



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*

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

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**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

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**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

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**10:40 – 11:15** **Segment on Peace**

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**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

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

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

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**13:00 – 14:00** **Lunch**

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- 14:00 – 14:20** Readout from:
- 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
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- 14:20 – 15:30** **Bilateral Statements**
- Statements by representatives of partner governments (3’/statement)
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- 15:30 – 15:45** Coffee Break
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- 15:45 – 17:20** **Bilateral Statements**
- Statements by representatives of partner governments (3’/statement)
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- 17:20 – 17:30** **Afghan Civil Society Joint Statement**
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- 17:30 – 18:00** **Closing Session**
- 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
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- 18:00 – 19:00** **Press Conference**
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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. 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

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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. 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

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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. 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

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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 des Nations - Room I		Palais des 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 des Nations - Room I		Palais des 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