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Cordially invites you to

**AFGHANISTAN:
STRATEGIES FOR THE FUTURE**

Thursday, March 30, 2006

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

4th floor conference room

1800 K Street, NW

A roundtable with remarks by

J ALEXANDER THIER

U.S. Institute of Peace

DIPALI MUKHOPADHYAY

Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

GABRIEL DVOSKIN

Sayara Media and Communication

Moderated by

FREDERICK BARTON

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During the recent London Conference, the international community renewed its commitment to Afghanistan. At the Conference, the government of Afghanistan presented the Afghan National Development Strategy (ANDS), which sets forth the government's priorities for accelerating development, increasing security, tackling the drug trade, and strengthening governance. The ANDS was agreed to by the conference participants and will provide the framework for the efforts of the international community in Afghanistan for the next five years. Despite four years of international engagement, the state of progress in Afghanistan remains tenuous.

Our panelists will discuss both progress and setbacks in the joint efforts of the Afghan government and the international community to reconstruct the country, drawing on their extensive in-country experience and expertise. They will identify the greatest gaps in the reconstruction efforts, and evaluate whether ANDS is a sufficient framework for addressing the most pressing challenges in Afghanistan's reconstruction.

J Alexander Thier is a Senior Rule of Law advisor in the Rule of Law Program at the USIP. Previously, he was the director of the Project on Failed States at Stanford University's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law. He has spent over 6 years in Afghanistan. From 2003 to 2004, Thier was legal advisor to Afghanistan's Constitutional and Judicial Reform Commissions in Kabul, where he assisted in the development of a new constitution and judicial system. He has also worked with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance in Afghanistan, the International Crisis Group and the British Department for International Development.

Dipali Mukhopadhyay is a Doctoral student at the Fletcher School for Law and Diplomacy. Her dissertation is focusing on post-conflict state-building processes and how 'warlords' interact with process of rebuilding the state. She has also worked with the Democracy and Rule of Law Project at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Office of the Secretary of Defense and with the Aga Khan Development Network in Afghanistan.

Gabriel Dvoskin is currently a Fellow at the University of California at Berkeley and lives between Kabul and San Francisco. Gabriel has worked in Afghanistan since 2002, where he has worked with a number of governmental ministries. In 2002, Gabriel set up a national journalism program for the Afghan Ministry of Higher Education. He has also established campus radio stations at seven universities across the country. As one of Sayara's directors, he has set up various programs in twelve provinces of Afghanistan.

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