

Hon. Deputy Minister Shujauddin Ziaie, MEW

Key Speech points when addressing National Hydrogeology Conference at the closing ceremony., 7th June 2015

As I heard all discussions was fully focused on groundwater gaps, but still all declaration points has been written on paper without the practical steps needed to move forward in this regard. We are in initial phase of national groundwater mapping with only one province covered. All Afghan territories need to be covered with completed hydrogeological atlas.

I heartily thanks from all who are helped us in this regards and at least fulfill some gap of groundwater issue in Afghanistan

Groundwater contamination will be a big catastrophe in a future of Afghanistan unless action is taken. Kabul as an example where more than 290 non point water have been found to be contaminated.

Kabul river is the main sources of groundwater contamination, due to a large number of cesspit, septic tank and other sources of pollution

How can we fulfill this gap in groundwater

management and protection? Where and how do we move forward? Please give us a practical solution and identify the problematic sources.

Any regulation/water standards/any protection zoning of groundwater/any permission of groundwater use needed???

We have to developed and work hard and jointly with international donor and any organization who will support us.

Thanks for the organizing committee, for the great work which you have done for Faryab project as a pilot project. We need more support to continue this development nationwide.

We are waiting for declaration to raise up the main point for future planning in this regard.

MEW will do what we can to take make some difference and to make an action plan so that developmentn will be more that just words. We need results so show progress.

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