Addressing the Accountability Gap in Statebuilding: The Case of Afghanistan

Symposium
Friday, February 25, 2011

Bechtel International Center, Encina Hall, Stanford University
Draft Program

8:30 - 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 Welcome

Larry Diamond, Director, CDDRL

Elissa Golberg, Director-General, Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force, Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

9:15 - 10:45 Panel 1: The Problem of Accountability in Statebuilding

Chair: Larry Diamond

Ben Rowswell, Visiting Fellow, CDDRL
“A Popular Sovereignty Approach to Statebuilding”

Roland Paris, Director, Centre for International Policy Studies, University of Ottawa
“Statebuilding Lessons from Afghanistan: Real and Imagined”

10:45 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 12:30 Panel 2: The Accountability Gap in Afghanistan

Chair: Steve Stedman, Senior Fellow, Freeman-Spogli Institute, Stanford University

Ambassador Said Jawad, Afghan Ambassador to US 2003-10
“An Afghan Perspective on Accountability”

Ambassador Ronald Neumann, U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan 2005-07
“Birth Pains of a New Constitutional Order”

12:30 - 1:30  Luncheon

1:30 - 3:30  Panel 3: Improving Accountability in Afghan Governance

Chair: Francis Fukuyama, Olivier Nomellini Senior Fellow, CDDRL

Major General Nick Carter, UK Ministry of Defence
“Politics at the Tip of the Spear - Connecting Governance to the Population at the District Level”

Bill Harris, former senior US civilian for Kandahar province
“Making Government Present, Representative and Responsive: the Case of Kandahar”

Shuvaloy Majumdar, Former Country Director for Afghanistan, International Republican Institute
“Mobilizing the Population to Hold the Government to Account”

Joanne Trotter, Aga Khan Development Network
“Mobilizing the Population through Development: Social Audits and the National Solidarity Program”

3:45 - 4:15  Break

4:15  Keynote presentation

Ashraf Ghani, Former Presidential candidate and former Minister of Finance, Afghanistan
“Improving Governance in Afghanistan”

5:45  Reception
Encina Hall Lobby