



Dear AACC Colleagues and Friends:

We are pleased to announce our **14th Annual Business Matchmaking Conference (BMC 2020)** which will be held in **Washington, D.C. on June 9 to 11, 2020**. This annual 3-day event is the largest and longest running business conference on Afghanistan. In preparation for this conference, the AACC will hold **“Pre-BMC/Investment Summit Events in Dubai, Kabul and Herat”** later this month to provide urgent U.S. visa and registration information for the **AACC BMC 2020** and to discuss: a) the latest opportunities and challenges facing Afghan-U.S. trade and investments; b) updates on key Afghan economic/business sectors; and c) needed policy reforms from private sector leaders.

The AACC will hold its first **Pre-BMC Event in Dubai on February 19, 2020**. This event will be followed by two **Pre-BMC/Investment Summit events in Kabul and Herat** during the **last week of February 2020**. If you wish to attend or speak at any of the Pre-BMC Event (in Dubai, Kabul or Herat) please send an email immediately to: info@a-acc.org with your name (first, middle, and last name), business organization name, your title, direct email and mobile phone and business address in Afghanistan or Dubai.

The AACC expects **“BMC 2020”** to sell out its sponsorships quickly. Please become a sponsor and send us your company profile as soon as possible to: info@a-acc.org. With the program momentum we described above, the AACC is working hard to engage more U.S. companies for this year’s conference especially for the matchmaking **“One-on-One”** sessions. We need your early registration in order to identify key areas of possible partnerships for your business. *Early registration and/or sponsorship provide us the opportunity to seek out potential matches with U.S. companies.*

- **Attending from the U.S., Afghanistan and Internationally:** Leaders typically attend from Afghan Government Ministries, U.S. Dept. of State, USAID; DFC/OPIC, DoD; Department of Commerce; JICA (Japan Aid Agency); GIZ (German Aid Agency); Asian Development Bank (ADB); World Bank/IFC; and other organizations and U.S., Afghan and international corporations.
- **What does your BMC registration and/or sponsorship include?** Event attendance, *One-on-One* networking, possible panel speaking role, trade-fair space, business relationship building, MOU signings, joint venture announcements, sales and marketing outreach, etc...

**BUSINESS
MATCHMAKING
CONFERENCE**

**PANEL
DISCUSSIONS**

**ONE-ON-ONE
NETWORKING
MEETINGS**

**INFORMATIONAL
TRADE FAIR**

Over the last 12 months, the AACC has participated in over 100 events, publications and programmatic activities in support of the U.S.-Afghan economic relationship and Afghan market-led, private sector development. We have intensified our cooperation with the U.S. Government to realize priorities for U.S. policy toward Afghanistan that affect business and private sector development. The AACC has helped educate and maintain U.S. public and Congressional support for U.S. economic assistance to Afghanistan and we continue to provide **“thought leadership”** for critical business and economic reform activities. Especially those in support of a market-led economy as promised under the Afghanistan Constitution. **AACC has organized major events, helped major Afghan firms to meet with international investors and U.S multinational corporations** with a presence in Central Asia, spoken at global fora and think tank events on Afghanistan and written important research and opinion pieces on key private sector development achievements and challenges inside Afghanistan-**especially the role of the private sector to future peace in Afghanistan.**

AACC leaders including Chairman, Sulaiman Lutfi and President and CEO, Jeffrey Grieco attended the 3rd Annual India-Afghanistan-U.S. **“Passage to Prosperity Trade and Investment Conference”** in New Delhi, India. AACC Board Members (including *President Emeritus and former U.S. Congressman Don Ritter and former Afghanistan Central Bank Governor, H. E. Noorullah Delawari*) have helped further develop the **AACC Investors Advisory Council (IAC)** bringing major Afghan and international investors and business organizations together to promote large-scale extractive and energy investments in Afghanistan. AACC leaders have also established working groups to chart Afghanistan-USA and international investments in the agriculture, ICT, energy and mining and extractives sectors. Lastly, the AACC liaison office in Kabul has been working closely with our Afghanistan membership and keeps the U.S. headquarters fully informed of significant developments as they occur on the ground.

We hope to see you either in Dubai on February 19 or in Kabul or Herat (last week of February 2020). Please let us know if you have any questions. Our Kabul email is: supportafg@a-acc.org.

Sincerely,

Sulaiman Lutfi

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Chairman

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URGENT U.S. VISA NOTICE: Afghan citizens are encouraged to register/sponsor **first** by submitting their names to AACC (info@a-acc.org) as soon as possible. As we have done for more than a decade, the AACC will then coordinate its list of potential attendees with the U.S. Consulates in Kabul and Dubai. Partnering business organizations should be submitting their names to AACC prior to applying on-line for a U.S. business visa interview.