



GENEVA CONFERENCE ON  
AFGHANISTAN

27 - 28 November 2018

**Geneva Ministerial Conference on Afghanistan  
Official Programme**

**28 November 2018**  
**Council Chamber, Palais des Nations**

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**08:30 – 09:30**

**Arrival of Delegations**

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**Welcome Remarks**

**09:30 – 09:40**

- **Ignazio Cassis,**

*Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation*

- **Salahuddin Rabbani**

*Minister of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan*

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**09:40 – 12:07**

**Peace & Development**

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**Keynote Statements:**

**09:40 – 10:45**

- **H.E. Mohammad Ashraf Ghani**

*President of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan*

(To be introduced by Mohammad Humayon Qayoumi, the Minister of Finance, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan)

- **H.E. António Guterres**

*Secretary-General of the United Nations*

(To be introduced by Tadamichi Yamamoto, Special Representative of the Secretary General for Afghanistan)

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**10:45 – 11:15**

**Segment on Peace**

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**Presentation on Reform Progress and Achievements**

**11:15 – 11:35**

- **Mohammad Humayon Qayoumi**

*Minister of Finance, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan*

- **The World Bank**

*Mr. Hart Schaefer, Vice President*

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<b>11:35 – 12:07</b>	<b>Bilateral Statements</b> – <i>statements by representatives of partner government and organizations (8 statement slots at 4'/slot)</i>
<b>12:07 – 12:20</b>	<b>Official Photo</b>
<b>12:20 – 12:35</b>	Readout from the <b>four side events/side meeting</b> ( <i>Women's Empowerment; Private Sector; People on the Move; Food Security and Livelihoods in Times of Drought</i> )
<b>12:35 – 12:45</b>	<b>Afghan Civil Society Joint Statement</b>
<b>12:45 – 14:00</b>	Lunch
	<b>Introduction to Regional Partners</b>
<b>14:00 – 14:03</b>	➤ <b>Mohammad Humayon Qayoumi</b> <i>Minister of Finance, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan</i>
<b>14:03 – 14:30</b>	Reporting from side meetings on regional cooperation and infrastructure by European Union (4') <b>Statements by Regional Partners</b> <i>9 statements at 3'/slot</i>
<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	<b>Bilateral Statements</b> <i>Statements by representatives of partner governments and organizations (20 statements at 3'/slot)</i>
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	Coffee Break
<b>16:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Bilateral Statements</b> – <i>statements by representatives of partner government and organizations (30 statements at 3'/slot)</i>
	<b>Closing Session</b>
<b>17:30 – 18:00</b>	➤ <b>H.E. Abdullah Abdullah</b> <i>Chief Executive of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan</i> ➤ <b>Mohammad Humayon Qayoumi</b> <i>Minister of Finance, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan</i> ➤ <b>Tadamichi Yamamoto</b> <i>Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan</i>
<b>18:00 – 19:00</b>	<b>Press Conference</b>



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**Side Events**

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**Pathway to Progress: Professional Training for Afghan Women**

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**9:30 – 11:00**

**Keynote Speaker:**

- **H.E. Mrs. 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. Adele Khodr, Director, UNICEF - Impediments to Girls' Education
- H.E. Penny Mordaunt, Secretary of State, United Kingdom – Women Economic Empowerment
- Mr. Martin Jaeger, State Secretary, Federal Republic of Germany

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

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## Private Sector

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**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

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**13:00 – 14:30**

Lunch

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## People on the Move

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**14:30 – 16:00**

**Keynote Speaker:**

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

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

**Moderator:** Mr. Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner for Refugees

**Panelists:**

- Dr. Alema, Deputy Minister for Refugees and Repatriation
  - Ms. Laura Thompson, Deputy Director-General, IOM
  - Mr. Muhammad Aslam, Ministry of States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON), Pakistan
  - Mr. Ahmad Mohammadi Far, Bureau of Aliens and Foreign Immigrants (BAFIA), Iran
  - Mr. Khybar Farahi, Senior Adviser to the President on Migration & Returnees
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## Food Security and Livelihoods in Times of Drought

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**16:30 – 18:00**

**Keynote Speaker:**

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

**Moderator:** H.E. Ms. 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
- Mr. Edress Malyar, Environment Expert, Afghanistan
- Ms. Khwaga Kakar, Water Expert, Afghanistan

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

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**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 - Room 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