Abdullah Hopes Doha Meeting will Lead to Direct Talks

Abdullah says he hopes the intra-Afghan conference in Doha will help the peace process.

KABUL - Chief Executive Abdullah on Monday welcomed the Intra-Afghan Dialogue Conference in Doha and said he hopes it will lead to direct talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban. “It is expected that the meeting will lead to direct talks between the two sides including the government of Afghanistan and it will lead to peace,” Abdullah said at the Council of Ministers meeting on Monday. Critics say direct talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban are a key to moving forward the peace process. The Intra-Afghan Dialogue Conference entered its second day on Monday where more than 50 delegates from Afghanistan and 17 representatives of the Taliban have attended on their “personal capacity” to discuss issues around the future of the war-ravaged country.

The first day of the meeting was focused on wide-ranging discussions about the women’s rights, the freedom of the press, civilians protection, ceasefire, foreign forces withdrawal, the post-peace deal government, and “...other issues on the relevant agenda.”

Ministry of Finance now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders of Implementation of DR Center for Pashtany Bank (PB)

The Ministry of Finance has received Financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Modernization of Afghanistan State Owned Banks (MASOB), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Implementation of DR Center for Pashtany Bank (PB). Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IFP Borrowers” July 2016 edition (“Procurement Regulations”), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Ministry of Finance Procurement Directorate, Mr. shafiq_eshaqi@yahoo.com and inspect the bidding document during office hours 8:00 to 17:00 Kabul Time at the address given below.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 21/Aug/2019 at 10:00 Kabul Time. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders’ designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on 21/Aug/2019 at 10:00 Kabul Time.

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of USD 9,000 (Nine Thousand US Dollars).

8. The address (es) referred to above is (are):

Procurement Directorate of Ministry of Finance

Contact Name: Mr. Shafiq Eshaqi, Procurement Senior Specialist
Address: Procurement Unit, Second Floor, DM Admin Building, Ministry of Finance, Pashtunistan Wali, Kabul Afghanistan
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Ministry of Finance

Afghan Movie Wins Best Screenplay Award at SAARC Film Festival

COLOMBO - Afghan filmmaker Roya Sadat’s “A Letter to the President” won the Best Screenplay award at SAARC Film Festival in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on Sunday, July 7. A Letter to the President, the 90-minute, full-length movie, took two years to complete. The movie is about the massive suffering and violence against women in the country. Starring Lamma Alan, the movie is written by Aziz Dehkaz, produced by Reyna Film House, and co-produced by Rehbera Production. The SAARC Film Festival has been held every year since 2011 and this is the ninth consecutive year that Sri Lanka is hosting this prestigious film festival.

The award was received by Afghanistan’s Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Mohammad Ashraf Hanadi. Out of the 34 films from eight SAARC countries, four were from Afghanistan, including two short and two feature films, of which A Letter to the President received the award. In total, 12 awards were handed out. The following 12 awards were presented at the SAARC Film Awards 2019 on July 7, selected by a panel of jury members from non-SAARC member states.

Best Feature Film
• A Letter to the President

Request for EXPRESSION of INTEREST for registration of vendors for procurement of goods, works and services

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Afghanistan intends to continue updating its list of vendors for procurement of goods, works and services in Afghanistan. For the purpose registration of companies/firms through the Expression of Interest (EOI) is requested from the interested entities and firms, which possess experience in supply of goods, works and services and have registration with Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. The applications must be submitted by 16:00 hours of that date of 31 July 2019. The Registration Forma and related documents can be requested through Abdul.Alhady@fao.org or collected from FAO Representation office at the following address:

FAO Representation Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock Jamal Mina Opposite Kabul University Kabul, Afghanistan Phone: 0770838456 Expression of Interest (Eoi) No. 002/2019 Email: FAOAF-Procurement@fao.org

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