

Biography of Mr. Wahidullah Waissi

Mr. Wahidullah Waissi is Director-General for Economic Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan. In this position he oversees regional economic cooperation and multilateral development partnerships, chairs Economic Diplomacy Committee, coordinates Regional Economic Cooperation Conference for Afghanistan and serves as Focal Point for economic Confidence Building Measures of Heart of Asia processes. He previously worked as Senior Advisor for Ministers of Foreign Affairs & Finance; and later he worked as Director and Formulation Manager for Afghanistan National Development Strategy and Afghanistan's Millennium Development Goals.



Mr. Waissi's professional work focuses on economic development since 1998. He has worked for many national and international non-governmental organizations, UN agencies, and government in Kabul and provinces. Mr. Waissi has started his first government engagement in the field of aid management and budget policy. He has been responsible for most of the development partnership activities for Afghanistan since 2003 and has been directly involved in coordination and organizing of 22 national and international conferences for Afghanistan from 2004 to 2015 in Kabul, Berlin, Paris, Tokyo, Rome, London, Bonn, and in number of neighboring countries.

Mr. Waissi currently coordinates infrastructure project negotiation phases for TAPI, CASA-1000, TAT Railway and Dry Ports. He is lead negotiator for Chabahar Transport and Transit Trilateral Agreement between Afghanistan, Iran and India, and the Lapis Lazuli Transit Trade and Transport Corridor Initiative connecting Afghanistan to Europe and Black Sea ports through Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey.

Mr. Waissi is member of Afghanistan Policy Group (APG) focusing on regional peace and stability envisioning post 2014 with other policy groups of 10 member countries. He is also member of Asia-Pacific Community of Practice (APCoP) on Managing for Development Results. Through APCoP, he was supporting for preparation of Fourth High Level Forum on New Deal Aid Effectiveness, which was held in Busan in 2011.

He is Co-founder and Chair of the Green Club, a voluntarily association on environment and green activities. Mr. Waissi is teaching economic development at the University of Afghanistan and writes on development, region, geoeconomics and socio-development issues. Mr. Waissi has studied in the United States and holds MA in Development Economics. He is married and has three children.