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**Message from UNDP Resident Representative,  
Mr. Abdallah Al Dardari.**



## Side Meeting on Afghanistan Sustainable Development Goals

We are pleased to present the participation details for the Side Meeting on the Afghanistan Sustainable Development Goals (A-SDGs 2015-2030) on Saturday 21 November from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, Kabul time.

The meeting has been convened in preparation for the upcoming Geneva Ministerial Conference on Afghanistan. It aims to provide an overview of the SDGs in Afghanistan, and explore the integration of an SDG focused monitoring, reporting and evaluation system for the ANPDF II. In addition to considering the relationship between the ANPDF and relevant frameworks – to ensure coherent and comprehensive linkages.

A number of high-profile attendees, including senior government and United Nations representatives, will be in attendance. We hope that you can join us for this exceptional opportunity to lay a collective foundation for the way forward for development in Afghanistan.

- **Date:** Nov 21, 2020
- **Time:** 10:00 AM Kabul

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## **UNDP Afghanistan launched its fourth Country Note on the Fiscal Impacts of the Coronavirus Pandemic**

UNDP Afghanistan launched its latest COVID-19 Socioeconomic Impact Assessment Note on Afghanistan titled “Fiscal Options in Response to Coronavirus Crisis”. The note is the fourth of a series of Country Notes that examine the likely effects of the coronavirus outbreak in Afghanistan with a focus on the fiscal implications of COVID-19. The note has been prepared using Computable General Equilibrium Models developed by UNDP for Afghanistan. These notes are intended to provide the policymakers with the evidence to better understand the trade-offs, and provide policy recommendations to mitigate the social and economic impacts of the pandemic.

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## ‘Dedgah Zan’ Photo Competition 2020

During this time of COVID-19, lockdowns and increased domestic violence, how does an Afghan woman view herself? How does she want to be seen? And how does she want to be treated?

United Nations in Afghanistan announced the 2020 photo contest on the theme of ‘Dedgah Zan’ or ‘Through Her Eyes’ to narrate the positive, vibrant and colourful stories of women and girls during this darkly challenging time. Photos may speak of family and domesticity, of work, of friendships, of leisure or a variety of different scenarios.

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## Women's Education and Empowerment Cannot be Put on Hold for the Pandemic

Muzhgan, a 25-year-old Afghan woman is a courageous person, and a star athlete, with a place on the Afghanistan women's national volleyball team. She is also a keen student and has always dreamt of pursuing higher education outside of her home country. Today, together with 30 other young Afghan women, she is a scholarship holder for a Master's degree programme in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Mezhgan is a strong believer in empowering women and girls. She used to train girls to play sports and spent a lot of time trying to convince their conservative parents to allow them to participate. Grappling with a legacy of war and the stripping of women's rights under the Taliban, Afghanistan is one of the toughest places in the world to grow up female.

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## A Step Towards Combating the COVID-19 Pandemic in Eastern Afghanistan

Ministry of Interior Affairs with financial and technical support of UNDP's Law and Order Trust Fund for Afghanistan (LOTFA) project inaugurated the first-ever fully equipped COVID-19 Police Hospital in Jalalabad. The hospital is loaded with 40 beds (10 ICU, 15 treatment beds, 15 quarantine beds) and will help to treat national police and their family members across the region.

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## Japan Provides Nearly US\$ 9.4 Million to Improve Livelihoods and Cross-Border Initiatives

The Government of Japan has pledged approximately 9.4 million USD (991 million Japanese Yen) for the Livelihood Improvement Promotion in Tajik-Afghan Cross-Border Areas (LITACA) project.

Mr. Yoshiaki Takahashi, Chargé d' Affaires ad interim of the Embassy of Japan in Afghanistan and Mr. Abdallah Al Dardari, UNDP Afghanistan Resident Representative, signed the agreement in the presence of H.E. Mujib-u-Rahman Karimi, Minister of Rural Rehabilitation and Development of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. The project will be implemented by UNDP Afghanistan and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), in partnership with the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD).

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## Digitalization for Communities in Afghanistan: The Urban Kids and Good Citizen Apps

At a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has enforced restrictions on many activities, mobile applications are being developed to fill the gap and help raise awareness about important community initiatives in Afghanistan.

Under the umbrella of LoGo (Local Governance) project, UNDP has supported the Ministry of Municipalities (MM) to develop the two mobile apps to help in raising awareness among Urban Kids and Good Citizen. These two mobile apps aim to change citizens' behaviour to lead to a better urban culture in Afghanistan.

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## Fighting Corruption through Investigative Reporting

UNDP Afghanistan, in partnership with Pajhwok Afghan News, recently conducted a three-day training in investigative journalism for 21 Afghan journalists (including 6 female participants) through its Anti-Corruption, Transparency, Integrity and Openness (ACTION) project.

Six local media entities from various provinces across the country were represented in the training: Radio Sarhad, ASR Radio and TV Network, Radio Mazal, Badloon Radio, Khayber Nawakht Radio, and NAN Radio.

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# UNDP in The News



UNDP Afghanistan Resident Representative, Abdallah Al Dardari's exclusive interview with TOLO News on the COVID19 socio-economic impact assessment



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UNDP Afghanistan Resident Representative, Abdallah Al Dardari's exclusive interview with Ariana News - Pas az Khabar



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