

The Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Canada
and The North-South Institute present

German and Canadian Perspectives on Statebuilding in Afghanistan: Moving Forward from the 2008 Paris Conference

June 19th, 2008
Canadian War Museum
Ottawa

PROGRAM

10:30 am

Expert Panel I: "From London to Paris: Another Try or a New Policy Approach?" *by invitation only*

Chair:

Roy Culpeper, President, The North-South Institute

Speakers:

Yves Brodeur, Assistant Deputy Minister, Afghanistan Task Force, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT)

Ursula Mogg, Member of the German Parliament (SPD), Member of the Defense Committee

Seddiq Weera, Senior Associate at the Centre for Peace Studies at McMaster University, Policy Advisor to the Minister of Education, Afghanistan

Lothar Zimmer, Commissioner for Afghanistan, German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

- 12:30 pm **Lunch**
- 2:00 pm **Expert Panel 2: “From Paris to Peace: Premises for Successful Statebuilding” *by invitation only***
- Chair:
Knut Panknin, Program Officer, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Washington DC
- Speakers:
Paul Dewar, Member of Parliament (NDP), NDP’s Foreign Affairs Critic
- Stefan Lehmeier**, PeaceBuild, Coordinator Afghanistan Reference Group
- Mirwais Nahzat**, Founder and Executive Director, Centre for Afghanistan Progress (CAP)
- Dane Rowlands**, Associate Director of Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA), Carleton University
- 4:00 pm **Coffee break**
- 4:30 pm **Discussion: “Afghanistan: Peace and Prosperity for the People and a Test Case for NATO” *open to the public***
- Welcome:
Jörn Rohde, Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy (Canada)
- Chair:
Stephen Baranyi, Principal Researcher, The North-South Institute
- Speakers:
His Excellency Omar Samad, Afghanistan’s Ambassador to Canada
- Ernie Regehr**, O.C., Adjunct Associate Professor, Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Waterloo
- Almut Wieland-Karimi**, Director, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Washington DC, former Director of the FES Kabul Office
- 6:00 pm **Reception**