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# INVITATION

to the Side Event

## ***Women's Rights and Peace for Afghanistan – a Process in the Hands of the Afghan People***

Exchange with the delegates of the Afghan civil society  
**Reception in honour of the Afghan delegates**

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2011**  
**17:00-21:30**

Universitätsclub Bonn  
Konviktstr. 9, 53113 Bonn  
Wolfgang-Paul-Saal (Ground Floor)  
The location and room is accessible for people with disabilities

**50 Jahre BMZ**

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On December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the International Afghanistan Conference will be held in Bonn. The subject of the conference next to the long-term engagement of the international community in Afghanistan and the civil aspects of the transition process for a secure environment is a political process that should lead to a lasting peace.

This time, will women be represented in reasonable numbers according to the stipulations of UN Res.1325 (2000) "Women, Peace & Security" and occupy decision making positions? What are the requirements and recommendations of the civil society activists to the Afghan government, today, 10 years after the first International Conference on Afghanistan 2001 in Petersburg near Bonn?

The 34 delegates attending from Afghan civil society, including 16 women, have a remarkable background of engagement for women's rights and human rights in their home country. They have completed an arduous preparation process in order to participate in the Civil Society Forum Afghanistan on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the context of the International Afghanistan Conference in Bonn. On December 5<sup>th</sup> two of the speakers of the Civil Society Forum will finally present their statements before the International Foreign Ministers Conference on Afghanistan in Bonn.

The Side Event on December 4<sup>th</sup> will bring together Afghan and German NGO representatives in a dialog with a focus on the issue of women's rights. Both Afghanistan and Germany are States Parties to the UN Convention for the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Within this women's and human rights framework even the civil society activists of both countries have an obligation to work towards the implementation of women's rights.

The hosts would like to invite the Afghan delegates to present their work and objectives to the audience. What do they expect from the Afghanistan Conference and what do they expect from German women's rights organisations and civil society, especially in the forthcoming transformation period until 2014 and thereafter?

The organisers intend to provide a forum for mutual learning, exchange and networking.

The reception at the end of the side event will be held in honour of the outstanding commitment of the Afghan civil society delegation.



## Programme

**17:00**            **Registration**

**17:45**            **Welcome**

*Dr. Sabine Lindemann, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ),  
Division 204 (Human Rights; Gender Equality; Culture and Development)*  
*Noushin Shojaei, Chair, Bonn International Women´s Center (ifz)*  
*Moderation: Marion Böker, Independent Expert*

**18:00-19:00**    **PANEL I**

### **Women, Peace & Security**

**What is the expected result of the Afghanistan Conference in Bonn? What role will women, women´s rights and the gender perspective play in the future transitional period to peace?**

*Selay Ghaffar, Director of Humanitarian Assistance for the Women and Children of Afghanistan (HAWCA),  
Speaker of the Afghan CSO-Delegation*  
*Amina Hassanpur, Director of Naway-e-Solhe Social Education Organization (NSSSED)*  
*Farzana, Director of Panjshir Women Education and Vocational Association*  
*Roshan Sirran, Executive Director of Training Human Rights Association for Afghan Women (THRA)*

**19:00-19:45**    **PANEL II**

**How can the participation of women, women´s rights and human security be guaranteed for a lasting peace?**

*Dr. Anisgul Akhgar, Director of Relation and Cooperation Women Organization (RCWO)*  
*Abdul Wahed Zia Moballegh, Senior Project Officer, International Center for Human Rights and  
Democratic Development (Rights and Democracy)*  
*Malika Qanib, Director of Education and Training Center for Poor Women and Girls (ECW)*  
*Saleha Olker, Program Officer of Norwegian Church Aid*

**19:45-20:30**    **PANEL III**

**What forms of cooperation and networking are necessary and possible for the strengthening of women´s and humans rights?**

*Mohammad Akbar Borran, Young Leader Forum (YLF)*  
*N.N., Verein für Afghanistan-Förderung e.V. (VAF) / Association for Afghanistan-Aid*  
*Suraya Parluka, Director of All Afghan Women Union (AAWU)*

**20:30-21:30**    **Reception with Buffet**

**21:30**            **Shuttle bus to the Afghan delegation´s hotel**

## Registration until 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2011

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