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## **ABA Participation in CLDP Finance Law Workshop, Dubai**

The United States Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) with coordination of Afghanistan Banks Association (ABA) organized the Finance Law Workshop/Debt Recovery in Dubai, UAE during May 23-25, 2016.

The purpose of this workshop was to address certain reforms to take place in Afghanistan's secured lending industry, building legal capacity in understanding finance law and enforcement mechanisms that enable debt recovery, standardization of loan documents and formation of special court or a separate judicial branch for banking/financial sector.

Mr. Mukesh Verma, ABA Chairman, Mr. Ahmad Javed Wafa, ABA Board Member and Mr. Najibullah Amiri ABA Executive Director as representatives of Afghanistan banking sector, delegations of Afghan government included the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB), representatives from Afghanistan Financial Disputes Resolution Commission (AFDRC), Kabul Bank Receivership, representatives of international organizations and private sector attended the workshop. The workshop was a follow up of the first Finance Law Workshop held in Delhi, India during November 09-11, 2015 by CLDP.

In the workshop, Legal experts provided an introduction to finance, best practices in international banking governance, and the importance of enforcement mechanisms in debt recovery. This program was part of a multi-phase program that included participants

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from the working group involved in drafting legislation to improve the commercial legal framework surrounding banking laws and secured lending in Afghanistan, as well as possibility of creating alternative enforcement mechanisms.

In conclusion, after 3 days presentations and discussions, it was decided that more meetings will be conducted amongst the Afghan delegates in ABA at Kabul. Mr. Rasooli Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Justice and Mr. Amiri ABA Executive Director were appointed as the Chairman and vice chairman of the working group respectively.



**Event:** CLDP Finance Law/Debt Recovery Workshop

**Venue:** Dubai

**Date:** May 23-25, 2016

**Photo By:** CLDP

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## **ABA-AIBF Third Session HR Working Group**

On April 09, 2016, Afghanistan Banks Association (ABA) with coordination of Afghanistan Institute of Banking and Finance (AIBF) conducted Third Session ABA-AIBF Human Resource (HR) Working Group in ABA office to discuss on AIBF training quality and other relevant issues in order to improve AIBF training quality and to make it as center of excellence. The agenda points of the session focused on AIBF performance update of Q1, 2016, AIBF 2016 Plan, Quality Review, Customize Training and Banks Participation in One Year Diploma in Banking & Finance.

### **Quality Review and Feedback:**

A comprehensive presentation was delivered by Mr. Mohammad Qaasim Taj, Academic Head AIBF. The participant banks were satisfied of the training quality by suggesting below few points over the quality of ABIF training for improvements.

- AIBF should provide in-house training
  - Notes of the training should be sent to HR Managers of the banks as a result they could easily examine their employee knowledge and skills
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- If, possible the trainees assessment form should be sent to the respective HR Managers of Banks
- Training of Trainers (TOT) is required.
- AIBF should provide customize training based on need of the banks

In order to assess the value of HR Working Group Meetings occurrence, all of the participants gone through a brainstorming session and finally agreed to have this meeting once in each two months.



**Event:** ABA-AIBF Third Session HR Working Group

**Venue:** ABA Office

**Date:** April 09, 2016

**Photo By:** Mr. Enayatullah Lodin, Admin/Finance Officer

## Islamic Banking Working Follow up Session

To comply efficiently with new Islamic Banking Regulations recently developed by Da Afghanistan Bank (The Central Bank), Afghanistan Banks Association (ABA) conducted the Islamic Banking Working Group Follow up Session on review of banks recommendations on new Islamic banking regulations.

In this meeting the members of the Islamic Banking working group participated. During the meeting, the members of the working group reviewed their suggestions on new Islamic Banking regulations and it was agreed that the final recommendations should be submitted to Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) through ABA.



**Event:** Islamic Banking Working Group Follow up Session

**Venue:** ABA Office

**Date:** April 10, 2016

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ABA Participation in Finalization of Doing Business indicators Meeting, MoCI

Mr. Najibullah Amiri ABA Executive Director attended in finalization of World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Indicators (DBI) Reform Action Plan for 2016-2018 Meeting held in the Ministry of Commerce and Industries (MoCI).

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Dr. Abdul Bari Rahman, Deputy for Private Sector and Industries Development, Ministry of Commerce and Industries (MoCI).

**Goal:** Rising Afghanistan's rank from 177 to 70 among 189 economies.

**Objectives:** Providing Ease of Business Environment by promoting regulatory reforms that make it cheaper, faster and easier to do business in Afghanistan.

**Impacts:** Increasing investment opportunities, accelerating business activities, reducing the business barriers and unemployment in Afghanistan.

The one year Doing Business Indicators (DBI) plan including various suggestions of different sectors were presented by Mr. Abdul Rahim Saieedi, Director General Private Sector Development at the Ministry of Commerce and Industries to be finalized and submitted to the High Economic Council/Government for further actions. Before, ABA had shared suggestions of Afghan banking sector with MoCI to be incorporated in the mentioned plan and presented to the government for consideration.

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Event: Meeting on Finalization of Doing Business indicators MoCI

Venue: MoCI

Date: March 05, 2016

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