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### **The Third CDC National Consultation Conference**

**October 21, 2010:** The Third CDC National Consultation Conference commenced on October 19, 2010. On the first two days of the gathering, the CDCs representatives held considerable discussions in an attempt to share the experiences and lessons they had learned during project implementations in their communities.

Meanwhile, on the second day of the conference, the CDC representatives from all 34 provinces of Afghanistan had an opportunity to meet H.E Hamid Karzai, the president of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in the Presidential Palace.

In addition to speeches delivered by other participants, H.E Ustad Muhammad Karim Khalili, the second vice president, H.E Jarullah Mansoori, the MRRD minister, H.E Hazrat Omar Zakhilwal, the minister of the Ministry of Finance, H.E Husan Bano Ghazanfar, the acting minister of the MoWA and Dr. Ashraf Ghani, the former minister of the Ministry of Finance have taken turns making tremendous speeches in relation to the importance of the CDCs and women's participation in decision-making process.

At the end of the conference, the CDCs representatives prepared and endorsed a resolution comprising a number of stipulations which was read publicly to the participants. The resolution proposes that the Afghan National Assembly approve the CDC by-law. Moreover, the resolution focuses on the practical implementation of the endorsements and sanctions made in the Second CDC Conference, held on November 15, 2007.

The Conducting of the Third CDC National Consultation Conference was an effective and determined effort to share experiences, enhance capacities as well as ensure closer coordination between ministries and the MRRD development programs in particular.

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