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Parliamentary Administration · Legislative Drafting · Public Administration · Constitutional Affairs

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Afghan government official, lawyer, and legislative specialist with more than four decades of service in Afghanistan's public institutions. Served as Secretary General of the Wolesi Jirga (House of the People) of the National Assembly at non-cabinet minister level, and drafted the Rules of Procedure and other internal rules for both houses of the National Assembly following the reopening of parliament in 2005. Later served as Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Interior and as Director of Political, Cultural and Public Affairs at the Office of the President. Currently based in France.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Political, Cultural and Public Affairs <i>Office of the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan</i>	2020–2021
Senior Advisor for Policy and Strategic Affairs <i>Ministry of Interior Affairs</i>	2015–2020
Senior Campaigner, Presidential Election Campaign of Ashraf Ghani	2014–2015
President <i>Blumberg Legal Consultancy Firm</i>	2013–2014
Senior Legal and Education Quality Advisor <i>Ministry of Education</i>	2012–2013
Secretary General (non-cabinet minister level) <i>Wolesi Jirga (House of the People), National Assembly of Afghanistan</i> Drafted the Rules of Procedure and eighteen internal rules of parliament, statutes, and codes of conduct for both houses; led efforts to institutionalize the legislature after its reopening. Served as Director of Parliamentary and Legislative Affairs during the year preceding the reopening of parliament.	2004–2010
Country Legal Adviser <i>Coordinating Council for International Universities (CCIU), USA — American University of Afghanistan</i>	2003–2004
Legal Advisor <i>International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)</i>	1999–2003
Chief of Staff to the Deputy Minister of Interior <i>Ministry of Interior Affairs</i>	1993–1995
Legal and administrative posts <i>Personnel and Cadre General Department, Ministry of Interior Affairs</i>	1978–1993

EDUCATION

BA in Law and Political Science (Quantitative Political Analysis)
Idaho, United States

Secondary education

Zahir Shahi High School, Kandahar, Afghanistan

LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING

Drafter of numerous legal instruments including laws, bylaws, regulations, the Rules of Procedure and eighteen internal rules of parliament, statutes, codes of conduct, and proposed amendments to the Constitution of Afghanistan.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES AND TRAINING

Constitutional Law — École nationale d'administration (ENA), Paris

Legislative Drafting; Conflict Resolution — Tulane Law School, New Orleans

International Humanitarian Law and the Law of War — International Committee of the Red Cross, Colombo

Parliamentary Administration — State University of New York; Parliamentary Workshop — UNDP and French parliamentary experts

Research Capacity and Parliamentary Administration — Congressional Research Service, Washington, DC

Budgeting, Audit, and Parliamentary Oversight — World Bank Institute, Washington, DC

Political systems and constitutional order: France (Paris), Italy (Camera dei Deputati, Rome), Germany (Bundestag, Berlin), Japan (National Diet, Tokyo), India (New Delhi)

National Budget and Good Governance — International Development Law Organization (IDLO), Afghanistan, Jordan, Yemen

National Audit System, Berlin; Strategic Planning, New Delhi; Law-Making Procedure, New Delhi

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Author of dozens of articles on law, politics, geopolitics and strategy, history, and the environment in newspapers and magazines inside and outside Afghanistan, alongside speeches and television and radio round-table debates. Recent article: "Doctrine of the 21st Century Wars," 8am Daily.

Political Order and National Institutions for the Future Constitution of Afghanistan.

Sand Palace — memoirs (unpublished).

MEMBERSHIPS

Institute of Legal Studies of Afghanistan (ILSAF), Berlin · Bar Association of Afghanistan · Lawyers Association of Afghanistan

Past: Board of Trustees, American University of Afghanistan (2005–2009) · South Asia Foundation, New Delhi (2008–2012) · Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (2006–2012) · Constitutionals Network of Afghanistan, Max Planck Institute · Peace Jirga · East West Institute (EWI), Brussels · Afghanistan Constitutional Studies Institute (ACSI), Max Planck Foundation · UN Women Group, Kabul

HONORS

National medals, honorary medals, and letters of merit from Presidents of the Republic and the Speaker of the House.

LANGUAGES

Pashto (native) · Dari (native) · English (fluent)