



UNRIC Library Backgrounder: Afghanistan

UN Entities

- **United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA)**
<http://unama.unmissions.org/>
- **The Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities (The Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee)**
<http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/index.shtml>
- **Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: Afghanistan**
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/countries/AsiaRegion/Pages/AFIndex.aspx>
 - Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (1984-2005)
<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/countries/af/mandate/index.htm>
- **Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict – Visits to Afghanistan**
<http://www.un.org/children/conflict/english/countryvisits.html>
- **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Afghanistan**
<http://www.fao.org/world/afghanistan/>
- **Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs**
 - OCHA in Afghanistan: <http://unocha.org/where-we-work/afghanistan>,
<http://ochaonline.un.org/afghanistan>
 - ReliefWeb – Afghanistan: <http://reliefweb.int/taxonomy/term/13>
 - Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN) – Afghanistan:
<http://www.irinnews.org/Asia-Country.aspx?Country=AFG>
- **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Afghanistan**
<http://www.undp.org/af/>
- **UNESCO Office in Kabul**
<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/kabul/>
- **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) - Afghanistan**
<http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/page?page=49e486eb6>
- **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) – Afghanistan**
<http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/afghanistan.html>
- **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) – Afghanistan**
<http://www.unodc.org/afg/index.html>
- **World Bank - Afghanistan: Data, Projects & Research**
<http://www.worldbank.org/af>

Security Council Meetings on Afghanistan

- **2011:** 19 December, 12 October, 29 September, 6 July, 22 and 17 March
Meeting records, press releases and resolutions:
<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/scact2011.htm>
- *Earlier years:* <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/scact.htm>
- *For a complete list of resolutions, presidential statements and meetings of the Security Council on the situation in Afghanistan – click [here](#)*

Selected UN Documents

- **The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security : report of the Secretary-General** (A/66/604-S/2011/772, 13 December 2011): <http://undocs.org/A/66/604>
Submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 65/8 and Security Council resolution 1974 (2011); provides an update on the activities of the UN in Afghanistan since the previous report (A/66/369-S/2011/590) dated 21 Sept. 2011.
- **Letter dated 2011/12/07 from the Permanent Representatives of Afghanistan and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary General** (A/66/601-S/2011/767, 12 December 2011): <http://undocs.org/A/66/601>
Transmits the text of the Istanbul Process on Regional Security and Cooperation for a Secure and Stable Afghanistan
- **Letter dated 2011/12/06 from the Permanent Representatives of Afghanistan and Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary General** (A/66/597-S/2011/762, 9 December 2011): <http://undocs.org/A/66/597>
Transmits conclusions of the International Afghanistan Conference in Bonn on 5 Dec. 2011
- **Reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly and the Security Council on the Situation in Afghanistan and various other documents on Afghanistan :** <http://unama.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1746>
- **Report of the Security Council Mission to Afghanistan, 21 to 24 June 2010** (S/2010/564, 1 November 2010) : <http://undocs.org/S/2010/564>
- **Agreement on Provisional Arrangements in Afghanistan pending the Re-Establishment of Permanent Government Institutions** (S/2001/1154, 5 December 2001) : <http://undocs.org/S/2001/1154>
Transmits Agreement on Provisional Arrangements in Afghanistan Pending the Re-establishment of Permanent Government Institutions, signed in Bonn, 5 Dec. 2001, by the participants in the UN Talks on Afghanistan. Presents general and final provisions of the interim authority, its legal framework and judicial system, interim administration, and the Special Independent Commission of the Convening of the Emergency Loya Jirga. Includes 4 annexes which set out i) international security force, ii) role of the United Nations during the interim period, iii) request to the United Nations by the participants at the UN Talks on Afghanistan, and iv) composition of the interim administration.
- **UN Member States on the Record: Afghanistan**
<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/unms/afghanistan.shtml>
key documents related to its membership in the UN; statements made before the principal organs; draft resolutions sponsored; periodic reports submitted on Human Rights conventions, etc.

