



2020 AFGHANISTAN CONFERENCE, 23–24 NOVEMBER, GENEVA
PEACE, PROSPERITY AND SELF-RELIANCE

2020 AFGHANISTAN CONFERENCE

Tuesday 24 November 2020

Interprefy & UN Web TV / Room XVII – Palais des Nations

Morning Session

Chaired by:

H.E. Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland

H.E. Mohammad Haneef Atmar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Ms Deborah Lyons, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the UN for Afghanistan

9:00 – 10:00

Opening

Welcome by the United Nations:

- **H.E. Tatiana Valovaya**, Director-General of the United Nations at Geneva

Opening remarks:

- **H.E. Pekka Haavisto**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- **H.E. Mohammad Haneef Atmar**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- **H.E. Abdul Hadi Arghandehwal**, Minister of Finance of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- **H.E. Deborah Lyons**, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations
- **H.E. Josep Borrell Fontelles**, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
- **H.E. Ignazio Cassis**, Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation

Keynote addresses:

- **H.E. Mohammad Ashraf Ghani**, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- **H.E. António Guterres**, Secretary-General of the United Nations





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10:00 – 11:00

Bilateral Statements

*Statements by representatives of partner governments and organisations
(3 minutes/slot)*

11:00 – 11:30

Break

11:30 – 11:45

Readout from the three side events held on Monday 23 November

- 1) Sustainable peace building
- 2) Institutional and societal methods for fighting corruption
- 3) Economic priorities and aid effectiveness

11:45 – 12:00

Afghan Civil Society Joint Statement

12:00 – 13:30

Bilateral Statements

Afternoon Session

Chaired by:

H.E. Ville Skinnari, Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade of Finland

H.E. Abdul Hadi Arghandehwal, Minister of Finance of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Ms Deborah Lyons, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the UN for Afghanistan

15:00 – 17:30

Bilateral Statements

17:30 – 18:00

Closing and Joint Communiqué

- **H.E. Ville Skinnari**, Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade of Finland
- **H.E. Abdul Hadi Arghandehwal**, Minister of Finance of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- **H.E. Mohammad Haneef Atmar**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- **H.E. Deborah Lyons**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Afghanistan

18:20 – 19:00

Press Conference (online / Room XVII)





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OFFICIAL SIDE EVENTS

Monday 23 November 2020

Online / Room XVII – Palais des Nations

10:00 – 12:00

Side event 1: SUSTAINABLE PEACE BUILDING

Welcome and opening remarks by the co-chairs:

- AFG: **H.E. Mohammad Haneef Atmar**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- EU: **H.E. Janez Lenarčič**, European Commissioner for Crisis Management

Keynote addresses:

- AFG: **H.E. Rula Ghani**, First Lady of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- AFG: **H.E. Seyed Sadat Mansoor Naderi**, State Minister of Peace of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- UN: **Ms Michelle Bachelet**, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Segment A: Safeguarding and strengthening human rights and women's participation

Opening remarks:

- AFG: **Mr Mohammad Masoom Stanekzai**, Chief Negotiator, Afghanistan Peace Negotiation Team

Panel discussion:

- UN: **Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka**, Executive Director, UN Women
- NO: **H.E. Ine Eriksen Søreide**, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- SE: **H.E. Robert Rydberg**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
- DE: **Mrs. Prof. Dr. Claudia Warning**, Director General for Asia, Latin America, Southeastern and Central Europe, the Middle East, Civil Society and Churches





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- AFG: **Ms Shaharзад Akbar**, Chairperson, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission
- AFG: **Dr (Ms) Habiba Sarabi**, Afghanistan Peace Negotiation Team
- CSO: **Ms Mary Akrami**, Executive Director, Afghan Women's Network

Concluding remarks:

- AFG: **H.E. (Ms) Hasina Safi**, Minister of Women's Affairs

Segment B: Reintegrating refugees and returnees

Opening remarks:

- UN: **Mr Filippo Grandi**, UN High Commissioner for Refugees

Panel discussion:

- AFG: **H.E. Noor Rahman Akhlaqi**, Minister for Refugees and Repatriation
- UK: **Baroness Liz Sugg**, Minister for Sustainable Development, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
- WB: **Mr Hartwig Schafer**, Vice-President South Asia
- UN: **Mr António Vitorino**, Director General, International Organization for Migration
- CSO: **Ms Charlotte Slente**, Secretary General, Danish Refugee Council
- Afghan Diaspora Representative: **Mr. Farid Zarif**

Concluding remarks:

- UN: **Mr Filippo Grandi**, UN High Commissioner for Refugees

Closing remarks by co-chairs:

- AFG: **H.E. Mohammad Haneef Atmar**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
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13:30 – 15:00

**Side event 2:
INSTITUTIONAL AND SOCIETAL METHODS FOR FIGHTING CORRUPTION**

Video: “How does Corruption hurt me?”

Introduction and opening remarks:

- **H.E. Ms Alison Blake CMG**, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Afghanistan
- **H.E. Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon**, Minister of State, UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.
- **H.E. Jutta Urpilainen**, Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Commission
- **Ms Deborah Lyons**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Afghanistan

Keynote address:

- **H.E. First Vice-President Amrullah Saleh**

Video: “How do I fight against corruption in my country?”

Panel discussion:

- Moderator: **Ms Romana Schweiger**, UNAMA
- **Ms Lailuma Nasiri**, Afghanistan Justice Organization
- **H.E. Andreas von Brandt**, Ambassador of the European Union to Afghanistan
- **H.E. Farid Hamidi**, Attorney General
- **Ms Heather Marquette**, University of Birmingham & Senior Research Fellow, FCDO
- **H.E. Ghizal Haress**, Ombudsperson
- **Mr John Brandolino**, Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC

Concluding remarks:

- **H.E. Ms Alison Blake CMG**, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Afghanistan

Video: “Why is my future better without corruption?”





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16:00 – 18:00

Side event 3: ECONOMIC PRIORITIES AND AID EFFECTIVENESS

Moderator:

- **Mr Nazir Kabiri**, Biruni Institute

Keynote speakers:

- **Mr John Barsa**, Acting Deputy Administrator, USAID
- **H.E. Abdul Hadi Arghandehwal**, Minister of Finance of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- **Mrs Kanni Wignaraja**, Assistant Secretary General / Assistant Administrator & Regional Director, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, UNDP

Panellists:

- **Mr Abdullah Al Dardari**, Resident Representative, UNDP Afghanistan
- **Mr Henry Kerali**, Country Representative, World Bank Afghanistan (WB)
- **Mr Jean-Louis Ville**, Acting Director for Asia, Central Asia, Middle East/Gulf and Pacific in DEVCO, EU
- **Mr Ajmal Ahmadi**, Chairman, Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB)
- **Ms Manizha Wafeq**, Chairperson, Afghanistan Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AWCCI)
- **Mr Michael Kocher**, Aga Khan Foundation (AKF)

Concluding remarks:

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