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INTRODUCTION

Institute of Business Studies (IBS) initiated Afghan Girls Debating Program, a non-profit volunteer social program, which aims to empower female debaters in Afghanistan, enhance their skills, increase the number of female debaters in debate programs and provide a safe platform for young women to engage, analyze, and speak confidently about the most urgent issues Afghan women face. The objective is to recruit new female debaters, conduct specialized debate trainings, and enhance their personal and professional skills. The debaters are equipped with debating skills (Parliamentary Debating Formats) that includes: Critical Thinking, Rational Reasoning, Public Speaking, Strategic Research, Time Management and Teamwork that will enable them to compete at intervarsity debate tournaments that will be organized nationally and internationally.



SURAYA YOSUFI
Program Manager

CRITERIA

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FEMALE
APPLICANTS

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MUST BE A
UNIVERSITY OR
HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT

03

MUST HAVE
AT LEAST AN
INTERMEDIATE
LEVEL OF ENGLISH
LANGUAGE



Number of Orientation Sessions

0 1

Kateb University
50 Participants-12th January 2017

0 2

TOEFL House
35 Participants-14th March 2017

0 3

**Lincoln Learning Center,
Kabul University**
45 Participants-27th March 2017

0 4

Kabul Female Dormitory
55 Participants-25th April 2017

0 5

Marefat High School
150 Participants-26th August 2017

Main Sessions

0 1

**Afghan Girls Debating Program
Round One**
15 Participants-January 7, 2017

0 2

**Afghan Girls Debating Program
Round Two**
13 Participants-April 7, 2017

0 3

**Kabul University Female Dormitory
Debate Project**
25 Participants-August 16, 2017

0 4

**Marefat High School
Debating Project**
30 Participants-August 26, 2017



Young Women's Debate

Canadian Embassy sponsored the first ever female tournament in Afghanistan "Young Women's Debate", an initiative of Afghan Girls Debating Program. The tournament was held at the Canadian Embassy on 29th March 2017 where 20 teams, making 40 female university and high school graduates, competed. A total of 12 Afghan expert debaters and officials from the Embassy of Canada, possessing debate experience, adjudicated the three primary rounds. The final round was adjudicated by the chief guests, Ambassador of Canada to Afghanistan, Francois Rivest, Senior Advisor to the Afghan President on UN Affairs, Farkhonda Zahra Naderi, and Media and Public Relations Advisor to the Afghan First Lady, Rola Ghani, Zohra Yosuf were our honorary guests at the event. The debaters debated on Human Rights issues covering, women rights, refugee crises, child labor, media, and national security. Young Women's Debate empowered and enabled female debaters not only to enhance their debating skills, make new friends but also to participate at the first ever Female Debate Tournament. The day was ended with chief guests' insights' on the event followed by the recognition of the champions, Shahrzad Koofi Ahmadi and Fakhria Rasikh, graduates of Afghan Turk High School.



**FRANCOIS
RIVEST**
Deputy
Ambassador of
Canada

Tournament Sponsor Message

The Embassy of Canada was very pleased to host the Young Women's Debate on 29 March 2017. This event, which was expertly run, allowed the participants to discuss some of the most pressing issues facing Afghanistan, and Afghan women, today. The format was also tailored to ensure that the participants would be able to develop their communication skills in a supportive environment.

As the next generation of young Afghan women, who is afforded the opportunity to complete their schooling, it is now critical that these future leaders and drivers of change are given the necessary support to realize their full potential. Communication and debating skills play an important role in this regard. The Embassy of Canada salutes the work done by the Afghan Girls Debating Project, and we look forward to further opportunities to support their work in future.



Tournament Chief Guests:

- Francois Rivest (Canada's Deputy Ambassador)
- Farkhunda Zahra Naderi
(Senior Advisor to the Afghan President on UN Affairs)
- Zohra Yousuf
(Media and Public Relations Advisor to the Afghan First Lady, Rola Ghani)

Tournament Judges:

- Nigara Shaheen
- Dawood Safi
- Mubaraz Khan Zadran
- Mostafa Safi
- Bahman Shahi
- Ali Juma Taqavi
- Ramiz Bakhteyar



