

# ADVANCING AFGHAN TRADE

EU TRADE-RELATED ASSISTANCE

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The International Trade Centre (ITC) launched a trade-related assistance initiative funded by the European Union called Advancing Afghan Trade (AAT). Set in motion on 29 November 2016 in Kabul, the initiative intends to contribute to the strengthening of the country's trade capacities, with the long-term goal of helping to transform Afghanistan and its regional partners into a vibrant regional economic hub. The project will be implemented over a three-year period.

Funded by the EU, implementation of the initiative is now under way and is led by ITC in close collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce and Industries. In this seventh newsletter, we invite you to read the articles below to discover further progress made.

We look forward to sharing regular updates with all our stakeholders and garnering as much support from the community as possible, so please feel free to share this newsletter. It is our belief that the AAT will contribute to how trade can be used as a lever for economic growth, job creation, poverty reduction and enhanced regional cooperation.



## UN CONFERENCE ON AFGHANISTAN HIGHLIGHTS AAT PROJECT WORK

Delegations from 67 countries and 34 international organizations, as well as representatives of civil society, the private sector and the media attended the Geneva Conference on Afghanistan...

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## AAT PROJECT TWO YEARS ON

We recently undertook a series of film interviews with five key figures willing to share their experiences under the AAT project two years after commencement.....

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## GOVT DISCUSSES TRADE POLICY WITH PRIVATE SECTOR

Officials said the policy will help overcome trade problems and will boost Afghanistan's business relations with other countries in the region and beyond...

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## STAKEHOLDERS MEET TO ADVANCE NATIONAL QUALITY POLICY

The second intake of Afghan participants commenced a trade policy learning programme, Afghanistan, WTO and International Trade.

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## AFGHAN SAFFRON SECTOR GUIDE POINTS TO QUALITY AS KEY TO TRIGGER 'RED GOLD' RUSH

New publication spells out agenda for meeting international market requirements for the lucrative spice...

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## ITC PROVIDES TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR AFGHAN REPRESENTATIVES

A half-day training was held for approximately 40 Afghan representatives, mainly business leaders, on 'International Trade Centre: Benefitting the Private Sector' on 26 November in Geneva...

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## IN THE PRESS

Since the last newsletter, a lot of progress has been made and the project has attracted significant media attention...

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## WHAT'S NEXT?

See here for a brief overview of upcoming project activities in the next quarter...

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