



Building peace in Afghanistan Ascent out of Chaos: is it possible and if so how

**12th November, 10.00 - 17.30h,
Room 4B001 European Parliament, Brussels**

Draft Conference Programme

9:00 Arrivals, registration

The morning session will be chaired by **Stuart Gaudin**, Chair of European Network of NGOs in Afghanistan

10:00 **Joost Lagendijk**, MEP, Dutch Greens
Opening of the conference

10:05 **Torbjorn Pettersson** (Secretary General Swedish Committee for Afghanistan) rapport from Stockholm Conference

10:15 Keynote speech, **Mr. Ahmed Rashid**, author and journalist
Descent into Chaos – Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan

10:45 Questions and answers

11:30 **Mr Kristian Berg Harpviken**, senior researcher, International Peace Research Institute (PRIO) in Oslo
Peace building in Afghanistan: what has and can be achieved

12:00 Questions and answers

12:30 Lunch reception

13:30 **Mr André Brie**, MEP, rapporteur for Afghanistan
Introduction to the afternoon sessions

13:35 **Panel debate: Ascent out of chaos; the Afghan point of view**
Farishta Sakhi, Executive Director of Women, Activities and Social Services Association in Herat
Mary Akrami, Director of Afghan Women's Skills Development Centre
Mirwais Wardak, Programme Co-operation for Peace and Unity Afghanistan
The panel debate will be moderated by **Elizabeth Winter**, Special Adviser to ENNA and to the British Agencies Afghanistan Group (BAAG)

14:30 Followed by questions and answers

15:15 Coffee break

15:30 **Panel debate: Ascent out of chaos; the role of ISAF and EC**
Colonel **Andrew Budd**, Head of Strategic Policy and Concepts Branch NATO HQ, NATO military lead on the Comprehensive Approach
Bettina Muscheidt, DG Relex (tbc)
Béatrice Miège, Desk Officer for Afghanistan and Iran, ECHO
Pierre Lafrance, Secretary General of Madera
The panel debate will be moderated by **Abdul Basir**, Project Manager of the British Agencies Afghanistan Group (BAAG)

16:30 Followed by questions and answers

17:00 **Stuart Gaudin, Torbjorn Pettersson**,
Final Comments on Ascending out of Chaos and audience discussion