



AFGHANISTAN: STATUS OF AFPRO

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AFGHAN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION COMMITTEE (AFPRO)

- Objectives of AFPRO

Encourage modernizing trade, transit and transport to international best practice and technology levels in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

- Goals of AFPRO

- Providing a national forum for stakeholders in the international trade
- Proposing draft transport, transit and trade related rules and practices
- Capacity building and increasing awareness



AFPRO VS NJC

- AFRO and NJC mandate are both the same

NJC: to promote transport development and integrated trade facilitation

AFPRO: to recommend policies, procedures, and investments that will modernize trade, transit, and transport to meet international best practice. AFPRO has four main functions and working groups:

1. trade facilitation,
 2. transport facilitation,
 3. training/capacity building, and
 4. public-private partnership and investment projects.
- The AFPRO secretariat was established in 2008



AFPRO KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Presidential Decree
- Having bylaws
- Organizational Structure in place
- Held several meetings
- Provided capacity building trainings
- Proposed projects for increasing trade facilitation



AFPRO FUNDING AND REACTIVATION

- UNCTAD was the funding donor of the AFPRO, but its support ended in 2009
 - AFPRO has been deactivated since then
- Proposal to CAREC and ADB
- Reactivation of the AFPRO need support:
 - Technical
 - Financial



Thank You for Attention!

