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## Success in Afghanistan through Transparency and Fiscal Responsibility

**AAED Conference:** Base divestiture moves forward in a big way this month when the government of Afghanistan, in partnership with the American Chamber of Commerce in Afghanistan, the U. S. Department of Commerce and CSTC-A, host a conference in Dubai that highlights opportunities for the private sector to acquire key military airbase properties and assets including Kandahar, Herat and Mazar-e Sharif. The one-day program will provide an opportunity for key businesses to learn more about the vast opportunities available through this historical transition. Afghan Airfield Economic Development (AAED) not only means **financial savings** for the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF), it promotes **economic development** and is an essential component of national security.



**Powering ANDSF:** At a press conference this month, NATO allies and partners announced the commitment of \$200 million to the Afghanistan Infrastructure Trust Fund, enabling the ANDSF to **transition from expensive, unreliable** diesel-generated fuel to the **more cost-effective** grid, while expanding power capacity. The transition promotes **regulated systems** and **transparency** by **alleviating reliance** on fuel and stimulates **financial development** and **stability** in Afghanistan.

“While the ability to upgrade the ANDSF to a power grid is an **economic success**, it also significantly bolsters the nation’s security,” said Maj. Gen. Todd Semonite, commanding general, CSTC-A. “The transition to the grid will **slash sustainment costs**, allowing Afghan Security Institutions to focus where they should—on security.”



**Rule of Law Mobile Training Teams:** To further address Rule of Law training and performance deficiencies in the Afghan National Army (ANA), Essential Function Three (EF3) has coordinated a Mobile Training Team (MTT) through the ANA Legal School. The MTTs will travel the country and target senior leaders and Corps Rule of Law trainers to promote and teach a **transparent** Rule of Law process.

Following the program’s first training, ANA Legal School Rule of Law instructors conducted an After Action Report with EF3 Director Brig. Gen. Mitchell Chitwood and his staff, reviewing the initial session and discussing how to continue improving upon the new initiative.



**Want to discuss any of these issues further?** Contact CSTC-A Public Affairs Officer LTJG Charity Edgar at [charity.a.edgar@afghan.swa.army.mil](mailto:charity.a.edgar@afghan.swa.army.mil) to set up an interview with a subject matter expert.