



GENEVA CONFERENCE ON
AFGHANISTAN

27 - 28 November 2018

**Geneva Ministerial Conference on Afghanistan
Official Programme**

28 November 2018
Council Chamber, Palais des Nations

08:30 – 09:30

Arrival of Delegations

Welcome Remarks

➤ **Ignazio Cassis**

09:30 – 09:40

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

➤ **Salahuddin Rabbani**

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

09:40 – 12:07

Peace & Development

Keynote Statements

➤ **H.E. Mohammad Ashraf Ghani**

President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

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

09:40 – 10:45

➤ **H.E. António Guterres**

Secretary-General of the United Nations

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

10:45 – 11:15

Segment on Peace

Presentation on Reform Progress and Achievements

➤ **Mohammad Humayon Qayoumi**

11:15 – 11:35

Minister of Finance, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

➤ **The World Bank**

Mr. Hart Schaefer, Vice President

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

Closing remarks: 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 - 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