

Conference on the Relationship between State and Non-State Justice Systems in Afghanistan

**December 10-14, 2006
Safi Landmark Hotel
Kabul, Afghanistan**

DRAFT AGENDA

The conference will take place as three distinct, but inter-related, events: a two-day workshop for provincial state and non-state actors; a two-day conference between all stakeholders; and a one-day technical working group to follow up on the conference outcomes.

Workshop: December 10-11, 2006

This workshop will bring together approximately 40 state and non-state justice sector actors from around Afghanistan. There are two goals to the workshop. The first is a dialogue between state and non-state actors from different regions focused on the relationship between state and non-state dispute resolution mechanisms and the potential for positive interaction. The second goal is to prepare the groups to present cases and ideas to the conference as a whole.

December 10: Workshop Day 1

- 9:00 Welcome and Description of Workshop Goals and Agenda
- 9:15 Introductions
- 9:45 Presentation and discussion of findings of regional workshop
- 11:00 Presentation and discussion of practices in other countries
- 12:30 Lunch and Prayer Break
- 2:00 Presentation and discussion of selected cases
- 3:00 Small group discussion of cases, generation of new cases
- 4:00 End

December 11: Workshop Day 2

- 9:00 Small group preparation of cases for presentation *[Same groups from the previous day select 2-3 cases per region to develop as a "case study" recording the details*

of the issue and the process it underwent to resolution (or failure to resolve). Each group to select one representative from the formal system and one from informal system to present.]

10:30 Presentation of cases to plenary and discussion

1:00 Lunch and Prayer Break

2:00 Plenary discussion of modes and areas of cooperation between formal and informal sectors *[this session is meant to explore more widely the issues that will be addressed during the conference – identifying the areas of actual ongoing and potential cooperation – or at least mutual acknowledgement.]*

4:00 End

Conference: December 12-13, 2006

The conference will bring together state and non-state justice sector actors from around Afghanistan, senior Afghan officials, and members of the international community engaged in justice issues. The goals of the conference is to facilitate a national dialogue concerning the relationship between the formal and informal systems, and to develop forward-looking policy options that will reduce conflict, increase citizens access to justice, and protect human and civil rights.

December 12: Conference Day 1

9:00 Welcome

9:30 Plenary Session I: Presentation of Key Issues, Overall goals

Presentations and group discussion.

11:00 Plenary Session II: The Status of State and Non-State Systems

Presentations and group discussion.

1:00 Lunch and Prayer Break

2:00 Plenary Session III: Cases

Selected presentation of cases from workshop.

3:00 Working Groups: Discussion of Cases

Small groups will be formed for discussion of the cases.

4:30 End

December 13: Conference Day 2

9:00 Review of Day 1

9:15 Plenary Session IV: Options for Cooperation between the State and Non-State sectors

Presentations and group discussion.

11:30 Working Groups: Discussion of Options and Application to Cases

1:00 Lunch and Prayer Break

2:00 Plenary Session V: Going Forward: Projects and plans of action

Presentations and group discussion.

4:00 Close of Conference

December 14: Technical Working Group (Ministry of Justice)

This meeting will bring together a small group, in the immediate wake of the conference, to work on an action plan for next steps in the sector. Based on the meeting results, the technical working group will attempt to establish a list of basic principles and discrete tasks to begin the process of positive transformation.

9:00 Introduction and Review of Findings from Conference

10:00 Discussion of Next Steps (Legislative, Administrative, Pilot Projects)

1:00 Close meeting