

**The Ozone Unit of the National Environmental Protection Agency in collaboration with
Afghanistan Customs Department Celebrates International Customs Day,
26th January 2015, Kabul**



Kabul, 26 January 2015 - The National Ozone Unit (NOU) of Afghanistan and Afghanistan Customs Department (ACD) celebrated the “International Customs Day” at the Afghanistan Customs Department Head Quarter in Kabul. Following the 2015 theme which is “Coordinated Border Management”, the National Ozone Unit utilized the opportunity to focus on the management of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) and their imports and transits from the neighboring countries.

Afghanistan’s National Ozone Officer, Mr. Jawid Saboori, also took this opportunity to raise the issue of ODS import data mismanagement. He stated that the mismanagement of data can be caused by a localized goods import mechanism called “Ganday” or “jungle goods” (as called by the custom officials) where different goods are taxed under one harmonized system goal, such as spare parts of air conditioners and refrigerants.

The Deputy Finance Minister for Customs and Revenue, Mr. Gul Maqsood Sabit, acknowledged that the “jungle goods” mechanism of importing will be banned in the near future. This will enhance the ODS import/transit data collection mechanism.

During the event, the NOU also distributed publications and materials such as the customs training manual, the customs officer quick tool and the 10Q10A about the ozone layer among the participants in order to raise the public awareness.

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