


Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) – Profile
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<p>Address</p>	<p>Chaman-e-Huzuri, next to Kabul Nendari, Kabul Afghanistan +93 (0) 707 644482 Web: www.acci.org.af</p>
<p>Route</p>	<p>Primary Route: Turn left at the main gate. Turn left on to the road parallel to the ISAF Southern Wall. Turn right on the intersection with the road that runs parallel with the ISAF's East wall with the rear gate on it. Move South following the road until you get on to "Indigo" to the roundabout with route "Violet". At this roundabout go straight (180°), cross Kabul river. After the Olympic Stadium turn left, proceed to the next intersection (5-way) and turn halfright (45°). Follow the street for about 300m. ACCI gate will appear ahead.</p> <p>Alternative Route: Turn left at the main gate. Proceed to the Massoud circle – turn right (90°). At the next rounsabout go straight forward (180°), cross Kabul river. After the brigde turn right, proceed for about 750m and turn left. Follow this street until you get to a 5-way intersection. Turn left (225°, almost a U-Turn). Follow the street for about 300m. ACCI gate will appear ahead.</p> 
<p>Parking / Security</p>	<p>Parking: Enter the Compound through the maingate. There is a "guard" present at the gate</p> <p>Weapons and body armor to be left attended in the car.</p>



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Short biographies of principles:

History:

Based on the essential need of the Afghan business community and the decree of the President of IROA to facilitate the creation of a single unified voice for the private sector, the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) was established in March 2008 through a merger between the former ACCI and the Afghanistan International Chamber of Commerce (AICC).

ACCI is a independent legal entity and a self administered non-governmental, non-political and non-profit organization of the afghan business community. It's a service-oriented, strong, modern and united business membership organization striving to provide the best possible services to its members and to the entire private sector.

Chambers provincial staff :

Badakhshan - Jowzjan - Balkh - Kunduz - Herat - Kandahar - Nengarhar - Kapisa - Parwan - Takhar – Kunar - Bamiyan - Ghazni - Khost - Faryab - Ankhoye - Paktia - Badghiz - Farah – Nemrooz

Center of gravity and priority activities engaging the Kabul office of the ACCI:

Goals and Objectives:

The mission of the Chamber is to advance and promote the economic environment for business, encourage investment and advocate responsive government, quality education, and transparent business dealings while preserving Afghanistan's unique culture and values

The Chamber promotes and protects the rights of the private sector and coordinates, leads and supports the business activities of its members. It aims to develop the economy on a national and international level by:

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- Serving as the voice of the private sector on legislation, regulation and other issues affecting the Afghan business community;
 - Identifying and overcoming obstacles hindering private sector growth and development;
 - Assisting in the transition of the Afghan economy to a more private sector-based market economy;
 - Preserving the values of the Afghan communities with the support of civic, social and cultural programmes;
 - Promoting investment and the exchange of ideas as well as communicating with policy-makers on issues related to investment in Afghanistan
- Providing information and support for both foreign and domestic investment.

Informal observations on capacity of ACCI staff, vulnerabilities, number of expatriot consultants embedded in the Chamber, mentors, functionality, atmospherics and organizational culture:

Assets in Kabul and the provinces that are controlled/owned by ACCI (land, buildings, centers of excellence, etc.

Main activities and Achievements:

- In June 2008, numerous Afghan farming, construction and transport companies joined the ACCI delegation find business partners in the Netherlands. The Delegation was accompanied by the President of IRoA.
- In July 2008 ACCI held its first free and democratic elections
- Organized matchmaking events with Afghan traders and businessmen abroad.
- The First Afghanistan Economic Development Expo, Tajikistan, 20 to 22 April 200
- The First Afghanistan Economic Expo In Tajikistan, Barbod Palace, 2 to 4 Aug 2009

Organization:

Departments (more details, see extra document):
Membership Department
Business Development Services (BDS) Department
International Affairs Department
Government Relations and Policy Affairs
Legal Services & Arbitration Department
Public Relation

Communications within GIRoA: