


Mr. Ahmad Shaheer Shahriar

Board member, and Deputy minister, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD). Mr. Shahriar has extensive working experience at different capacities with the Government of Afghanistan, including as the Director of Mines, for the Ministry of Mines; CEO of the Afghanistan Land Authority (Arazi); Director General of Private Sector Development, Ministry of Commerce and Industries; Director of Strategic Communication, MRRD and Project Manager in the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation. In addition, Mr. Shahriar has worked for a number of international donors, including the World Bank and USAID.


Mr. Mohammad Khalid Payenda

Mr. Khalid Payenda, MISFA's board member also serves as the Deputy Minister for Finance at Ministry of Finance (MoF) and secretary of High Economic Council (HEC), the highest decision-making body on economic and development issues chaired by the President. He joined the MoF as Senior Advisor to the Minister in 2010. He was appointed as Director General for Macro-Fiscal Performance in 2015. Prior to MoF, Mr. Khalid Payenda has worked for World Bank and MRRD. Mr. Khalid Payenda is a Fulbright scholar holding a Masters degree in Policy and Development Economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is the co-founder of the Kardan Institute too.


Mr. Mohammad Qurban Haqjo

Board Member and Deputy Minister, Ministry of Commerce and Industries (MoCI). Mr. Haqjo has also worked as CEO of Afghanistan's Chamber of Commerce and legal advisor to different projects funded by the European Union in Afghanistan, as well as with the Embassy of Italy in Kabul. He has a degree in Political Science from Balkh University and completed a degree in International Business Relations in Germany.


Ms. Nicola Armacost

Board Member, and Managing Director of Arc Finance, formed in the spring of 2008 to link the fields of finance, energy, water and sanitation. Ms. Armacost has the following degrees from institutions in Canada: a Bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of Toronto, an LLB from Queen's University, and an LLM from Osgoode Hall Law School.


Ms. Kathryn Imboden

Kathryn Imboden is a Policy Advisor for bilateral and multilateral development agencies, including CGAP. She chairs the Board of FIDES Microfinance Senegal, and serves on the boards of Azure Partners, and the Womanity Foundation. Ms. Imboden has a B.A. on Economics from Mount Holyoke College, U.S.A. and a diploma from the Institute of Political Studies in Paris, France.

**Ms. Joyce Lehman**

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Board Member and Director of Youth Empowerment and Promotion organization (YEP). Ms. Wagma has more than a decade of working experience with several international and national organizations. She is pursuing her graduate studies in Gender and Women Studies.
