



The National Advocacy Network for Peace-FEFA Finalized its Proposal for Peace!

FEFA hosted the sixth meetings of the National Advocacy Network for Peace to finalize the networks proposal on peace. The proposal focused on peace strategy, peace process's stages, capacity building in the High Council for National Reconciliation and State Ministry for Peace, supportive role of the international community in Afghan peace process, Afghan government and Taliban's agreement on a facilitator for peace talks and peace talk's mechanisms.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Mohammad Omid Noorzai, FEFA's election and peace programs officer explained the meeting agenda and the draft proposal. He stated that FEFA's Election and Peace Department has developed the initial draft proposal and likes to share it with the meeting participants to gain their inputs and finalize it. Mr. Noorzai added that once the proposal is finalized a meeting will be organized with Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, chair of the High Council for National Reconciliation and State Minister for Peace to share the proposal with them and lobby for the proposal. Subsequently, he presented articles of the proposal.

The first part of proposal focused on short-term, mid-term and long-term strategy. It included the priorities and actions needed to be considered in short-term, mid-term and long term peace strategy. Given the proposal, the Afghan government must work for national, regional and international consensus based on a short-term strategy, gain inputs from all layers of the society on peace process, and define the peace priorities. However, in the mid-term strategy it must focus its attention on success of the Afghan negotiation team on the negotiation table and technically support the negotiation team. The long-term strategy must focus on a stable long lasting peace, preventing the factors which lead to fragile peace and creating work opportunities for the Taliban who joined the peace process.



The second part of the proposal focused on peacemaking, peace building and peace keeping processes. Given the proposal, the Afghan government must for an academic-technical team to develop plans and programs for all mentioned 3 stages. The meeting participants fully supported this recommendation and stated that the High Council for National Reconciliation must focus on academic-technical aspects of the process besides political aspects as well.

Third part of the meeting agenda was about the role of international community in supporting the Afghan peace process. The meeting participants stated that the international community hasn't played an effective role in supporting Afghan peace process but they should play effective role in the process to help bring peace to Afghanistan. The meeting participants also talked about the need for a facilitator for the peace talks between the Afghan delegation and the Taliban's delegation.

Finally, given the inputs received from the meeting participants the proposal was finalized and Mr. Noorzai stated that the next step is organizing a meeting with the High Council for National Reconciliation and State Ministry for Peace to submit the proposal to them.

