



Governemnt of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Ministry of Mines and Petroleum
Directorate of Donor Coordination and Program Management

Donor Coordination Meeting Report

October 2017

A. Introduction

The Donor Coordination Directorate is charged with the task of acting as the one-stop shop for promoting and managing donor relations for the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum. The team is tasked with handling all donor related concerns and queries, working with other internal and external stakeholders as and when required, and serve as the communication channel between the Ministry's senior leadership and the international donor community. Keeping these objectives in mind, the Directorate, along with a core team drawn from certain other directorates such as Communications and Admin, organized its first Donor Coordination Meeting under the leadership of Minister Nehan on 9th October 2017.

The event invited wide support from the Donor Community with over 20 Governments and International Organizations sending in their representations for the meeting. This report outlines the main points that were discussed at the meeting.

B. Procedure of the meeting

The meeting was chaired by H.E Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Nargis Nehan. The Ministry was also represented by Deputy Minister for Policy and Programs, Mr. Mir Javed, and Deputy Minister for Administration and Finance, Ms. Ghazal Habibyar, as well as directors of several key front-facing directorates.

The 3 main sessions as outlined in the agenda included:

- I. A detailed presentation on MoMP's progress, achievements and challenges from April 2017;
- II. A detailed presentation on the Ministry's strategy for the Extractives Sector for the next 2+5 years as outlined in its document, 'Roadmap for Reform';
- III. An open Discussion with the international community – Identifying partnerships and way forward.

Opening and welcome remarks by H.E. Minister (Nargis Nehan)

H.E Minister warmly welcomed the participants to the Coordination meeting. She highlighted three major interventions of the ministry since April-2017. H.E. Minister briefly explained the steps that she and her administration had taken to restore confidence in the ministry as an institution and rebuild the trust of national as well as international stakeholders including Civil Society. She emphasized on how the



H.E Minister Nargis Nehan welcomes participants to the Donor Coordination Meeting.

ministry has taken measurable steps to strengthen the coordination and cooperation between different government institutions to channelize the required support.

In addition, H.E Minister underlined the reform agenda, the stock-taking and reviewing of all existence major pending issues within ministry. She then invited Deputy Minister Mir Javid to talk about the progress and challenges that the Ministry has worked through since April 2017.

Session 1 – Presentation on MoMP’s Progress Overview and the Way Forward **By Deputy Minister for Policy and Programs - *Mir Ahmed Javid Sadat***

DM Sadat gave an overview of the situation, progress and achievements during last 5 months under the leadership of H.E Minister (**Nargis Nehan**). The presentation elaborated on the priorities, plans from short term to midterm and steps taken to restore investor as well as stakeholder confidence in the Ministry’s work. Restoring institution confidence is an important area of engagement. Since, the absence of leadership for almost 1 year had adversely affect the image of Ministry, he spoke about his and his team’s ongoing efforts to identify and improve each and every aspect of the Ministry’s work to ensure that the Ministry contributes strongly to Afghanistan’s development story.

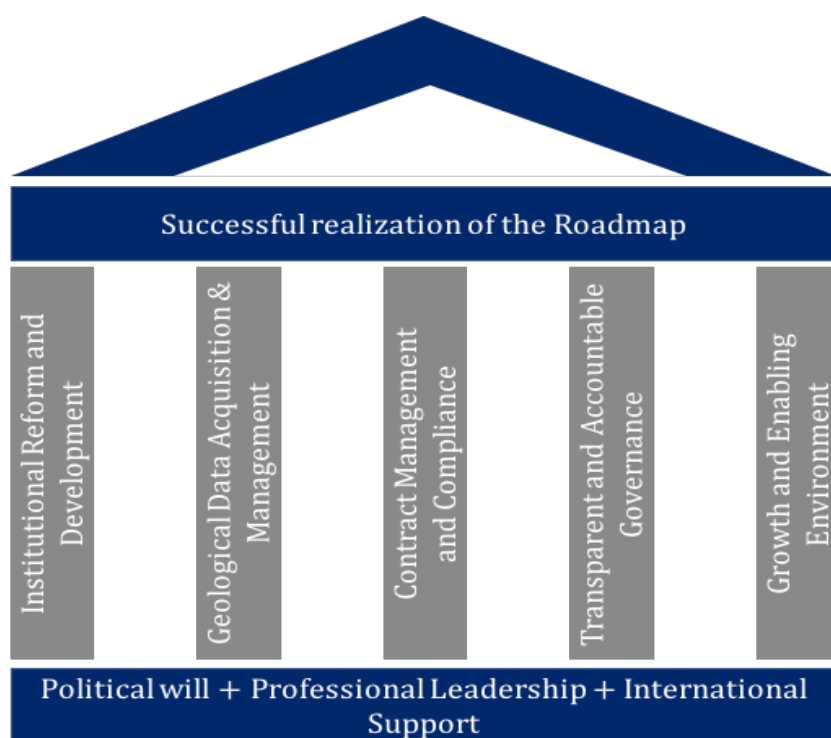
The Way Forward

1. Finalization of roadmap, incorporation of comments and feedback;
2. Prioritization of contracts and projects will be based on the technical and economic area. The concept note has also been shared with office of H.E. President;
3. The minimal approach to revised current available policies has resulted to compilation and consolidation of all policies into two national policies;
4. Finalize amendments to the Minerals and Hydrocarbons Laws and their associated Regulations and take the discussion to assign hydrocarbons function to an executive agency forward;
5. The revision of anti-corruption plan for the ministry;
6. Development and implement an ASM Formalization Strategy to eradicate illegal mining. It is also dependent to finalization of approval of roadmap;
7. Development and implement a Gender Policy and increase the role of women in the extractive sector;
8. Strengthening the relationship between different stakeholders through regular meetings with different stakeholders including government institutions and other key actors;
9. Resolving disputed contracts and setting a benchmark to resolve it by end of December-2017;
10. Supporting AGS to have strong hand on modern and streamlining their activities based on ministry priorities and objectives;
11. Implement cadastral (MCAS) and revenue collection (NTRS) systems, and collection of in debt from companies;

