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## Afghanistan -Central Asia Dialogue -III

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#### Agenda

**Thursday December 17**

#### Opening Session

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| 08:30-09:30  |                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recitation of Holy Koran</li> <li>2. National Anthem</li> <li>3. Hymns of Khaja Abdullah Ansari</li> <li>4. Sufi Music</li> <li>5. Welcoming remarks by AISS Director, Dr Davood Moradian</li> <li>6. Welcoming Remarks by Balkh Governor, Ustad Atta</li> </ol>   |
| <b>Panel I: Mapping Mutual Perception of Afghanistan and Central Asian Republics</b> |                  |  |
|  | Moderator        | Mr. Lutfullah Najafizada, Head of TOLO News  |
| 09:30-11:00  | Speakers         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Professor Nazif Shahrani, Indiana University , USA</li> <li>2. H.E. Ambassador BITIMOV, Ambassador of Kazakhstan in Afghanistan</li> <li>3. H.E. Ambassador Abdulrazaqov, Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan in Afghanistan</li> <li>4. Dr. Qasemshah Iskandary, President , Afghanistan- Regional Conflict Studies Center, Tajikistan</li> </ol>  |
| <b>Open Discussion/Q-A Session</b>   |                  |  |
| 11:00-11:30  | <b>Tea Break</b> |  |
| <b>Panel II: Economic Opportunities</b>  |                  |  |
|  | Moderator        | Mr. Tamim Asey, Economic Adviser, National Security Council/ AISS research fellow  |
| 11:30-13:00  | Speakers         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Jahan Fruz, deputy director, Center for Strategic Studies Under the President of Tajikistan</li> <li>2. Mr. Hashem Rasuli, International relations director, Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industries</li> <li>3. Dr Vladimir Boyko, Director, Asiatic expert-analytical center, Russia</li> </ol>   |
| <b>Open Discussion/Q-A Session</b>   |                  |  |
| 13:00-14:00  | <b>Lunch</b>     |  |
| <b>Panel III: Physical Connectivity; Trans-regional projects</b>                     |                  |  |
|  | Moderator        | Mr. Nazir Kabiry, Policy Adviser to Afghanistan's Ministry of Finance/AISS research fellow   |
| 14:00-15:30  | Speakers         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vice-Admiral Shekhar Sinah, former Chief of the Integrated Defense Staff, India</li> <li>2. Dr. Simbal Khan, CEO Indus Global Initiative/Planning Commission, Pakistan</li> <li>3. Dr. Erlan Karin, Director, Kazakh Institute for Strategic Studies Under the President of Kazakhstan</li> <li>4. Mr. Hasan Beheshti-pur, Scholar, Institute of Iran &amp; Eurasia Studies(IRAS), Iran</li> </ol> |
| <b>Open Discussion/Q-A Session</b>   |                  |  |

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| <b>15:30-16:00</b> | <b>Tea Break</b>   |   |
|                    | <b>Panel IV: Political Connectivity; Shared Security Threats</b> |   |
|                    | Moderator  | Dr.Mujib Rahimi, Spokesperson to Afghanistan CEO  |
| 16:00-17:30        | Speakers   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. David Sedney, former deputy Assistant Defense Secretary, USA</li> <li>2. Dr. Sardar Rahimi, University Lecturer/Adviser to CEO, Afghanistan</li> <li>3. Mr. Iskander Akylbayev, researcher, Kazakh Institute for Strategic Studies</li> <li>4. Dr. Delia Rahmonova-Schwarz, Senior Political Officer, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)</li> </ol> |
|                    |  | <b>Open Discussion/Q-A Session</b>  |
| <b>19:00-21:00</b> | <b>Official Reception by the Governor of Balkh</b>               |   |

## Friday December 18

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| <b>08:30-09:00</b>   | <b>Traditional Sufi Music</b>  |   |
|                      | <b>Panel V: Cultural Connectivity; Geo-cultural mapping</b>                        |   |
|                      | Moderator  | Ms. Nasrin Gurus, Writer, Afghanistan   |
| 9:00 – 10:30         | Speakers   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ambassador Manizha Bakhtari, former Afghan Ambassador to Norway/AISS research fellow</li> <li>2. Dr. Bohdan Krawchenko, Director of Central Asia University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>3. Dr. Keneshbek Sainazarov, Country Director, Search for Common Ground, Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>4. Mr Mohammed Moheq, Adviser, Presidential Office/AISS research fellow</li> </ol> |
|                      |  | <b>Open Discussion/Q-A Session</b>  |
| <b>10:30-11:00</b>   | <b>Tea Break</b>   |   |
|                      | <b>Panel VI: Afghanistan's Transformation Decade: Challenges and Opportunities</b> |   |
|                      | Moderator  | Mr. Shah Mahmud Miakhil, Country Director, United States Institute of Peace   |
| 11:00-13:00          | Speakers   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. H.E. Ambassador Ali Sait Akin, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in Afghanistan</li> <li>2. Mr. Masood Ahmad Azizi, Deputy Interior Minister, Afghanistan</li> <li>3. Dr. Jahan-gher Karami, Profesor, Tehran University, Iran</li> <li>4. Gen. Sharma, Deputy Director, United Service Institution of India</li> </ol>  |
|                      |  | <b>Open Discussion/Q-A Session</b>  |
| <b>13:00 – 14:00</b> | <b>Lunch</b>   |   |
|                      | <b>Panel VII: The Way Forward</b>  |   |
|                      | Moderator  | Mr Tahir Qadiri, Chief Executive Officer, Mitra Media TV, Afghanistan   |
| 14:00-15:30          | Speakers   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ambassador AYDIN NURHAN, Permanent Representative of Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to Afghanistan</li> <li>2. Armands Pupols , Political Officer, UN Center for Preventive Diplomacy</li> <li>3. Mr. Enayat Mudaris, Journalist/Civil Society Activist, Afghanistan</li> </ol>   |
|                      |  | <b>Open Discussion/Q-A Session</b>  |