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Success in Afghanistan through Transparency and Fiscal Responsibility



Oversight and Coordination Body: Representatives from a dozen donor nations joined Afghan leaders, international partners and Resolute Support personnel to review progress on **transparency**, **accountability** and **affordability** initiatives within the Afghan Security Institutions, as well as strategize the **way forward** in these critical areas.

The Afghan Ministry of Finance hosted the fifth meeting of the Oversight and Coordination Body, an ambassador-level gathering. The organization of international, military and Afghan leaders was formed in 2013 in order to bring together entities vested in Afghanistan's security.

Noorulhaq Uloomi, Minister of Interior, and Mohammad Masoom Stanekzai, acting Minister of Defense, discussed their agencies' requirements and the actions underway to accomplish them.

Maj. Gen. Gordon "Skip" Davis, Jr., commanding general, Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan applauded the ministries' **transparent anti-corruption** and **waste** initiatives focused on gaining **efficiency** and improving **effectiveness**.

"Our collective efforts are building real **capacity**, **institutionalizing change** and improving **affordability**," said Davis. "Your contributions and support are making a difference and are critical for continued **progress**."



Environmental Conference:

During an inaugural environmental workshop, more than 100 Afghan leaders joined Resolute Support personnel and international partners in developing a strengthened environmental security policy in Afghanistan.

Event participants worked together to increase environmental management and operational practices, build workable environmental **policies** for the Ministries of Defense and Interior and foster a productive communication and training partnership. The international, multi-organizational partners teamed up with Afghan National Defense and Security Forces leadership to develop solutions for **environmental sustainment** in Kabul and throughout the nation—stressing that smart environmental solutions mean **strengthened economic security**.

"As professionals, soldiers, citizens and children of the land it is our obligation to protect Afghanistan," said acting Minister of Defense Mohammed Masoom Stanekzai. "The environment is an inheritance from our ancestors and we must make it better for future generations."

Inspector General Forum: Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan's Deputy Commanding General Maj. Gen. Daniel P. Hughes addressed a group of Ministry of Defense Inspector Generals on the Ministry Internal Controls Program, which promotes **transparency** and **anti-corruption** through **internal controls**.

"Not only are **transparency** and **openness** vital to good government, more importantly, they ensure the best support for the men and women on the front line fighting the insurgency," said Hughes.



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