



Interactive Discussion on APAPPS Trade Working Group Mechanism and Role of PAJCCI

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PAJCCI's Manifesto

- Segregate Economic Aspirations from Political and Security Imperatives.
- Progressive, Productive, Pragmatic and Peaceful Pakistan and Afghanistan is the only answer to both regional and international prosperity and harmony. This is in the larger interest of the WORLD at large!
- Interact with all relevant stakeholders across the border to help attain PAJCCI's manifesto.

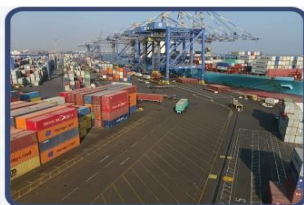


Transit Trade

Transit Trade of Afghanistan through Pakistan (Values in US million \$)

Fiscal Year	Commercial	Non Commercial *	Total
FY 2010-11			3,128.01
FY 2011-12			1,702.27
FY 2012-13	1,327.4	139.06	1,466.46
FY 2013-14	2,022.42	161.73	2,184.15
FY 2014-15	2,918.1	134.86	3,052.96
FY 2015-16	3,224.73	235.31	3,460.04
FY 2016-17	2,752.89	127.08	2,879.97
FY 2017-18			2,685

Source: Ministry of Commerce



Bilateral Trade

Bilateral Trade of Pakistan with Afghanistan (US Million \$)

Source: MoC, Pakistan

Fiscal Year	Exports to Afg.	Imports from Afg.	Total	Balance (+)
2009-10	1571.5	139.3	1710.8	1433
2010-11	2336.7	172.0	2508.7	2164.7
2011-12	2249.6	199.4	2449.0	2050.2
2012-13	2066.0	287.8	2353.8	1778.2
2013-14	1870.5	359.6	2030.1	1510.4
2014-15	1961.4	322.6	2284.0	1638.8
2015-16	1437.3	409.9	1847.2	1027.4
2016-17	1299.93	337.2	1637.14	962.73
2017-18	1301.54	450.05	1751.59	851.49



Afghanistan-Pakistan Action Plan for Peace and Solidarity (APAPPS)



- The inaugural session of APAPPS was held in Kabul in last week of July 2018, led by Foreign Secretary, Tehmina Janjua and Deputy Foreign Minister, Hekmat Khalil Karzai.
- It is a bilateral framework aimed at improving cooperation and coordination between the two neighbors and reducing hostility by employing working groups on both sides.



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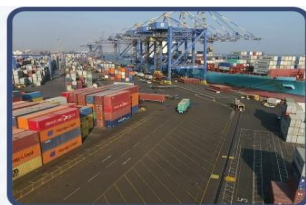


- APAPPS is comprised of five Working Groups on Politico-diplomatic, Military, Intelligence, Economic & Trade and Refugees issues.
- PAJCCI being part of Economic segment presented its position and manifesto with reference to bi-lateral economic affairs at hand.



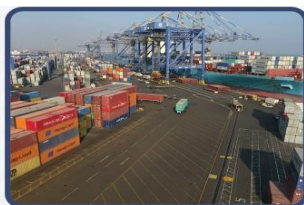
ToRs of the Economic Working Group

- To work out ways and means to ensure full and un hindered implementation of bilateral agreements on trade, transit and economic cooperation including JEC and APTTA in accordance with the bilateral and international commitments of the two brotherly countries
- To explore joint/ bilateral investment opportunities in connectivity through communication , railways and road, hydropower development, minerals and energy resources, natural resources and water reservation



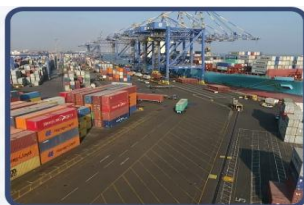
ToRs of the Economic Working Group

- To facilitate bilateral trade and investment in the private sector
- To enhance cooperation on capacity building in mutual areas of interest
- To initiate discussions on the development of automated processes and e- connectivity between the two countries in mutual areas of interest
- To serve as a platform of communication between the relevant entities of both countries in the areas of mutual cooperation
- To formulate expected action plan on the above mentioned areas



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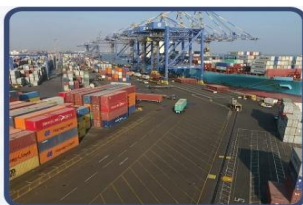
No	Subject /Activity	Relevant Department	Proposed Action	Timeline
1	Holding 7 th APTTCA Meeting	Ministry of Commerce Pakistan and Ministry of industry and commerce of Afghanistan	Afghan Government should finalize a date for APTTCA Meeting	One Month
2	Construction of Chaman- Kandahar railway	Pakistan Government (Ministry of Railway) and Railway authority of Afghanistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commencement the construction of Chaman – Spin Boldak (11.5 km) Funding the detailed design and construction of the project (95 Km) 	October 2018



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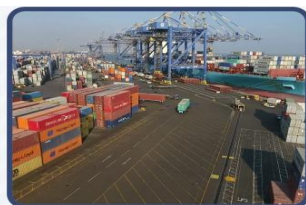


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3	Construction of Jalal Abad- Peshawar railway to connect Afghanistan to other ports including Waga	Ministry of Railway Pakistan and Railway authority of Afghanistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalizing the feasibility study of Peshawar- Jalal Abad Funding the detailed design and construction of the project (75Km) Afghan Government expect feedback from Pakistan 	January 2019
4	Feasibility Study of Lashkargah- Baramcha- Dalbandi- Gowadar	Ministry of Railway Pakistan and Railway authority of Afghanistan	Both side agrees to start the feasibility study of the project	January 2019



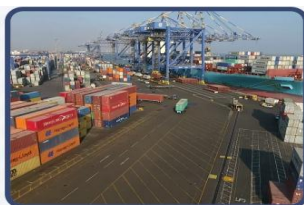
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5	Energy coordination agreement (Energy transit and capacity building)	Ministry of Energy and Water and DABS – Afghanistan And Ministry of Water and power of Pakistan	MoU to be drafted and signed	December 2018
6	TAP- 500 Energy project	Ministry of Energy and Water and DABS – Afghanistan And Ministry of Water and power of Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trilateral agreement to be signed between Pakistan-Afghanistan and Turkmenistan • The amount of electricity to be agreed • Tariff for energy transit to be agreed 	December 2018



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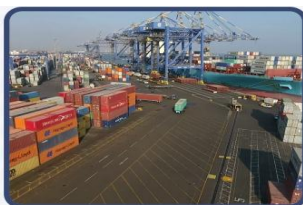
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7	Selling Power to Pakistan (Torkham, Khost and Kandahar)	DABS- Afghanistan and Ministry of water and Power of Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bilateral agreement to be signed between Pakistan-Afghanistan and Turkmenistan The amount of electricity to be agreed Tariff for energy transit to be agreed 	February 2019
8	Joint agreement on Kunar Hydropower Dam	Ministry of Energy and Water – Afghanistan and Ministry of water and Power of Pakistan	Joint investment plan to be developed	February 2019



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9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the Establishment of Afghanistan railway institute Capacity building for the Afghan railway officials in Pakistan 	Ministry of Railway Pakistan	Facilitate the process of capacity building by Lahore training center	November 2018
10	Smooth issuance of business visa on both sides	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Both countries	Facilitation of visa issuance processes	January 2019



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11	Joint cooperation in health services	Private and public health sector of both countries	Drafting an MoU between the health Ministries of both countries	January 2019
12	Ensuring business E-connectivity	Ministry of Commerce and Joint chamber of both countries	Exchange of Information and discussing scope of cooperation	January 2019



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