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Conference 2016**
The 2015 wave of Afghan
Refugees and the Crisis in the
European Asylum System

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Introduction:

The Federation of Afghan Refugee Organizations in Europe (FAROE) is planning to hold its 2016 annual conference on September 17, 2016 in Gothenburg, Sweden. The focus of this year's conference will be the 2015 wave of Afghan refugees and crisis in the European asylum system. FAROE cares about the refugee situation taking shape in Europe because 35% of the refugees coming to Sweden have been Afghans. As a federation of Afghan organizations, FAROE is concerned about the way Afghan refugees have been received and their asylum cases have been handled. As a European entity, FAROE is alarmed by the problems emanating from the current crisis in the European asylum system. Thus, The conference will discuss and analyze the issue of Afghan refugees and explore opportunities for a way out of current crisis in the European asylum system.

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TO
FAROE Annual
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**Världskulturmuseet
Göteborg Sweden**



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Conference Goal:

To contribute towards a fair, systematic and humanitarian resolution of the refugee crisis in Europe by offering a platform for improved understanding of the situation of Afghan refugee and the challenges faced by the European asylum system.

Conference Objectives:

- 1) To build clarity on the conditions, role, rights and problems of Afghan refugees,
- 2) Building clarity on the key drivers of migration in Afghanistan and the incentives and deterrents involved,
- 3) To review the existing capacity and response of the European Asylum System with the aim to identify opportunities for improvement,
- 4) To counter prevalent negative perception of Afghan refugees, and
- 5) To build consensus on the most effective and constructive mobilization and utilization of resources of the Afghan diaspora towards a solution.

Conference Speakers

- * Mr. Aziz Rafiee , Director Afghan Civil Society Forum (ACSF)
- * Mr. Kristian Berg Harpviken, Director PRIO-Norway
- * Mr. Hans Linde, Member of the Swedish Parliament,
- * Mr. Daud Ali Najafi, Chairperson of Afghanistan Organization for Human Rights and Peace (AOHRP)
- * Dr. Suraya Subhrang, Commissioner, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission
- * Mrs. Lotta Hedström, Former Parliamentarian and party leader/spokesperson for the Swedish Green party and Chairperson of Swedish Committee for Afghanistan.
- * Professor Thordy, Chairman of the Solidarity - National Front Alliance (Denmark)
- * Mr.Dr. Bengt Kristiansson, Vice Chairman of the Swedish Committee for Afghanistan (SCA)
- * Professor Elisabeth Eide, Vice President at Norwegian Pen, professor at Oslo And Akershus University College of Applied Sciences (NORWAY)
- * Ms. Dr. Orzala Nemat , Expert in political ethnography, Senior Teaching Fellow at SOAS London (UK)
- * Ms. Madeleine Seidlitz
- * or another representative, Amnesty International in Sweden (TBC)

About FAROE

Established in 1999, FAROE is the coordinating body of 53 social- cultural associations of Afghan refugees in Europe.

In addition to defense of the collective rights of Afghan asylum seekers and promoting their participation in economic and social life in Europe, human rights and good governance in Afghanistan are among the basic objectives of FAROE. In order to contribute in achieving these objectives, FAROE initiates various activities. Holding conferences, seminars and workshops on the issues of significance in the lives of the people of Afghanistan and Afghan diaspora in Europe, is an important part of the activities of FAROE. These events give Afghan diaspora and policy makers of the host European countries the opportunity to discuss together a disputed policy or bill.

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