



U.S.-Afghan Business Matchmaking Conference 2006
October 29-31st, 2006
Four Seasons Hotel
Washington, D.C.

As of October 25, 2006
Conference Agenda

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2006

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

WELCOME BRIEFING
Four Seasons Hotel

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

AACC WELCOMING RECEPTION
Embassy of Afghanistan

Introduction of AACC Chairman of the Board
Commercial Attaché, Khaleda Atta

Opening Remarks (English and Dari)
AACC Chairman of the Board, Ajmal Ghani

Welcoming Remarks & Acknowledgement of
Government and Private Sector Delegation
AACC President, Atiq Panjshiri

Slide presentation: "Afghanistan in Progress," followed
by buffet of Afghan and international cuisine &
networking

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2006

Master of Ceremonies: AACC Senior Advisor Mariam A. Nawabi

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Registration/Networking/Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m.-9:10 a.m.

AACC's Achievements in Promoting Business and
Investment Between the U.S. and Afghanistan
AACC President, Atiq Panjshiri





- 9:10 a.m.-9:20 a.m. AICCC's Mobilization of Afghan Companies and the National Business Agenda
AICC President, Hamidullah Farooqi
- 9:20 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. Q&A with AICC President
- 9:30 a.m.-9:40 a.m. AISA's Expansion as Investment Promoter and Facilitator
Vice President of AISA, Mr. Suleman Fatimie
- 9:40 a.m.-9:50 a.m. AISA Video Presentation
- 9:50 a.m.-9:55 a.m. Q&A with AISA Vice President
- 9:55 a.m.-10:25 a.m. **Remarks: "Reforms to Promote Business and Investment in Afghanistan" followed by Q&A with Afghanistan's Minister of Commerce, H.E. Dr. Mohammad Amin Farhang**
- 10:25 a.m.- 10:40 a.m. Coffee/Tea Break
- 10:40 a.m.-10:50 a.m. USAID: Creating Enabling Environment for Business & Investment in Afghanistan
USAID Director for South Asian Affairs, Kay Freeman
- 10:50 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Q&A with USAID Director for South Asian Affairs
- 11:00 a.m.-11:10 a.m. OPIC: Supporting Investments in Afghanistan
OPIC President & CEO, Robert Mosbacher, Jr.
- 11:10 a.m.-11:20 a.m. Q&A with OPIC President
- 11:20 a.m.-11:30 a.m. AACC Vision for 2007
AACC Chairman of the Board, Ajmal Ghani
- 11:30 a.m.-11:40 a.m. Networking Break/Re-assembly in Sessions





CONCURRENT SESSIONS: OPPORTUNITIES IN POTENTIAL GROWTH SECTORS

11:40 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Session I: Opportunities in the Energy Sector

Session II: Opportunities in the Agribusiness Sector

Concurrent: Networking “Rounds”
(Tables with sector placards in Douglas room for industry to group and network)

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

LUNCHEON

Launch of AICC Video (10 minutes)

2:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Commentary: “The Challenges for Afghanistan Five Years after the Taliban”

Washington Post Deputy Foreign Editor, Pamela Constable

2:15 p.m.-3:25 p.m.

MAIN SESSION: PRIVATE SECTOR FINANCING & INSURANCE

- *Banks & Investment Firms*
- *Venture Capital Funds*
- *Leasing Companies*

3:25 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Re-Assembly for Next Session

3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

MAIN SESSION: U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, FINANCING, AND INSURANCE PROGRAMS

- *OPIC*
- *USAID*
- *USTDA*
- *Dept. of Defense*

4:45 p.m.-4:55 p.m.

Closing Remarks

AACC Executive Vice President, Assad Mattin

4:55 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Outcomes of Day 1 Conference

AACC Senior Advisor, Mariam Nawabi





5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

NETWORKING RECEPTION IN CONSERVATORY
Welcoming Comments: AACC Board Member, Mr. Abraham Lutfi

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2006

Master of Ceremonies: AACC Senior Advisor Mariam A. Nawabi

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Registration/Continental Breakfast//Networking

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

AACC INFORMATIONAL TRADE FAIR AND NETWORKING
Runs concurrently with main presentations and sessions

9:00 a.m.-9:05 a.m.

Launch of AACC Informational Trade Fair
AACC President, Atiq Panjshiri

9:05 a.m.-10:10 p.m.

MAIN SESSION: MULTILATERAL CONTRACTS, FINANCING & INSURANCE PROGRAMS

- *International Finance Corporation*
- *Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency*
- *World Bank*

10:10 a.m.-10:20 a.m.

U.S. Embassy in Kabul Support for Companies Seeking to Do Business or Invest in Afghanistan
U.S. Embassy Economic Officer, Lori Balbi

10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Keynote Address: "Expanding Business Horizons Between the U.S. and Afghanistan" followed by Q&A with U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: OPPORTUNITIES IN POTENTIAL GROWTH SECTORS

Session I: Opportunities in the Mining Sector

Session II: Opportunities in the Infrastructure Sector





12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

LUNCHEON

1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Luncheon Keynote Address: “U.S.-Afghan Relations” followed by Q&A with Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs R. Nicholas Burns

1:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m.

Outcomes of Day 2 Conference and Presentation of Awards
Chairman of the Board, Ajmal Ghani

1:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

AACC INFORMATIONAL TRADE FAIR AND NETWORKING

2:00 p.m.

AACC, AICC, and ABC Leadership Depart Hotel for U.S. Capitol Visit/Roundtable with Senior Staffers

2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

ROUNDTABLE WITH SENIOR STAFFERS OF SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES

3:00 p.m.

Rest of Afghan delegation leaves hotel for U.S. Capitol

3:30 p.m.

Afghan delegation to take tour of U.S. Capitol

4:30 p.m.

Depart U.S. Capitol and take tour of monuments

6:00 p.m.

Arrive Hotel