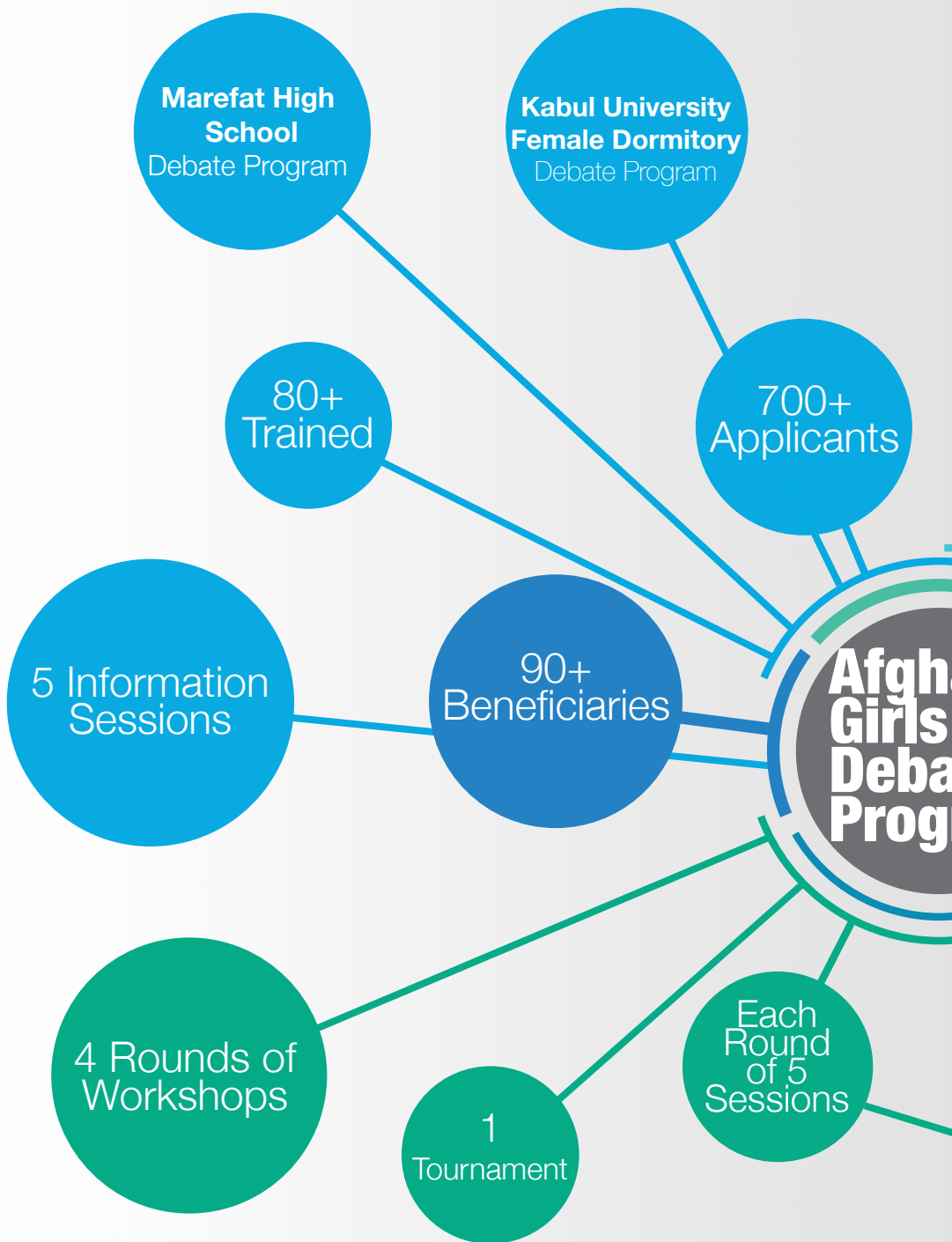
Tournament Motions

Round 1
TH would migrate from Afghanistan.

Round 2
TH would no longer force students to wear a specific uniform for schools.

Round 3
TH would restrict media to empower national security.

Final Round
THBT Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified.



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Expert
Volunteer
Judge

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Volunteers

Chief Guest

Francois Rivest
Farkhunda Zahra Nadery
Zohra Yousuf

29th March,
2017
Venue: Canadian
Embassy,
Kabul

Young Women's
Debate
First Ever Female
Debate Tourmant in
Afghanistan
Sponsored by Canadian
Embassy
Collaborated by Institute
of Business Studies

20
Teams

Each
Session
of 3
Hours

40
Debaters





N-Peace Award

Peace Generation



On Jan 8, 2018, Suraya Yosufi was awarded, the N-Peace Award (Peace Generation-Female) for her work towards inclusive peace-building in her community. Afghan Girls Debating Program initiator, Suraya Yosufi competed with 80 nominees for the votes of over 8,500 people from across 87 countries to win the award.

N-Peace is a multi-country peace network, active in Nepal, Pakistan, Myanmar, Indonesia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan. It promotes the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325, and the broader women peace and security agenda through women's leadership for conflict prevention, resolution and peace building.

2017



This year's "Peace Generation-Female" award recognized Afghan Girls Debating Program of Suraya Yosufi across all N-Peace countries. Her work demonstrated how volunteerism can be a powerful means of promoting social cohesion and reconciliation through engaging the young Afghan women in social dialogues and debates.

Suraya Yosufi is helping to increase women's representation in debating tournaments by providing specialized training in critical thinking, rational reasoning and teamwork, and by providing a platform for Afghan women to speak their minds freely.



COLLOQUIUM ON ACCOUNTING

APRIL 6, 2017 KABUL



IBS



Institute of Business Studies

IBS is a Business Academy which provides different Educational Certifications and Courses based on practical approaches. These courses and certificates include, Association of Certified Chartered Accounting (ACCA), Foundation in Accounting (FIA) and Activity-based English Learning (ABEL). IBS has also been majorly involved in providing free workshops and seminars for people in topics such as stress management, leadership, motivation, soft skills, Photography etc.

IBS has vast experience in the event management. We have history of providing event management services such as convocation events, Alumni gathering, Pamir International Model United Nations Conference and National Youth symposium.

We are proud initiators of activities such as Young Leaf, Afghan Girls Debating Program, Colloquium on Accounting and Corporate Leaders Conference. Each project has significance of their own where the scope of activities varied from management, finance, social innovation, social change, peace building, debating, and negotiation to role modeling.



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