



**Independent Joint Anti-Corruption
Monitoring & Evaluation Committee**

NEWS RELEASE: MEC Committee Welcomes Two New Members

Kabul, Afghanistan, October 26 – MEC is pleased to announce the approval of two new Afghan Committee Members, Helena Malikyar and Javed Noorani. President Ashraf Ghani approved their nominations on October 3, 2016, following the recent resignations of Committee Members Mohammad Yasin Osmani and Zakem Shah.

Helena Malikyar has worked on Afghan state building and political development as an academic, practitioner and participant for over two decades. While her scholarly research was focused on the history of state building and modernization in Afghanistan, her work since 2001 has ranged from center-periphery relations to sub-national public sector capacity building and a number of development projects for international organizations such as the UNDP, UNAMA and USAID. In addition to her earlier works published in scholarly journals, in recent years, Ms. Malikyar has been writing analytical articles on topics related to Afghanistan's current affairs for Al-Jazeera, the Economist Intelligence Unit, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and a number of other news media websites. She is an ABD, holding a master's degree in Middle East and Islamic Studies from New York University. She has a bachelor's degree in the same field from the University of Arizona.

Javed Noorani has been one of the leading civil society activists advocating transparency and accountability on a range of issues in the Afghan mining sector. He has extensive experience in designing large-scale surveys and research assessment projects, and he has a lengthy list of published papers. Mr. Noorani currently is the lead author for the next UNDP Human Development Report. He has worked on major research assignments with different local and international consulting firms in Afghanistan, India and Pakistan in areas such as governance, security, development, conflict and natural resources. He earned a master's degree in Conflict Analysis and Peace-Building and a Diploma in Conflict Analysis and Peace-building, both from the Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Jamia Millia Islamia University in New Delhi, India. He earned his bachelor's degree from Shri Ram College of Commerce in New Delhi.

With the President's approval, Ms. Malikyar and Mr. Noorani join fellow Committee Members Dr. Yama Torabi (Chair), Dr. Shaukat Hassan, Dr. Slagjana Taseva, and Dr. Mark Pyman. MEC's governing Committee is now fully staffed with three international and three Afghan Members, and is actively working on efforts to fight corruption in Afghanistan.

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