



## Herat Security Dialogue-VII

26-27 October 2018

### Agenda

<b>Thursday October 25</b>	
Throughout the Day	Participants' Arrival in Herat
19:00-21:00	Private dinner/free time
<b>Friday October 26</b>	
<b>Opening Session</b>	
08:30-09:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recitation of Holy Koran</li> <li>2. National Anthem</li> <li>3. Recitation of Hymns of Khaja Abdullah Ansari</li> <li>4. Sufi Musical Performance</li> <li>5. Welcoming remarks by the Governot of Herat Mr. M. Asef Rahimi</li> <li>6. Welcoming remarks by Dr Rangin Spanta, Chairman of AISS Advisory Board</li> <li>7. H.E Ismatulla Irgashev, Special Representative of the President, Republic of Uzbekistan</li> </ol>
<b>Panel I: Afghanistan Conflict: The Nexus of Internal and External Drivers</b>	
	Moderator: Nahid Farid, Member of Parliament, Afghanistan
09:30-11:00	<p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Professor William Maley, Professor, Australia National University, "The historical drivers of Afghanistan conflict: Post-2001"</li> <li>2. Sardar Mohammad Rahimi, Deputy Minister of Education for Literacy, Afghanistan, "Conflict in Afghanistan: geopolitical dimension"</li> <li>3. Mohammad Naser Timori, Researcher, Transparency International (Berlin)-Integrity Watch Afghanistan "Corruption and its impact on Conflict"</li> </ol> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
11:00-11:30	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>Panel II: Political System: Presidential VS Semi-presidential VS Parliamentary</b>	
	Moderator: Mariam Safi, Director of Organization for Policy Research and Development Studies (DROPS)
11:30-13:00	<p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nazif Shahrani, Professor, Indiana University, the US, "Challenges and spoilers of the political system reforms"</li> <li>2. Abdullah Ahmadzai, Asia Foundation Country Representative, Afghanistan, "Electoral &amp; constitutional reform: challenges and prospects"</li> <li>3. Thomas Johnson, Professor, Naval Postgraduate School, the US "The need for electoral reforms in Afghanistan"</li> </ol> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Panel III: Afghanistan's Economy: From Rentier State to Developing Economy</b>	
	Moderator: Sonia Iqbab, Executive Director Open Society Foundation, Afghanistan
14:00-15:30	<p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ali Ahmad Osmani, Former Minister of Water &amp; Energy, "Afghanistan waters: how to manage them?"</li> <li>2. Ehsan Zia, Former Minister of Rural Development, "Aid efficiency, donor priorities, local ownership"</li> <li>3. Christine Fair, Professor, George Town University, USA "Chahbahar: challenges and prospects"</li> </ol> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
15:30-16:00	<b>Tea Break</b>

	<b>Panel IV: Afghanistan &amp; The Grand Bargain of South Asia</b>	
	Moderator	Barnet Rubin, Centre for International Cooperation, New York University
16:00-18:00	Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jawed Ludin, Former Deputy Minister Foreign Affairs, Afghanistan, "How to move beyond the enmity with Pakistan?"</li> <li>2. Afrasiab Khattak, Senator (Rtrd), Pakistan Senate, "How can Afghanistan address Pakistan grievances?"</li> <li>3. Gautam Mukhopadhyaya, Former Indian Ambassador to Afghanistan, "How to change Afghanistan as an arena of mutual cooperation between India and Pakistan?"</li> </ol> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
19:00-21:00	<b>Reception &amp; Cultural Program</b>	

## Saturday October 27

08:30-09:00	<b>Traditional Sufi Music</b>	
	<b>Panel V: The Taliban: What Do They Want?</b>	
	Moderator	Nader Naim, Deputy of High Peace Council
9:00 – 10:30	Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nazar Mohammad Mutmaeen, Journalist, "What is the political agenda of the Taliban?"</li> <li>2. Robin Lynn Raphel, Senior Advisor, Center for Strategic &amp; International Studies, the US "What are The main claims Of Taliban?"</li> <li>3. Shah Gul Rezai, Member of Parliament, Afghanistan, "Taliban, Sharia and traditionalism: did the Taliban's perspectives change?"</li> <li>4. Bushra Gohar, Former member of Parliament, Pakistan, "What form of dtate does Taliban envision? To what extent Taliban leadership's perspective differ from their rank and file?"</li> </ol> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
10:30-11:00	<b>Tea Break</b>	
	<b>Panel VI: Afghanistan's Foreign Policy Status: Neutral, Connector or Divisive?</b>	
	Moderator	Abdul Ghafoor Liwal, Advisor to the President for Borders and Tribal Affairs
11:00-12:30	Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nasir Ahmad Andisha, Deputy Minister Foreign Affairs, Afghanistan "Concept of neutrality and its relevance to Afghanistan"</li> <li>2. Ali Asghar Davoodi, Associate Professor, Azad Islamic University, Iran, "Role of neghbopuring countries, particularly Iran in stability and development of Afghanistan"</li> <li>3. Ambassador Zhehong QI, President, China Institute of International Studies, China "Afghanistan's position in Belt and Road Initiative and China's regional diplomacy"</li> <li>4. Professor Alexey Malashenko, Chief Researcher, Institute of the Dialogue of Civilizations, Russia/ Germany, "Moscow's view of neutrality of Afghanistan"</li> <li>5. Abdullohi Rahnamo Hakim, Head of Department of Analyzing and Forecasting of Foreign Policy, Centre for Strategic Researches under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan "Afghanistan-Tajikistan Relations"</li> </ol> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
	<b>Concluding Panel: The Way Forward: Do we need a Second Bonn Conference/Process?</b>	
	Moderator	Lutfullah Najafizada, TOLO
12:30-14:00	Speakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mohammad Natiqi, Spokesperson of Political Parties Coalition, "Can a second Bonn conference address the current crisis?"</li> <li>2. David Sedney, Senior Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies, USA, "Washington's view of peace and settlement in Afghanistan and prospects of US-Afghanistan relations"</li> <li>3. Ajmal Ahmadi, Economic Advisor to President, Afghanistan, "Does Afghanistan have a National Economic Strategy?"</li> </ol> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
14:00-14:05	<b>Note of Thanks: Director of AISS, Dr. Davood Moradian</b>	
14:05–15:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
	<b>Departure to Kabul</b>	