


Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoCI) – Profile
ISAF – NATO Headquarters, Kabul Afghanistan
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<p>Grid reference</p>	<p>MGRS: 42S WD 13178 17318 UTM: 42S 0513178 3817318</p>
<p>Address</p>	<p>Darulaman Road, Shora St., Darulaman, Kabul Web: www.commerce.gov.af</p>
<p>Route</p>	<p>Primary Route: Turn left from the main gate. Pass CFC-A on the south side. At the roundabout go left (270°). Follow route 'indigo'. First roundabout go straight ahead (180°), after 200m at the crossing turn left. Again after 200m turn right on route 'green' / 'Highway 1'. Follow this road for 2.7km (pass the Kabul zoo (left-hand side)) to the roundabout. Turn left at this roundabout (270°). You are still on route Green. After approximately 1.6km MoCI is on your right-hand side (turn right app 20m before the SIEMENS sign).</p> <p>Alternative Route: Turn left from 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. Move south following the road (at the MoD it will become route 'indigo'). Follow 'indigo', go straight ahead (180°) at the roundabout and cross the bridge over the Kabul river. After app. 800m turn right. Stay on this road for app 3km, than turn right in direction of route 'green' / 'Highway 1'. After 100m turn left, proceed to the roundabout. Turn left at this roundabout (270°). You are still on route Green. After approximately 1.6km MoCI is on your right-hand side (turn right app 20m before the SIEMENS sign).</p> 
<p>Parking / Security</p>	<p>Parking: There is no problem to enter the compound – however just a few parking spots are available. In addition a big parking place is located in front of the compound – however it's not secure (see picture). Due to ongoing construction work in front of the ministry, no access through main gate. Alternative route see MoCI spotmap.</p> <p>Weapons and body armour to be left attended in the car.</p> <p>Nearest Refuge: Camp Julien (ANA. 5 minutes drive) or CFC-A (15 minutes drive)</p>



Name of Minister, Deputy Ministers, key staff, ranks and contact information:

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More detailed overview of MoF: [LINK](#)

Short biographies of principles:

Minister: Mr. Wahidullah Shahrani was born in Kabul in 1973. He holds a post-graduate degree in money and banking from the U.K. and a post-graduate degree in economics from Pakistan. While residing in the U.K., he lectured in economics at Waltham Forest College and business and economics at Richmond College.

From Jan 2005 – Dec 2008 he served as the Advisor to the President of Afghanistan on Finance as well as the Deputy Minister for Finance (Ministry of Finance). In late December 2008, Mr. Shahrani assumed the role of Minister of Commerce & Industry.

Mr. Shahrani was a key interlocutor for the international financial institutions and bilateral donors. His notable achievements in economic and fiscal reform are recognized by the international community. He played an instrumental role in shaping the nation's poverty reduction strategy – Afghanistan National Development Strategy (ANDS) and balancing the policy priorities within the medium-term fiscal framework (MTFF).

He was the Alternate Governor for the Asian Development Bank, the Islamic Development Bank, and the World Bank. He was also the focal point of Afghanistan with all the major International development Agencies such as USAID, DFID, CIDA, BMZ, SIDA etc.

Immediately prior to those roles, Mr. Shahrani served as the First Deputy Governor of the central bank (Da Afghanistan Bank) where he was responsible for monetary policy, banking supervision, market operations as well as Alternate Governor of Afghanistan at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).



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Primary donors and international partners working with the ministry:

Bearing Point
GTZ Technical Support
UNCTAD
DFID Adam Smith-Finance

Ministry provincial staff :**Center of gravity and priority activities engaging the Kabul office of this ministry:****Programs being implemented:**

Export Promotion Agency of Afghanistan (EPAA) <http://www.epaa.org.af/main/main.sxw.html>

Issues currently under discussion:

Executing the Private Sector Development Plan
Improving efficiency of border export/import procedures
World Trade Organization accession

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

Three formal Advisors are employed by the ministry
Seven advisors are partnering with in the ministry funded by donors. GTZ maintains a permanent office within the ministry building

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

Ministry building, which has served as the site of the ministry since the post-WWII era.

