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ADVANCING AFGHAN TRADE

EU TRADE-RELATED ASSISTANCE

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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 fifth 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.



AFGHANISTAN LAUNCHES NATIONAL EXPORT STRATEGY

Tenth June 2018 marks a milestone event for Afghanistan's economy. The launch of the National Export Strategy (NES) is the result of an extensive cooperation between the Afghan stakeholders, together with their partners from the international community ...

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NATIONAL EXPORT STRATEGY LAUNCH: TV COVERAGE

[National TV News](#) (from 13:43 – 17:43)

[Tolo TV 6 PM News](#) (from 19:20 – 22:05)

[Shamshad TV News](#) (from 33:18 – 35:47)

[Ariana TV News](#) (from 16:47 – 19:10)





AFGHANISTAN, UZBEKISTAN TO ESTABLISH FREE TRADE ZONE

Officials say Afghanistan-Uzbekistan trade volume will increase to billions of dollars after creation of the trade zone...

[Read more >](#) & [Watch more >](#) (From 18:53 – 21:30)



AFGHANISTAN DEVELOPS WORK-PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE WTO TFA

Commenting on the EU's commitment to increasing Afghanistan's trade competitiveness, H.E Deputy Minister Kamila Sidiqi stated that ""The Advancing Afghan Trade Project of ITC has been a crucial support for the Ministry of Industries and Commerce ...

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AFGHANISTAN, WTO AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROGRAMME

Learn how Afghan trade officials and business representatives are expanding their skills to foster trade-led growth in the country ...

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IN THE PRESS

Since the last newsletter, a lot of progress has been made and the project has attracted significant media attention ...

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WHAT'S NEXT?

See here for a brief overview of upcoming project activities in the next quarter...

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