



Afghan Government and International Community Prepare for Geneva Conference at 21st JCMB

The international community and the National Unity Government convened the 21st Joint Coordination Monitoring Board Meeting (JCMB) at the Presidential Palace on 18 July to discuss progress, challenges and the way forward in implementing the government's reform agenda, and on the concrete work to be addressed in the run-up to the Geneva Conference on Afghanistan, including holding inclusive and credible elections, moving forward on National Priority Programs, and implementing reforms. The meeting was co-chaired by Acting Finance Minister and Chief Advisor to the President, Mohammad Humayon Qayoumi, and UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan Tadamichi Yamamoto. His Excellency President Ashraf Ghani delivered the keynote address and His Excellency Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah made closing remarks. <u>Read more...</u>



Geneva Conference on Afghanistan

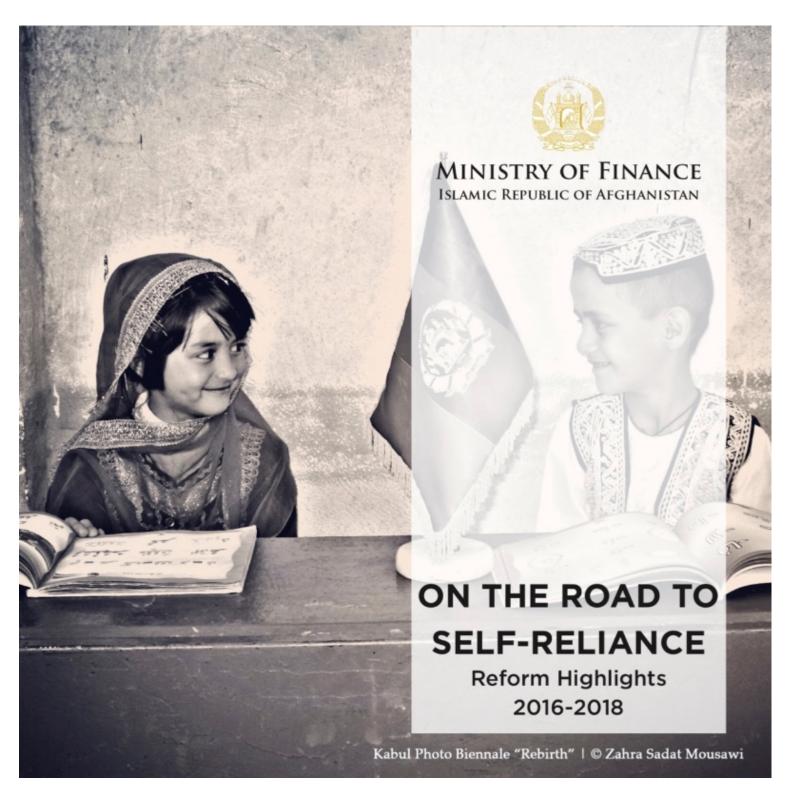
The Government of Afghanistan and the United Nations will hold the Geneva Conference on Afghanistan at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, 27-28 November 2018. The goal of the conference is to show the solidarity of the international community with the Afghan people and the government in their efforts for peace and prosperity; and for the Afghan government to renew its commitment to development and reform. This is a crucial moment for the government and international community to demonstrate

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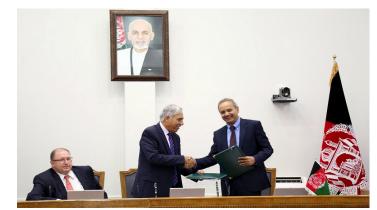
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