Ministry strategy:**Vision**

Our vision is an improved quality of life, decent employment, and higher standards of living for all Afghans through the development of the formal economy.

Mission

The mission of the Ministry of Commerce is to create an enabling environment for sustainable and equitable economic growth and opportunity for all Afghans by promoting private sector development in a socially responsible free market economy.

Objectives

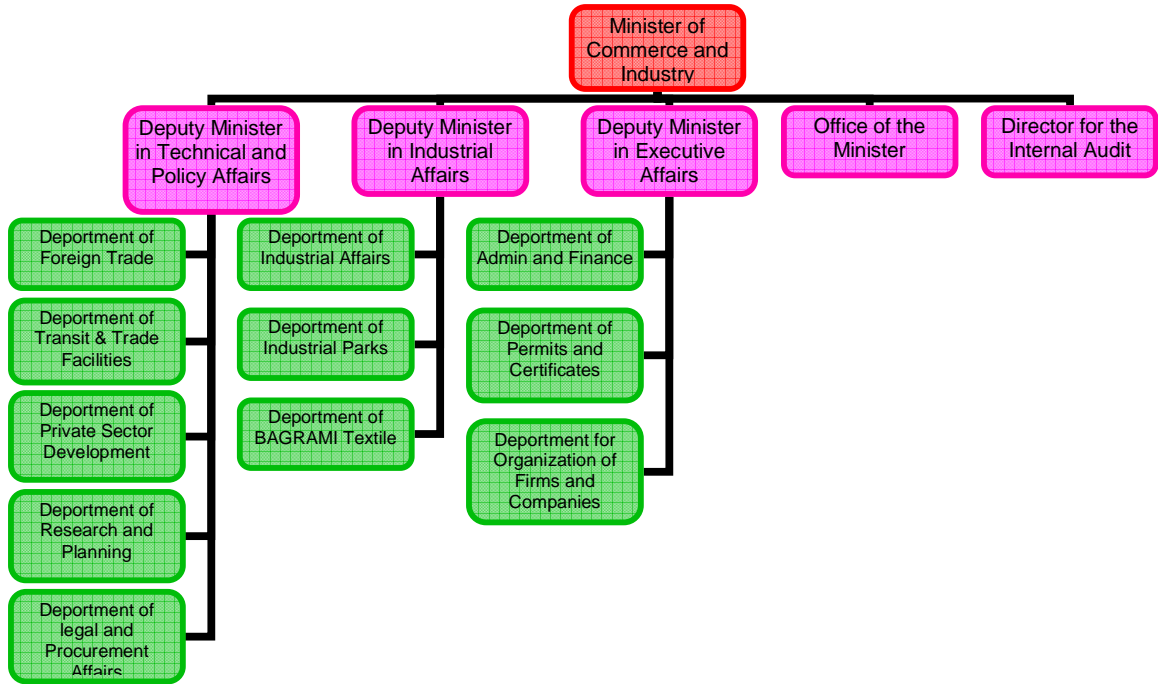
The Ministry of Commerce has three strategic objectives:

- To promote the establishment and implementation of a legal and regulatory framework necessary to ensure the efficient and equitable operation of a free market economy.
- To integrate Afghanistan into the regional and global economy.
- To facilitate and promote the development of a dynamic, competitive private sector.

The Ministry of Commerce has one management objective “to improve the capacity, effectiveness and efficiency of the Ministry of Commerce.”

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Organization:



Communications within GIRoA:

Afghanistan Commercial Missions Abroad:

UAE, South Korea, U.K. India (2x), Germany, USA. Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan (3x), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Russia, Iran (2x), Tajikistan, China, Turkmenistan, Turkey