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## **The European Union co hosts with Afghanistan government the Brussels Conference**

**Gathering 70 countries October 5-6**

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Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, High Representative Federica Mogherini and Neven Mimica, European Commissioner for Development Cooperation, will represent the European Union. President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Abdullah Abdullah will represent Afghanistan. The conference is expected to focus on three levels:

joint international and Afghan efforts to increase the effectiveness of sustained international support and funding, on the basis of a new Afghan national development framework Afghan reform efforts, including on economic reform, rule of law, improved public finance management and anti-corruption so as to ensure the provision of the most important services and public goods regional efforts to support a political process towards peace and cross-border economic cooperation

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On 4 October, a high level event, entitled 'Empowered women, prosperous Afghanistan' will take place in the margins of the conference. This event will provide a platform for the Afghan government to outline policy progress and plans on the protection and empowerment of women. It will include two panels, one focusing on the political and human rights of Afghan women and the other on their socio-economic situation. This event is open to accredited media and will be livestreamed. Source EU

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