

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 sixth 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.





ADVANCING TRADE BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND KAZAKHSTAN

The first Afghanistan–Kazakhstan bilateral stakeholder consultation meeting aimed at enhancing trading relations between the two countries occurred on 3 August, in Astana, Kazakhstan...

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PROGRESS MADE POST AFGHAN/UZBEK TRADE TALKS

Further progress on the AAT initiative aimed at strengthening trading relations between Afghanistan and Uzbekistan has recently been made...

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STRENGTHENING THE METROLOGY LAB OF AFGHANISTAN

ITC organized three weeks of training for the Afghanistan National Standards Authority (ANSA) metrology team to enhance their capacity and improve their services...

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Watch more about ...

[Improving knowledge on metrology to grow Afghan exports](#)

[Market access opportunities through improved quality standards](#)

[Learning from Indian experience in metrology](#)

SECOND INTAKE COMMENCES TRADE POLICY LEARNING PROGRAMME

The second intake of Afghan participants commenced a trade policy learning programme, Afghanistan, WTO and International Trade.

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For short films of the first intakes experiences, [click here.](#)

PROGRESS ON WTO TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

An exclusive private sector workshop was held in Kabul from 25 to 27 June 2018 to gather views on the implementation plan of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).

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NATIONAL EXPORT STRATEGY TRACKING TOOL LAUNCHED

The AAT project is assisting the Government of Afghanistan in the implementation of the National Export Strategy (NES) through providing a customized Strategy Implementation Management Tool.

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NES DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

NES Main: [Peace through Prosperity, Prosperity through Trade.](#)

NES Sectors: [Carpets](#); [Dried Fruits and Nuts](#); [Fresh Fruits and Vegetables](#); [Marble and Granite](#); [Precious Stones and Jewellery](#); [Saffron](#).

To learn more about Afghanistan's journey towards developing a NES, watch the film [Peace through Prosperity, Prosperity through Trade.](#)

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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