12. Taking measurable steps to fully comply with EITI standards and donor benchmark;
13. Development of online portal to facilitate public access to information about the extractive sector;
14. Operationalize and institutionalize the Mining Inspection Committee;
15. Discussion and sharing recommendation to High economic council on how to reform SOE;
16. Establishment of research and development directorate to help us in making wise, informed and evidence based decisions.

Session 2 - Presentation on MoMP's Roadmap for Reform

The Roadmap is MoMP's strategic document that outlines the Ministry's policies and priorities for the sector over the timeframe of the next seven years. The strategy is based on 5 pillars for reform.



Each pillar consists of set of key interventions and activities that will help the ministry to carry forward their strategic objectives and goals.

Session 3 - Open Discussion

The open discussion focused on the following key areas of partnership:

1. Protection of Afghan communities, Environment and Heritage and Archeological mapping;
2. How to connect with private sectors, encouraging investors and receive them to invest by providing reliable and accurate information. (Internal and external) sharing roadmap with respective home country and international players;

3. Centralizing different function within ministry, however some function has agency that have been mandated;
4. Unifying and adopting Multi-stakeholder approach towards Revenue Management and engaging other line ministries to be engaged into the processes;
5. Plan for controlling non-lootable resources;
6. Ensuring extractive industries contribute to sustainable growth of afghan economy;
7. What approach to be taken to ensure the continuity and performance assessment of the ministry;
8. Highlighting and bolding the role and the level of involvement of provincial directorate.
9. Presentation on Revenue Management System and Transparency portal, coordinating the system with the Ministry of Finance (To High economic council). This will result to a sustainability to manage the system;
10. Reviewing all factors of illegal mining and in process of taking measurable steps such as establishment of mining protection coordination committee under National Security Council;
11. Draft MoU between MoMP and major ministries to pay royalty for using construction;
12. Draft MoU between MoMP and major ministries to pay royalty for using construction materials;
13. Developed report on illegal mining for construction materials. Since, awarding contract was stopped for last two years;
14. Finalization of Roadmap and incorporate all the comments and ensure it is aligned with priorities of the government;
15. Working and studying Geological information, value chain priority of commodities and make a package of information to enable the investor know about the opportunities;
16. Steps to be taken in providing technical assistance and support to AGS by USGS;



Over 20 International Organizations and embassies participated in the Donor Coordination Meeting on October 9, 2017.

17. Ensuring MoMP have technical and legal capacity to negotiate deals and contracts by recruiting consultants. (Mes Aynak);
18. Presenting research, studies paper and provide recommendation;
19. Receive and review feedbacks, comments and incorporate, finalize roadmap;
20. Development of implementation plan for roadmap and

alignment of all financial resources to the ministry either from Ministry of Finance or any other donors, which are aligned with the priorities of the ministry.

Feedback from the Donor Community

“I am very excited to see the very comprehensive roadmap, and it has coverage all the aspect, it is very ambitious and I congratulate you on your initiative. I am sure many other donors feel the same the same way and it is very important that this sector be developed properly in near future.”

-Embassy of Canada

“First of all, I really appreciate that ministry has taken an internal assessment of themselves, it is not an easy process and those efforts are highly appreciated. Secondly, I was very happy to see in the roadmap, the inclusion of the variety stakeholders which is also quite new.”

-UNESCO

“The comprehensiveness of the roadmap provides an indication the strong leadership within ministry and what donors were looking for some-time.”

-Embassy of Australia

“The Office of the NATO Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum the assurances of its highest consideration.”

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Donor Coordination Meeting
Agenda (Tentative and Confidential)
9th October 2017
Kabul-Afghanistan

Meeting Roles:

Host: H.E. Minister Nehan

Facilitator: Donor Coordination Unit, Ministry of Mines and Petroleum

Refreshments: Tea Break at 3:10 pm

Note-taker: Mr. Mahdi Surosh

Meeting Objectives:

1. To inform the international donor community about MoMP's progress and needs
2. To establish contact with and a working relationship with key members of the international donor community.

Agenda:

Time	Agenda Item	Type of Session
2:00–2:10 pm	Welcome Remarks by Chair	Speech
2:10-2:40 pm	An update on the Ministry's achievements since April 2017	Presentation
2:40-3:10 pm	Roadmap for Reform – The Ministry's Vision for the Extractives Sector in Afghanistan	Presentation
3:10-3:30 pm	Tea Break	
3:30-4:30 pm	Open Discussion with the International Community – Identifying partnerships and way forward	Discussion
4:30-4:40 pm	Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks	Speech