# German Cooperation with Afghanistan

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### Transparency International – For Good Governance in Afghanistan

**Kabul, 23rd August 2016** – Yesterday, the international non-governmental organisation (NGO) Transparency International officially launched its three years programme for fight corruption in Afghanistan. The Afghan-German Cooperation is supporting Transparency International's commitment to Afghanistan, funding the establishment of the international programme. International professionals are currently recruiting national colleagues for the new office in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Under the heading "Forging Accountable Governance Afghanistan", the kick-off conference covered an introductory panel discussion as well as an interactive session. The event was attended by representatives from the Afghan government as well as national and international experts. Together, experts had the opportunity to discuss and further differentiate Transparency International's approach to hold Afghanistan`s National Unity government accountable.

The German government supports this initiative due to Transparency International's extensive experience in countering corruption internationally. In general, NGOs such as Transparency International give victims or witnesses of corruption a voice to raise concerns and to bring up abusive situations. Transparency International will closely monitor the National Unity Government. Thanks to targeted networking, public declarations and publishing, the NGO will contribute to ensuring the realisation of the government's commitment facing corruption in Afghanistan. Thus, these organisations help promoting civil society activities and public discussions. Achievements, misuse and any governmental action become transparent to the Afghan public and therefore an object to scrutiny.

Transparency International – the global coalition against corruption, was founded in 1993 as a non-governmental organisation (NGO), committed to fighting corruption internationally. This NGO works together with civil society organisations, governments, businesses and citizens in more than 100 countries. Its ambition: prevent the abuse of power, bribery and secret deals.

*On behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Afghan-German cooperation has been working together with the Afghan government to promote rule of law in Afghanistan. Since 2003, the project has been supporting the Ministry of Justice of Afghanistan in its efforts to ensure access to justice for all citizens. This is done through supporting better access to justice as well as improving the professional capacity of justice sector staff. At the same time, legal awareness of citizens is strengthened.*

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