



Afghanistan International Marble Conference II

Afghanistan's Resource Advantage

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Monday, April 12, 2010 – Arrivals	
3:00 – 6:00	Arrivals & Welcoming Reception, Opening of Expo

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 – Plenary Day		
7:30 – 8:30	Networking – Registration	
8:30	Prayer and Conference Opening	
8:35	Conference MC	Introductory Remarks
8:45	Governor of Herat	Welcoming Remarks
8:55	Minister of Mines	Keynote – The Resource Advantage as Investment Opportunity
9:20	Minister of Finance	Afghanistan's Financial and Business Landscape
9:30	Minister of Commerce	Trade and Export Facilitation
9:40	Ambassador of the United States	Afghanistan as Business Partner
9:55	Marble Industry Association Chair	New Policy Challenges
10:15	ACCI CEO	Partnerships and Alliances
10:35 -10:55	TEA BREAK	
11:00	Ambassador Of Italy	New Initiatives for the Sector
11:15	AISA Chair	Investor Support
11:25	EPPA CEO	Export Promotion

11:35	AGS	Afghanistan's Marble Resource Base
11:55	Ministry of Mines	The New Mining Legal and Regulatory Framework
12:30 – 1:30	LUNCH	
1:30 – 2:30	Panel Discussion – Q&A Quality & Standards, Product Testing and Certification, Environmental Compliance, Marketing Opportunities: Internal, Regional & International Markets	
3:30	Plenary Wrap-up	

Wednesday, April 14, 2010 – Expo & Site Visit Day

Expo: Quarry Samples, Processed Samples, Marble Carving Display

Policy Workshops:

**Infrastructure Development, Advocacy & the Regulatory Framework, Investor Support
AISA, Insurance, Coordination of International Development Strategies**

Site Visit: New Processing Facility, Opening Ceremony

Site Visit: Chest-e-Sharif Quarry

Technical Workshops:

**Introduction of Advanced Quarrying Techniques, Environmental Compliance &
Management, Brand Management & Strategic Marketing**

Thursday, April 15, 2010 – Investor Matchmaking & Technical Day

Expo: Quarry Samples, Processed Samples, Marble Carving Display

Matchmaking Meetings

Presentation of Services by Financial Institutions

Friday, April 16, 2010 – Herat Tourism Day & Departures

Visits to Citadel, Blue Mosque and Old City