

Brussels Conference on Afghanistan: main results

On 5 October, **the European Union and the government of Afghanistan co-hosted** the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan. This conference brought together **75 countries and 26 international organisations and agencies**.

Participants endorsed the **ambitious reform agenda** presented by the Afghan government. They undertook to ensure continued **international political and financial support** for Afghanistan over the next four years. The total sum committed by the international community is **US\$15.2 billion** (+/- €13.6 billion). The EU and its member states committed to **US\$5.6 billion** (+/- €5 million). This is an exceptional level of funding which ensures that Afghanistan will remain on a firm path to political and economic stability, state-building and development. The regional stakeholders and the international community also reaffirmed their commitment to a **political process towards lasting peace and reconciliation**.

- [Brüsseler Afghanistan-Konferenz "Partnerschaft für Wohlstand und Frieden": Communiqué der Teilnehmer](#)

"The Brussels Conference on Afghanistan expressed impressive international commitment. With this support, I am sure that the Afghan government will succeed. Investing in the Afghan people is a way of investing in international stability and our own present and future. It was a very successful conference, both financially and politically, which will inject the new energy needed for the future of Afghanistan."

Federica Mogheri, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security policy.

"A promise has been made. Redeeming of the promise doesn't depend on the international community but on the Afghan nation. It will be translated to budget and disbursement, and then to programs and projects. It is a promise to the poor, to the youth, the women, the excluded that they will be citizens of a State that they will enjoy living in and prosper"

Ashraf Ghani, President of Afghanistan at the final press conference

The opening session of the conference included speeches by President of the European Council Donald Tusk, President of Afghanistan Ashraf Ghani, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and US Secretary of State John Kerry.

The Afghan government then presented its **reform programme** in support of strong Afghan-led state and institution building over the next four years.

- [Afghanistan national peace and development framework \(ANPDF\), 2017 to 2021](#)
- [Self-reliance through mutual accountability framework](#)

Statements by participants were delivered to the Conference. The morning session was chaired by EU High Representative Federica Mogherini and Afghan Minister of Foreign Affairs Salahuddin Rabbani. The afternoon session was chaired by the Afghan Minister of Finance Eklil Hakimi and the European Commissioner for Development Cooperation Neven Mimica.

Two representatives of **Afghan civil society** also addressed the conference, recalling that ultimate accountability is to the Afghan people.

The Conference was concluded with closing remarks by Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah, High Representative Federica Mogherini and European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica.

Side events

High-level events on **women empowerment** in Afghanistan and on **regional economic cooperation** took place on Tuesday 4 October.

Read the press release on the two high-level events:

- [Verwirklichung des Wirtschaftspotenzials Afghanistans und Stärkung der Rolle der Frauen](#)

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