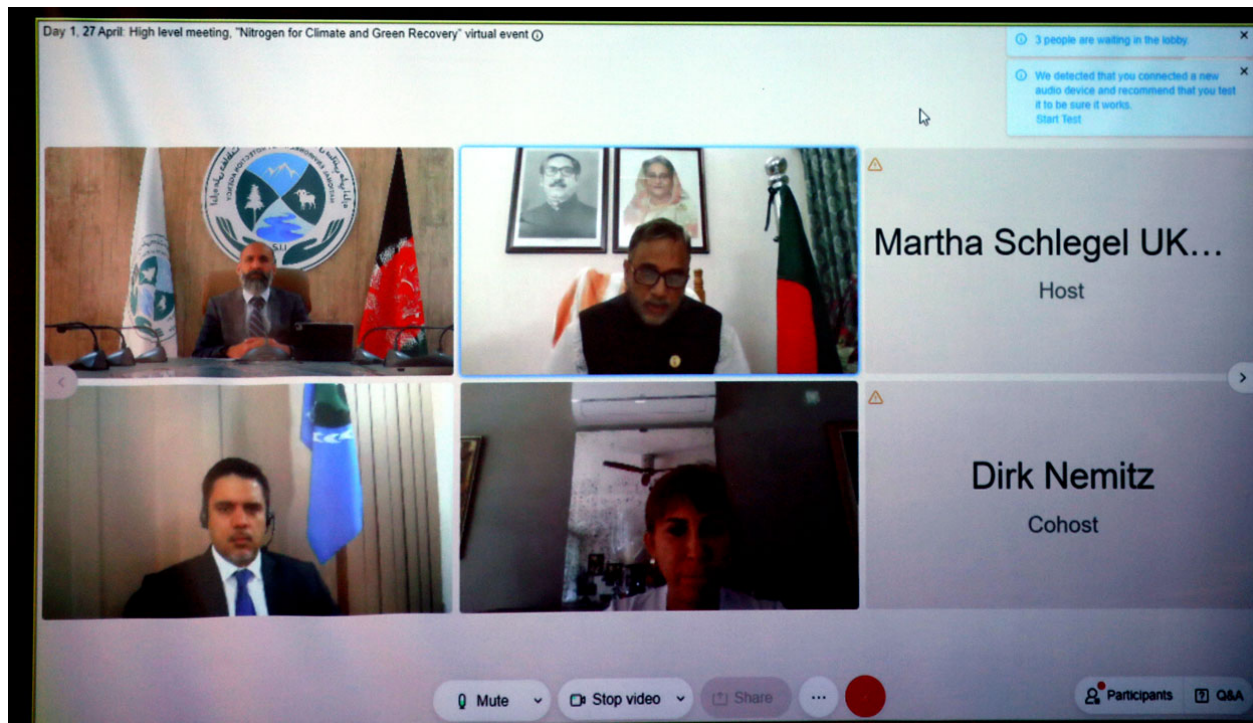


Ministers from South Asia gather online to discuss Nitrogen Management

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Environment Ministers of south Asian countries attended a three-day online meeting held by the initiation of the high British commission in Colombo Sri Lanka, with the cooperation of Nitrogen Hub in South Asian countries, Global Environmental Facilities, UNEP, and SACEP.

This meeting held in pre COP26 for determining a strategy to minimize Nitrogen usage in agricultural and industrial activities in South Asian Countries.

In the beginning, Miss Sara Holtmoon British High Commissioner in Sri Lanka, Introduced the three-day meeting to the ministers of South Asian Countries and explained the relation of the mentioned meeting to the members of COP26.

International Organizations representatives and south Asian countries' environment ministers spoke about the programs and steps taken in sustainable management of Nitrogen and decreasing its usage in agricultural and industrial activities.

During the meeting, Dr. Ahmad Hassib Payab Deputy in Policy, Plan, and Monitoring of National Environmental Protection Agency, spoke on behalf of the Afghanistan government and said: as we know that Nitrogen element has more role in the production of Foodstuffs, energy, and life but from another side nonproper and sustainable management of this gas poses serious risks

to the environment, health, biodiversity, aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, which will cause many socio-economic problems.

Mr. Payab said: Nitrogen oxide gas is the strongest greenhouse gas that caused global warming and climate change and Afghanistan is most vulnerable to climate change.

He added: based on Afghanistan's greenhouse gas existence list, diffusion of Nitrogen oxide has Significant increase from 1990 to 2017.

At the end of the meeting, the participants emphasized on sustainable management of Nitrogen in south Asia and other member countries of the Climate Change Commission, they also stressed on management and decrease in usage of Nitrogen for having an environment without Nitrogen pollution this goal will be achieved by considering and entering Nitrogen in national and international policies.