The International Trade Centre (ITC) launched a trade-related assistance initiative funded by the European Union called Advancing Afghan Trade (AAT). Set in motion on 29 November 2016 in Kabul, the initiative intends to contribute to the strengthening of the country’s trade capacities, with the long-term goal of helping to transform Afghanistan and its regional partners into a vibrant regional economic hub. The project will be implemented over a three-year period.

Funded by the EU, implementation of the initiative is now under way and is led by ITC in close collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce and Industries. In this second newsletter, we invite you to read the articles below to discover further progress made.

We look forward to sharing regular updates with all our stakeholders and garnering as much support from the community as possible, so please feel free to share this newsletter. It is our belief that the AAT will contribute to how trade can be used as a lever for economic growth, job creation, poverty reduction and enhanced regional cooperation.

PRIVATE, PUBLIC SECTOR MEET TO REVIEW PROGRESS MADE FROM FIRST YEAR OF AAT PROJECT

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Over 100 stakeholders, comprising Afghan industry leaders, small business owners and representatives from the public sector met in Herat on 13 August, 2017...

NATIONAL EXPORT STRATEGY RESPONSE PAPER DEVELOPED AND ENDORSED

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AFGHANISTAN TAKES A MAJOR STEP TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

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PROGRESS ON DEVELOPING A COHERENT AFGHANISTAN NATIONAL TRADE POLICY FIVE-YEAR PLAN

In July 2016, Afghanistan acceded to the WTO, and with it came much anticipation for the country’s integration into the global economy...

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