

STABILITY AND VIABILITY IN AFGHANISTAN
Triesenberg, Liechtenstein
March 13-16, 2003

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Participants arrive in Liechtenstein

6:00 pm Welcoming reception,
Hotel Kulm, Triesenberg, Liechtenstein

Dinner

Session 1

Historical context of Afghan History

1. Historical context
 - a) Afghanistan's democratic past and its lessons for rebuilding the state's institutions – Marvin Weinbaum
 - b) Creation of the Afghan nation-state, the state in crisis, and prospects for the future – Hans-Ulrich Seidt
 - c) The relationship between the center, provinces and state-building – Wolfgang Freiherr von Erffa
2. Afghanistan: weak state, strong society - a historic and futuristic evaluation – Amin Saikal

Friday, March 14, 2003

8:00 am Breakfast (at Hotel Kulm)

8:45 am Welcome and opening
H.S.H. Prince Hans Adam II. of Liechtenstein
The Honorable Ashraf Ghani
Wolfgang Danspeckgruber

Opening Address

Francesc Vendrell, EU Special Representative for Afghanistan

Session 2

Case studies from and the overall situation in Afghanistan

1. Functioning sub-national structures and democracy as prerequisites for national unity in Afghanistan – Abdul Wahed Sarabi
2. First steps towards a representative Afghan Government: The Bonn process and its Lessons – Jeff Lunstead

3. The UN Mission in Afghanistan and its role in state-building – Simon Chestermann
4. Current field analysis of decentralization and state structures in Afghanistan – Nick Manning, Anne Evans, Afghan Authorities
5. Overall analysis based on selected case studies within Afghanistan – Olivier Roy

Noon: Working Lunch

Session 3

Principal issues in building working state systems

1. Electoral systems and their performance – Andrew Reynolds
2. Designing regional and central governments with ethnic groups and civil society in mind –
 - a) Main lessons from state-building in divided societies – Donald Horowitz
 - b) Perceptions on the ethnic issue in Afghanistan and the ability of a federal system to deal with this issue – Conrad Schetter
3. Decentralization and representing regions at the center – James Manor
4. Deepening Democracy: Lessons from India – Hans Blomkvist

Session 4

International case studies for working state systems

1. Current plans for the state of Afghanistan – Alexander Their
2. North America – Jameson Doig
3. North America & Africa – Richard Simeon
4. Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Cypress and Sri Lanka: Lessons for building effective states in multi-ethnic societies – Thomas Fleiner
5. Decentralization and federalism in the Third World: Successes and Failures – Nancy Bermeo

6:00 pm Reception at Vaduz Castle

8:00 pm Conference dinner, Restaurant Muehle
Speaker: Ambassador Robert Finn, U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan

Saturday, March 15, 2003

Session 5

8:30am: Possible lessons and suggestions for the constitutional structure of Afghanistan

10:00am: Video-conference with Afghan Experts in Kabul

1:30pm: Lunch

3:00pm: Discussion session

Dinner: *Gasthof Tenne*

Sunday, March 16, 2003

Session 6

10:00am: Video-conference with Afghan Experts in Kabul

Conclusions, Propositions, Perspectives

Brunch

2:00 pm: Conference adjourns