



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

Note to correspondents

2020 Afghanistan Conference, 23-24 November

The 2020 Afghanistan Conference is set to take place next week at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

All sessions will be webcast live on webtv.un.org.

Most participants will join virtually, except the representatives of the co-hosts – the Government of Afghanistan, the Government of Finland, and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Afghanistan (UNAMA) – who will be meeting physically at the Palais des Nations.

Conference Programme available here: <https://um.fi/afghanistan-conference-2020-programme>

RECAP OF LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEDIA

Conference co-hosts – who's who

From the Government of Afghanistan

Mr. Abdul Hadi Arghandehwal, Minister of Finance
Mr. M. Haneef Atmar, Minister of Foreign Affairs

From the Government of Finland

Mr. Pekka Haavisto, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Mr. Ville Skinnari, Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade

From the United Nations

Deborah Lyons, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Afghanistan (UNAMA)

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, 23 November 2020

No specific media opportunities. The side events will be broadcast on webtv.un.org.

Tuesday, 24 November 2020

Arrivals between 8:15 a.m. and 8:40 a.m.

Arrival of co-hosts at Door 40. Visual media wishing to film and photograph the arrivals can do so from the media zone.

Group photo of co-hosts at 8:40 a.m.

The co-hosts will gather for a group photo against a 2020 Afghanistan Conference backdrop outside Room XVII. Visual media are welcome to cover this moment.

Visual pool

UNTV (untvgeneva@un.org) will organize a visual pool to take some footage and photos at the start of the meeting.

Advanced readout on Conference outcome

Room XIV at 2 p.m.

The co-hosts will deliver an on-camera statement on the expected outcome of the Conference. This will be a statement only. Media can attend in person or watch the live webcast on webtv.un.org

Concluding press conference

Room XVII at 6:30 p.m.

Closing hybrid press conference with **Abdul Hadi Arghandehwal**, Minister of Finance of Afghanistan, **M. Haneef Atmar**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, **Ville Skinnari**, Finland's Minister of Trade and Development, **Pekka Haavisto**, Finland's Minister of Foreign Affairs, and **Deborah Lyons**, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of UNAMA.

Accredited journalists to the United Nations in Geneva and the Afghanistan Conference will be able to participate in person or via a video link; other interested media will be able to watch it live on UN Web TV at <http://webtv.un.org/> under the "live now" tab.

Live webcast

All conference proceedings will be webcast live on UN Web TV at <http://webtv.un.org/>, under the "live now" tab. The webcast can also be seen later on the same site.

Attending the conference in person

Given the limited availability of seats available in Room XVII due to Covid-19 measures, we urge journalists to follow the side events on 23 November through the live webcast.

For the plenary session on 24 November, up to 10 seats to the right of the entrance will be reserved for media. These seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Journalists interested in attending in person are kindly asked to inform the UN Information Service so we can facilitate access as much as possible.

Official photos

All official photographs of the 2020 Afghanistan Conference will be posted on <https://www.flickr.com/photos/unisgeneva/>

Broadcasters – Additional information

UN Television (UNTV) will provide live and archived broadcast coverage.

A UNTV live broadcast feed can be made available for downlink via the European Broadcasting Union (please book origin 'CHUNTV' through Eurovision Bookings: +41 22 717 2900 bookings@eurovision.net), or can be accessed directly at the UN in Geneva from UNTV feed points located in Room S-80 (UN Radio Studio).

Media organizations may download broadcast-quality video of Afghanistan 2020 from the UNTV Geneva ftp server. Video will be organized in files by date/time of day and will be backed up in consecutive 15-minute files stored in the “Conference 2020/Afghanistan” folder. Access codes for the ftp server as follow:

Server: <ftp://unis-ftp.unog.ch/>

User: CLIENT1 Password : z85iRY0CU91060J or <ftp://CLIENT1:z85iRY0CU91060J@unis-ftp.unog.ch>

User: CLIENT2 Password : Im887IHhI5404Tm
or <ftp://CLIENT2:Im887IHhI5404Tm@unis-ftp.unog.ch>

Video highlights, news edits with storylines, photos, audio will be available also via the **multimedia newsroom**: <http://unognewsroom.org>

Bookings for television studio and transmission facilities should be sent in writing to Mr. Michele Zaccheo, Chief, UNTV Geneva: zaccheo@un.org

More information on Conference arrangements is available at:

[**https://mof.gov.af/en**](https://mof.gov.af/en)

[**https://um.fi/afghanistan-conference-2020**](https://um.fi/afghanistan-conference-2020)

[**https://unama.unmissions.org/afghanistan-2020-conference**](https://unama.unmissions.org/afghanistan-2020-conference)

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