

Peacebuilding in Afghanistan

Local, Regional & Global perspectives



6-7 November

SCA/ENNA conference in Stockholm 6-7 November 2008

The Swedish Committee for Afghanistan (SCA), in cooperation with the European Network of NGOs in Afghanistan (ENNA), invites you to a 2-day international conference on a country that has experienced violent conflict for nearly 30 years. During two days some of the world's most prominent experts on Afghanistan will meet to discuss what peacebuilding efforts look like in Afghanistan. What roles do the Afghan authorities, the International Community and the local civil society play? What actions are needed in order for Afghanistan to become a country of peace and stability?

We are particularly happy to welcome Ahmed Rashid among our speakers. He will speak on the theme of his latest book, *Descent into Chaos*. The Swedish translation of the book will be available for sale at the conference.

Join us and listen to the world's most eminent experts on Afghanistan discuss these and other important questions during two days in November in Stockholm. Register today – limited seats available. Welcome!

Speakers

Gunilla Carlsson	Minister of Dev Cooperation (Sweden)
Ahmed Rashid	Journalist and Author (Pakistan)
Sima Samar	Independent HR Commission (Afghanistan)
Dr Abdullah	Former Foreign Minister (Afghanistan)
Carlotta Gall	Journalist (UK)
Mirwais Wardak	Progr Dir, Coop f Peace and Unity (Afghanistan)
Kristian Berg Harpviken	Researcher Peace and Conflict (Norway)
Farishta Sakhi	Women's Act & Soc Serv Ass (Afghanistan)
Barbara Stapleton	Dep to EU Special Repr for Afghanistan (UK)
Shahrbano Tadjbakhsh	Researcher Peace & Security (France/Iran)
Mary Akrami	Afg Women's Skills Dev Centre (Afghanistan)
Jawed Ludin	Ambassador to Norway (Afghanistan)
Jelani Popal	Expert on Local Governance (Afghanistan)
Anders Fänge	Country Director, SCA (Afghanistan/Sweden)
Lena Hjelm-Wallén	President, SCA (Sweden)

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Conference Programme

Thursday 6 November

8:30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE/TEA

9:30 Welcome and Opening

Lena Hjelm-Wallén and Elizabeth Winter

Chair: Lena Hjelm-Wallén

Concept Introduction

Peace building and its components – the state of the art

Kristian Berg Harpviken

Looking Back

Descent into chaos – an overview of the last six years

Ahmed Rashid

The Government's peace building attempts 2001 – 2008

H.E. Jawed Ludin

The state, conflict and international assistance

Anders Fänge

11:50 – 13:30 LUNCH

Chair: Elizabeth Winter

Panel debate: Looking back – lessons learned

Ahmed Rashid, H.E. Jawed Ludin and Anders Fänge. *Moderator:* Agneta Ramberg

Reconciliation and Justice

The need for justice in peace building

Sima Samar

How to bury the hatchet – efforts to reconcile

Mary Akrami

15:15-15:45 COFFEE/TEA

Panel debate: Reconciliation and justice

Sima Samar and Mary Akrami. *Moderator:* Nina Hjelmgren

16:30 End Conference Day 1

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8:30 Opening of Conference Day 2

Chair: Torbjörn Pettersson

Moving Forward - Peace Building Approaches: Institution Building and State Legitimacy

Liberal peace building and the challenges to enhance state legitimacy

Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh

Government strategies for national and sub-national institution building

H.E. Jelani Popal

The Role of Democracy in Peacebuilding

Shukria Barakzai

10:30-11:00 COFFEE/TEA

Regaining people's confidence – strategies to enhance state legitimacy and civil society

Mirwais Wardak

Panel debate: Institution building and state legitimacy

H.E. Jelani Popal, Mirwais Wardak and Shahrbandou Tadjbakhsh. *Moderator:* Torbjörn Pettersson

11.45-13.15 LUNCH

Chair: Anders Fänge

Security

What is needed to enhance national security?

Farishta Sakhi

Strategies for enhancing regional security

Carlotta Gall

Disarming the militias - DDF and DIAG and their impact on peace-building

Barbara Stapleton

Panel debate: Security

Farishta Sakhi, Carlotta Gall and Barbara Stapleton. *Moderator:* Torbjörn Pettersson

15:30-16:00 COFFEE/TEA

Looking Ahead

Sweden's contribution to peace building in Afghanistan

Gunilla Carlsson

The window of opportunity for peace building initiatives in Afghanistan

H.E. Jawed Ludin

Concluding remarks Lena Hjelm-Wallén

17:00 End of conference