



GENEVA CONFERENCE ON
AFGHANISTAN

27 - 28 November 2018

Geneva Conference on Afghanistan
Official Programme

Ministerial Conference on 28 November 2018
Council Chamber, Palais des Nations

08:30 – 09:30 **Arrival of Delegations**

09:30 – 09:40 **Welcome Remarks**

- H.E. Ignazio Cassis
Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Swiss Confederation
- H.E. Salahuddin Rabbani
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

09:40 – 10:40 **Keynote Statements**

- H.E. Mohammad Ashraf Ghani
President, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- H.E. Rosemary DiCarlo
Under Secretary-General of the United Nations

10:40 – 11:15 **Segment on Peace**

11:15 – 11:35 **Presentation on Reform Progress and Achievements**

- H.E. Mohammad Humayon Qayoumi
Minister of Finance, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- H.E. Hart Schaefer
Vice President, World Bank

11:35 – 13:00 **Bilateral Statements**

- Statements by representatives of partner governments (3'/statement)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:20	Readout from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Side meeting: Regional Connectivity & Infrastructure ➤ Side event: Women’s Empowerment ➤ Side event: Private Sector ➤ Side event: People on the Move ➤ Side event: Food Security and Livelihoods in Times of Drought
14:20 – 15:30	Bilateral Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Statements by representatives of partner governments (3’/statement)
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:20	Bilateral Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Statements by representatives of partner governments (3’/statement)
17:20 – 17:30	Afghan Civil Society Joint Statement
17:30 – 18:00	Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ H.E. Abdullah Abdullah Chief Executive of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan ➤ H.E. Mohammad Humayon Qayoumi Minister of Finance, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan ➤ H.E. Tadamichi Yamamoto Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan
18:00 – 19:00	Press Conference



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Side Events

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Pathway to Progress: Professional Training for Afghan Women

9:30 – 11:00

Keynote Speaker:

- **H.E. Rula (Bibi Gul) Ghani**, First Lady of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Moderator: Shabana Rasikh

Panelists:

- Ms. Shireen Rahmani & Ms. Muqaddesa Yourish - Demand for Professional Training
- Ms. Nadeema Sahar - Programs to date and models of implementation
- Ms. Jean Gough, UNICEF Regional Director for South Asia
- Baroness Fiona Hodgson, chair of the UK's parliamentary group on Women, Peace, and Security
- Mr. Martin Jaeger, State Secretary, Federal Republic of Germany

Closing remarks: Marjan Mateen, Advisor to the First Lady of Afghanistan

Private Sector

11:30 – 13:00

Keynote Speaker:

- **H.E. Mohammad Ashraf Ghani**, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Moderator: Ms. Arancha Gonzalez, Executive Director, International Trade Centre

Panelists:

- Mr. Ajmal Ahmady, Presidential Banking and Finance Adviser
- Mr. Qurban Haqjo, Afghanistan Permanent Representative to WTO
- Ms. Emily King, CEO and Founder, De Zawan Ghar “Young Mountain Mining”
- Mr. Ehsanullah Bayat, Chair, Bayat Foundation
- Ms. Afsana Rahimi, Chairperson, Afghanistan Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Ms. Kamila Sediqi, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Commerce & Industries

Closing remarks: H.E. John R. Bass, Ambassador of the United States of America to Afghanistan

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

People on the Move

14:30 – 16:00

Keynote Speaker:

- **H.E. Dr. Abdullah Abdullah**, Chief Executive of the National Unity Government

Speaker: **H.E. Neven Mimica**, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development

Moderator: Mr. Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner for Refugees

Panelists:

- Dr. Alema Alema, Deputy Minister for Refugees and Repatriation
 - Ms. Laura Thompson, Deputy Director-General, IOM
 - Representative of Pakistan
 - Representative of Iran
 - Mr. Khybar Farahi, Senior Adviser to the President on Migration & Returnees
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Food Security and Livelihoods in Times of Drought

16:30 – 18:00

Keynote Speaker:

- **H.E. Dr. Abdullah Abdullah**, Chief Executive of the National Unity Government

Moderator: H.E. Suraya Dalil, Ambassador of Afghanistan to the United Nations in Geneva

Panelists:

- H.E. Mohammad Humayon Qayoumi, Minister of Finance
- Mr. Junichi Yamada, Vice President, JICA
- Ms. Karen Freeman, Assistant to the Administrator, USAID
- Ms. Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Secretary-General, World Food Programme

Closing remarks: Mr. Mark Lowcock, Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations

18:30 – 20:00

Welcome Reception

Venue: General Assembly Foyer



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Side Meetings

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Palais De Nations - Room I		Palais De Nations - Room II	
08:30 – 10:30	Regional Connectivity & Infrastructure	08:30 – 10:30	Reserved
11:00 – 12:30	Human Rights	11:00 – 12:30	Regional Development Partners
14:30 – 16:00	Growth & Development	14:30 – 16:00	Reserved
16:30 – 18:00	Counter Narcotics	16:30 – 18:00	Civil Society

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Palais De Nations - Concordia I		Palais De Nations - Room II	
08:00 – 09:30	Population Dynamics	08:00 – 09:30	Reserved
11:45 – 13:15	Anti-Corruption	11:45 – 13:15	Reserved
14:00 – 15:30	SDGs	13:30 – 15:30	Reserved
16:00 – 17:30	Women, Peace Processes and 1325	16:00 – 17:30	Reserved