 years and Healing"
- Lunch

## **7. Lessons learned from the Event**

Even the most successful events have lessons from which we can learn. Whether we are conducting a small workshop, or celebrating the World Ozone Day there will be lessons we can learn from our event management. Here are some points we thought could help us to manage even a better event next time.

- Always go through the Checklist

We have a complete and clear checklist for the event management. the organizing team must perform all the required activity on time according to the checklist.

- Sending the invitation letters to VIPs

The NEPA team delivered the VIP invitation letters maybe just one-day before the event. we must follow up next time and make sure that the invitations are sent at least 3 days before the event.


- The arrival of the Organizing team (Helping crew on the event day)

Some of the delegates entered the event hall even an hour before the arrival of helping crew in the registration desk. Keep in mind to pick trustworthy people for this job next time.

- Organizing team coordination on the event day

"It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed." – Napoleon Hill  
We are all a team, and to achieve what we strive for we must act as a team and support each other.

## Annex 1: Agenda [World Ozone Day Celebration 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019]

		
<b>“World Ozone Day 2019”</b>		
<b>Date: Monday, 16 Sep 2019</b> <b>Time: 09:30 AM</b> <b>Venue: Bagh-e Babor, Kabul Afghanistan</b>		
<b>08:45 – 09:30</b>	• Registration	• Participants
<b>09:30 – 09:40</b>	Recitation of Holy Quran	• QARI SAHIB
<b>9:40 – 9:45</b>	• National Anthem	• Technical Team
<b>9:45 – 10:15</b>	• Opening Remarks	• NEPA • UN Environment
<b>10:15 – 10:25</b>	• Ozone Layer Video Clip	• Technical Team
<b>10:25 – 10:35</b>	• Presentation about NOU Activities	• NOU-NEPA
<b>10:35 – 10:40</b>	• Video clip from afghan sport celebrities about Ozone	• Technical Team
<b>10:40 – 10:55</b>	• Presentation about new technologies and current market challenges	• Representative of Private Sector
<b>10:55 – 11:00</b>	• Video clip about Kigali amendment	• Technical Team
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	• Exhibition and Painting visit	• Participants
<b>12:00 – 01:30</b>	• Lunch Break	

		
<b>“روز جهانی حفاظت لایه اوزون - ۱۹، ۲۰۱۹”</b>		
<b>تاریخ: روز دو شنبه، ۱۶ سپتامبر ۲۰۱۹</b> <b>ساعت ۹:۳۰ ق ظ</b> <b>مکان: باغ بابر، کابل افغانستان</b>		
<b>08:45 – 09:30</b>	• راجستر اشتراک کننده گان	• اشتراک کننده گان
<b>09:30 – 09:40</b>	• قرائت آیات قرآن کریم	• قاری صاحب
<b>9:40 – 9:45</b>	• سرود ملی افغانستان	• تیم تخنیکي
<b>9:45 – 10:15</b>	• سخنان افتتاحیه	• اداره ملی حفاظت محیط زیست • برنامه محیط زیست ملل متحد
<b>10:15 – 10:25</b>	• نمایش فلم کوتاه (لایه اوزون)	• تیم تخنیکي
<b>10:25 – 10:35</b>	• پرزنتیشن در مورد فعالیت های دفتر ملی اوزون	• دفتر ملی اوزون
<b>10:35 – 10:40</b>	• نمایش فلم کوتاه از ورزشکاران در رابطه به محیط زیست	• تیم تخنیکي
<b>10:40 – 10:55</b>	• پرزنتیشن در مورد تکنالوژی های جدید و چالش های مارکیت فعلی	• نماینده سکتور خصوصی
<b>10:55 – 11:00</b>	• ویدیو در مورد تعویلات کیگالی	• تیم تخنیکي
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	• بازدید از نمایشگاه ها و نقاشی	• اشتراک کننده گان
<b>12:00 – 01:30</b>	• نان چاشت	

**Annex 2: Pictures [World Ozone Day Celebration 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019]**

