

NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS

GENEVA CONFERENCE ON AFGHANISTAN - LOGISTICAL DETAILS (REVISED 26 NOVEMBER 2018)

The Conference on Afghanistan will take place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 27 and 28 November 2018 to show the international community's solidarity with the Afghan people and the government in their efforts for peace and prosperity, and for the Afghan government to renew its commitment to development and reform.

Full information on the Conference, including the programme and key documents, are available on the [website of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan](#).

The list of heads of delegations will be made available there.

ACCESS TO CONFERENCE (COUNCIL CHAMBER)

Media will be able to cover events in the Council Chamber from the gallery. Space is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. ***Please note that cameras and photographers will not be admitted to the gallery as photos and video images can be obtained from UN Television and an international media pool throughout the event.***

Access to the gallery will be possible from 8 a.m. on both 27 and 28 November 2018.

On the conference floor, media pools on 27 and 28 November will be able to cover the first five minutes of the meeting / session. Identified pool media should meet Gilles Sereni (gilles.sereni@un.org; 079 444 60 41) in the Council Chamber lobby at 9:15 a.m.

Room V, near the Council Chamber, will act as an overflow room. All Conference events will be webcast live on webtv.un.org.

ARRIVALS - PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

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Visual media are welcome to cover the arrivals of H.E. Ashraf Ghani, President of Afghanistan, Rosemary DiCarlo, United Nations Under Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Tadamichi Yamamoto, United Nations Special Representative for Afghanistan, and other high-level delegates from Door 4 (Building S), from 8:30 a.m. onwards.

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Many high-level participants to the conference will be arriving ***between 6:30 a.m. and 7 a.m.*** for a private event prior to the beginning of the main proceedings.

Visual media are welcome to cover these arrivals from a designated area in Hall XIV, Building A, starting at 6:15 a.m.

Note: all official UN photos of the Conference on Afghanistan will be available on <https://www.flickr.com/photos/unama>

BADGES

Journalists accredited for the Conference on Afghanistan can pick up their press badges at the Pregny entrance of the Palais des Nations (8-12 Avenue de la Paix, across from the museum of

the International Red Cross) starting on Monday 26 November 2018, between 12 noon and 5 p.m.

Badges can also be picked up on Tuesday and Wednesday 27 & 28 November between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Journalists with permanent accreditation at the United Nations in Geneva do not need a new badge; they can use their regular UN badge to access all media-related events of the Conference.

MEDIA CENTRE

Visiting journalists will be able to work in Room III, Building A, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The room, equipped with Wi-Fi, is located close to the Council Chamber where the Conference will be taking place.

Journalists wishing to watch the live stream of the Conference on a projection screen while working can do so from Room V (overflow room), next door.

PRESS BRIEFINGS/CONFERENCES

Press briefings and conferences are open to accredited media only.

Tuesday 27 November 2018 at 9:45 a.m.: Toby Lanzer, Deputy Special Representative for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, will brief the media on the Conference in Room III, Building A.

Wednesday 28 November 2018 at 6 p.m.: Afghanistan President **Ashraf Ghani** and **Tadamichi Yamamoto**, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan, will give a press conference on the outcome of the Conference in Room III, Building A. ***Both these press conferences will be webcast live on webtv.un.org and broadcast live via Eurovision/EBU (broadcast feed points are available directly from UNTV for those who have their own transmission or recording equipment.)***

Note: For the latter press conference, journalists wishing to attend will be asked to leave their visual equipment in the room by 5 p.m. for a security sweep.

Participating delegations may choose to organize additional press conferences or stakeouts. UNIS will announce these as information becomes available. A stakeout area has been set up at Door 4 (Building S) for this purpose.

All press conferences at the Palais des Nations are also announced [here](#) on the UN Geneva website.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow UNAMA's Twitter (@UNAMAnews) and Facebook (English/Dari/Pashto pages), as well as @UNAfghanistan Twitter. The Conference hashtag is: [#GVAfghanistan2018](https://twitter.com/GVAfghanistan2018)

STAKEOUT AREA

A stakeout area has been set up at Door 4 (Building S). The United Nations Information Service will make every effort to inform accredited media of any scheduled stakeouts as soon as it is informed by the delegation.

WEBCASTING AND BROADCASTING SERVICES

All events in the Council Chamber (both side event on 27 November and the ministerial conference on 28 November) will be webcast live on webtv.un.org.

Because access to the conference floor is restricted, UN TV has organized media pools for both 27 November and 28 November 2018.

The live broadcast signal will be available from the European Broadcasting Union (EBU). News agencies wishing to retrieve the live signal directly from UNTV can do so by hooking up their LiveU (or equivalent) equipment in the UNTV offices. (Contact: gilles.sereni@un.org)

Gavel-to-gavel coverage in the Council Chamber will also be available for download on demand via the UNTV ftp server, backed up in 15 minute segments. (Contact: jean-marc.glinz@un.org)

To access the UNTV Server for the footage, please see server codes below and look for the file name in the “Conferences2018” folder, under “UNOG-CONF-RUSS GCA-Geneva Afghanistan Conference”:

Server: <ftp://unis-ftp.unog.ch/>

User: CLIENT1 Password: z85iRY0CU91O60J or <ftp://CLIENT1:z85iRY0CU91O60J@unis-ftp.unog.ch>

User: CLIENT2 Password: lm887IHhI54O4Tm or <ftp://CLIENT2:lm887IHhI54O4Tm@unis-ftp.unog.ch>

CONTACTS

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