

WOMEN AT THE FLASHPOINT II

PRE-BONN GENDER CONFERENCE 2011: POWER TO EMPOWER, LEVERAGE 2011 AND BEYOND



DATE: 17th November 2011

TIME: 12:00-18:00

PLACE: Peace Palace (Vredespaleis), The Hague

Program

- 12:15** Registration
- 13:00** Opening
- 13:10** Welcome
- 13:20** Opening Speech (Minister Rosenthal tba)
- 13:35** Keynote Speech: Deputy Minister Mojgan Mostafawi from MOWA
- 13:50** Keynote Speech Regional Perspective
- 14:00** **Panel 1**, Female Leadership in Afghanistan and the Bonn Conference: Representatives from the international community and from women's organizations.
- 14:50** Break-Interaction
- 15:15** **Panel 2**, Reflection on Afghan's Women's Role in the Transition of Afghanistan. Embassies: Afghanistan, USA, Australia and Canada, and Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 16:15** Conclusions & Recommendations
- 16:30** Reception



Dear Guest,

Gender Concerns International cordially invites you to our event: "Women at the Flashpoint II: Pre-Bonn Gender Conference". The position of women in Afghanistan needs to be supported and strengthened during the up-coming period of transition, as the international community begins to move out and peace-talks are underway to secure a new government.

Many women rights organizations are concerned that women's rights will be forgotten, ignored or overturned during this process of transition. The aim of the meeting is to highlight the gender dimension of the democratic transition process in Afghanistan, and to contribute towards safe-guarding women's interests. The recommendations and conclusions of the conference will be prepared with the aim to be added to the agenda of the Bonn conference, to be held on 5th December in Germany.

The event will be attended by the Afghan Women's Network, Afghan Parliamentarians, Deputy Minister of Women's Affairs Afghanistan, Dutch Parliamentarians and Senators, Embassy of Afghanistan in the Netherlands, Afghan Gender groups, European External Services and Afghan Delegation at the European Parliament.

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