Selected Statements and Speeches by UN Officials

- Reconciliation crucial to success in advancing government priorities, people's aspirations, Secretary-General tells Conference on Afghanistan (SG/SM/13991-AFG/378, 5 December 2011):
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2011/sqsm13991.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General appeals for regional cooperation to bolster Afghanistan's transition process, hails government's efforts to 'reach out to neighbours' (SG/SM/13919-AFG/376, 3 November 2011):
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2011/sqsm13919.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General Welcomes Announcement of United States Military Drawdown in Afghanistan, Stressing Need for All-Inclusive Political Process (SG/SM/13666-AFG/370, 23 June 2011): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2011/sqsm13666.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General condemns in strongest terms 'outrageous and cowardly' attack against United Nations Office in Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan (SG/SM/13490-AFG/367, 1 April 2011): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2011/sqsm13490.doc.htm>

- Newsmaker: Interview with Staffan de Mistura, Special Representative for Afghanistan (22 March 2011): <http://www.un.org/apps/news/newsmakers.asp?NewsID=30>
- Secretary-General, in closing remarks to International Conference, hails 'New Compact' between Government, people of Afghanistan (SG/SM/13021-AFG/358, 20 July 2010): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sgsm13021.doc.htm>
- Good deeds, not good intentions, must be measure of success in key transition, Secretary-General tells International Conference on Afghanistan (SG/SM/13020-AFG/357, 20 July 2010): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sgsm13020.doc.htm>
- National ownership, capacity crucial in turning international commitments into reality, Secretary-General tells London Conference on Afghanistan (SG/SM/12722-AFG/351, 28 January 2010): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sgsm12722.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, briefing Security Council, cites lack of political will as main hurdle to resolving current situation in Afghanistan (SG/SM/12691-AFG/349-SC/9835, 6 January 2010): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sgsm12691.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General's "off-the-cuff" remarks: <http://www.un.org/apps/sg/archive.asp>
- Statements by Staffan De Mistura, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Afghanistan: <http://unama.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1762>

Selected UN Reports & Publications

- UNAMA Publications: <http://unama.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1763>
- Treatment of conflict-related detainees in Afghan custody (UNAMA / OHCHR, October 2011): http://unama.unmissions.org/Portals/UNAMA/Documents/October10_%202011_UNAMA_Detention_Full-Report_ENG.pdf
- Afghanistan Opium Survey 2011 (UNODC, January 2011): http://www.unodc.org/documents/crop-monitoring/Afghanistan/ORAS_report_2011.pdf
- Harmful Traditional Practices and Implementation of the Law on Elimination of Violence against Women in Afghanistan (UNAMA/OHCHR, December 2010): http://unama.unmissions.org/Portals/UNAMA/Publication/HTP%20REPORT_ENG.pdf
- Human Rights Dimension of Poverty in Afghanistan (OHCHR, March 2010): http://www2.ohchr.org/SPdocs/Countries/AF/PovertyReport_30032010.doc
- Corruption in Afghanistan: Bribery as Reported by Victims (UNODC, January 2010): <http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/Afghanistan/Afghanistan-corruption-survey2010-Eng.pdf>
- Addiction, Crime and Insurgency: The Transnational Threat of Afghan Opium (UNODC, October 2009): http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/Afghanistan/Afghan_Opium_Trade_2009_web.pdf

Further Information

- **UN News Focus - Afghanistan**
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=16&Body=Afghanistan&Body1=>
- **Afghanistan & the United Nations (History)**
<http://www.un.org/News/dh/latest/afghan/un-afghan-history.shtml>

- **Conference of Foreign Ministers - Rebuilding Afghanistan: Peace and Stability, Petersberg, Germany, 2 December 2002**
<http://www.unric.org/de/frieden-und-sicherheit/26346>
- **UN Talks on Afghanistan, Bonn, Germany, 27 November - 5 December 2001**
<http://www.unric.org/de/frieden-und-sicherheit/26328>

Selected Non-UN Sources

- **NATO in Afghanistan**
http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/topics_69349.htm
- **Security Council Report – Publications on Afghanistan**
http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/site/c.gIKWLeMTIsG/b.2400749/k.A516/Publications_on_Afghanistan.htm