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The government of Afghanistan strongly supports the 2015 Paris agreement on climate change and is foremost concerned with making the necessary adjustments and changes to our country to help combat this global issue. Afghanistan understands the importance for each and every country to participate and work towards lowering and maintaining a low per capita emission level, however, there are certain conditions which must be agreed to for Afghanistan to achieve this goal. Afghanistan continues to be one of the poorest countries, and, as a result is unable to allocate a large amount of funds towards combating climate change. That being said, Afghanistan is highly affected by climate change, including extreme weather changes, such as drought, flooding, and heat waves. This not only affects our land, but the effect of natural resources, due to large majority of the population rely on for food, and a source of income. This affects our countries economy, and stability. If Afghanistan was provided the necessary financial and other miscellaneous resources, we are certain we would be able to make and sustain Low Emission Development Strategies (LEDS) and Highly Effective Adaptation and Development Strategies (HEADS).

Issues currently preventing Afghanistan from addressing climate change include lack of expertise, lack of reliable historical climate data, little to no public awareness about environmental issues and lack of funding. Under the National Adaptive Plan (NAP), Afghanistan has determined the key obstacles which must be overcome in order to implement changes, which includes a need of around USD10.785 billion over ten years. An example of an Action Plan Afghanistan is hoping to implement “Regeneration of at least 40% of existing degraded forests and rangeland areas”. However, in order implement this change, there are various forestry and rangeland tools which must be acquired and well as various methods which must be transferred to Afghanistan. This project would also cost around 2.5 billion.

Afghanistan believes it is of upmost importance to have a Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Plan (NDRRP). The objective of this play is to “identify the mitigation and prevention activities at National level and institutionalize the same, in line with National Disaster Management Policy and Afghanistan.” Some following strategies which are being currently proposed under the NDRRP are as follows:

* Assess and monitor risk conditions in the country, especially hospitals
* Time bound programmes on risk reduction in the country
* Continuous training for disaster actors in national and provincial offices
* Promotion of knowledge and awareness products on risk reduction
* Engagement with key national stakeholders on incorporating DRR (Disaster risk reduction) in development programming

Afghanistan looks very fondly upon this agreement and believes that it is definitely a step in the right direction for reducing the effects of climate change. Ambassador Mahmoud Saikal, the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has stated “we believe the Paris Agreement puts us on the right track to finally address the issue of climate change and achieving environment and social integrity. We look forward to the future UN negotiations to elaborate its details and thorough implement its provisions.”

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