

The Evolution of PRT Models: Towards the Pre-eminence of the Civilian Dimension?

Meeting between Afghan Civil Society, PRT and International Organisations Representatives

AGENDA

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Tuesday, 16 October 2007

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome remarks:

Bernardino León, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain
Juan Pablo de Laiglesia, Secretary General, Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI)

10:00 – 14:00 The role of Civil Society consultation processes and fora in the PRT strategic and operational planning: short term and medium term prospects

Introductory interventions:

Fahim Hakim, Vice-President, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC)
Kanishka Nawabi, Managing Director Cooperation for Peace and Unity (CPAU), Afghanistan

Discussants:

Hakan Abaci, former civilian coordinator of the Turkish PRT in Wardak

Chair of the session: Clare Lockhart, Director, State Effectiveness Initiative

- How can CS contribute to the work of PRTs? Are the existing civil society consultation fora effective? To what extent do PRT master plans reflect CS recommendations and therefore meet the expectations of the local population?
- Wrap up session, conclusions and proposals.

14:00 - 15:30 Lunch

15:30 – 19:00 The civilian role of PRTs: towards a specialised delivery platform for the development and implementation of ANDS (Afghan National Development Strategy) Pilar 1 (Political and Security)

Introductory remarks:

Bernardo Álvarez del Manzano, Commander of Operations Command, Spain
Aziz Rafiee, Managing Director, Afghan Civil Society Forum (ACSF)

Discussants:

Gavin Buchan, former Political Director, Kandahar PRT;
current Special Advisor to DG International Security Policy,
Department of National Defence, Canada
Colonel Norton, Head of UK PRT in Helmand

Chair of the session: Jawed Ludin, Afghan Ambassador to Norway and
former Chief of Staff to President Karzai

- Short term vs. medium term strategies: from security and quick impact projects to a sustainable civilian capacity building and support role. How should the PRTs evolve in order to contribute to ANDS Pillar 1? And how can civil society help in that move?
- PRT models: the difficult balance between the civilian and military components. How does this affect the articulation of the PRT-CS relationship? How can it be improved?
- Working with civil society, through civil society and on civil society?
- The PRT and CS perspectives: what role do they see each other playing in the medium term?
- Wrap up session, conclusions and proposals.

Closing speech:

Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo, former NATO Deputy Secretary General

21:00 Dinner

Keynote speeches:

José Antonio Alonso, Minister of Defence, Spain
Zalmay Rassoul, National Security Advisor, Afghanistan

Introduction:

Shlomo Ben Ami, Vice-president, CITpax

Wednesday, 17 October 2007

9:00 - 14:00 Future prospects on Afghanistan

High level political representatives of PRT Leading Nations' will join the rest of participants for this session

SESSION I

9:00 – 11:00 The stance of the International Community

Welcome remarks:

José Álvarez Junco, Director, Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies (CEPC)
Emilio Cassinello, Director General, CITpax

Moderator:

José Eugenio Salarich, Director General for Asia-Pacific Foreign Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain

Speakers:

Daan Everts, NATO Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan
Francesc Vendrell, Special Representative of the EU for Afghanistan

Discussants:

William H. Duncan, Political Counsellor and First Secretary at the U.S. Embassy to Spain
Paul Turner, Relations with Afghanistan, DG External Relations, European Commission

SESSION II

11:30 – 14:00 New means for new challenges?

Moderator:

Luis Peral, Director, Conflict Prevention and Resolution Programme, CITpax; Researcher, CEPC

Speakers:

Fahim Hakim, Vice-President, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC)

Discussants:

Jan Knutsson, Director-General for International Development Cooperation, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Kanishka Nawabi, Managing Director Cooperation for Peace and Unity (CPAU)
Aziz Rafiee, Managing Director, Afghan Civil Society Forum (ACSF)

13:30 – 14:00 Keynote speech:

Ashraf Ghani, Chairman, Institute for State Effectiveness; Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution; former Finance Minister of Afghanistan and Chancellor of Kabul University

14:00 – 15:30 Lunch

15:30 – 19:00 Lessons learned from different PRT models: identifying best practices and most successful models for the future

Welcome remarks and Chair:

Rafael Dezcallar, Director General for Foreign Policy, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
Luis Cuesta, Secretary General for Defence Policy, Ministry of Defence, Spain

Opening remarks:

Ashraf Ghani, Chairman, Institute for State Effectiveness; Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution; former Finance Minister of Afghanistan and Chancellor of Kabul University

Report out on Tuesday's meeting and open debate with PRT Leading Nations' Representatives

Clare Lockhart, Director, Institute for State Effectiveness
Francesc Vendrell, Special Representative of the EU for Afghanistan

Open debate: Exploring mid-term prospects and expectations from the contributing states and the CS perspective

19:00 Closing speeches:

Zalmai Rassoul, National Security Advisor, Afghanistan
Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain.