Private Sector Development in Afghanistan


The Conference intends to spotlight the private sector – inclusive of business and civil society – with a focus on how this sector can become an important catalyst for the development of the country.

The underlying premise of the conference is that Afghanistan’s long-term development is dependant not just on the Government or international aid organisations, but on a lot of smaller actors -- entrepreneurs, village organisations, guilds, business associations, the media, and small- and medium-sized companies.

The Conference therefore aims to:

- Encourage a greater shared understanding of the respective roles and responsibilities amongst the various players in the development process, especially where roles and responsibilities overlap and interface;
- Build a shared perspective of the factors that impede or encourage the contribution of local and international private initiative to Afghanistan’s development;
- Discuss the possibilities for partnership between government, the private (commercial and non-commercial) sector, and civil society in Afghanistan’s development; and
- Identify approaches, make recommendations and reach consensus on a roadmap for creating the enabling environment and on immediate actions to increase the private sector’s participation in the country’s economic and social development.

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