

TRADE FOR PEACE WEEK

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MOHAMMAD QURBAN HAQJO

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the WTO

Chairman of the Committee on Trade and Development

Chairman of the g7+ WTO Accessions Group

Chairman of the Working Group on the Accession of South Sudan



Mohammad Qurban HAQJO was appointed as the first Afghanistan's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization in April 2017 after Afghanistan became member of the organization on July 29th 2016. In his capacity as Chairman of the g7+ WTO Accessions Group, co-funded by the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Ambassador Haqjo, in collaboration with the WTO Accessions Division, is actively promoting the topic of trade for peace within WTO.

Mr. Haqjo was Deputy Minister of Commerce in 2016 and 2017. Prior to his position as Deputy Minister, Mr. Haqjo was the President and CEO of the Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA) where he undertook a number of reform initiatives and led the agency to become the best investment promotion agency in Central Asia and Caucasus region. In addition, he worked for almost 7 years as the President and CEO of the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries. Mr. Haqjo has also been a member of the High Economic Council and the Economic Committee of the Cabinet, the board of Directors of the Afghanistan Red Crescent Society and the Micro Finance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan (MISFA). Mr. Haqjo also participated in a number of international trainings on economic development and has around 20 years of professional experience in the public and private sectors. Mr. Haqjo holds a Master in International Relations from the Geneva School of Diplomacy, a MBA from the University of Northwest and a BA in Law and Political Sciences from Balkh University.
