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- 💧 Ministry of Urban Development and Housing
- 💧 Ministry of Energy and Water,
- 💧 Ministry of Mines and Industries

and will be organized by German governmental and development agencies

- 💧 BGR
- 💧 GTZ/RODECO
- 💧 KfW
- 💧 DED



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## Traveling and Accommodation

Daily transport to and from the conference venue within the Kabul city boundaries will be provided by bus service throughout the conference.

For a limited number of invited Afghan participants from outside Kabul traveling expenses could be reimbursed only upon prior request.

All international conference participants are kindly asked to arrange their traveling and accommodation. However, the organizing committee will be glad to facilitate hotel reservations at the Kabul Inter Continental.

Conference language will be English and Dari. Translation will be available.

No fees will be charged.

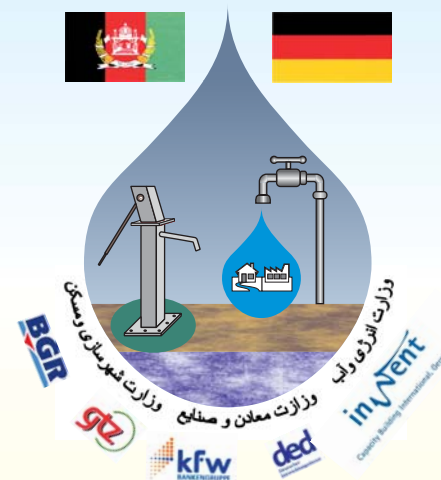
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## KABUL WATER CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP

02 - 03 August, 2005

Hotel Inter-Continental Kabul, Afghanistan  
Second Call and Conference Program



Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe (BGR)

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)

Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)

Deutscher Entwicklungsdienst (DED)

Internationale Weiterbildung und Entwicklung (InWent)



## About the Conference

A growing population and growing economy are creating a competition on the scarce water resources of Afghanistan. For example, today's drinking water supply in Kabul is only based on ground water. However, due to increasing water consumption and inadequate waste water disposal, over-exploitation and pollution of local aquifers are already affecting the quality and quantity of the groundwater in the Kabul basin, as comprehensive hydrogeological surveys carried out in 2003/04 indicate. Further more, a lack of specific national policies and strategies hindering proper response to the growing needs of the Afghan communities.

Formulation of policies and strategies for improvements in the management and protection of the water resources in general and for the Kabul basin in particular, as well as improving water services through an independent, autonomous water service provider with a sound water supply infrastructure are therefore of vital interest to ensure the future supply with hygienically sound drinking water, especially to the inhabitants of Kabul.

The conference will focus on results from the Afghan- German Cooperation in the water sector, especially from the cooperation of:

- 💧 Ministry of Mines and Industry with BGR on the groundwater survey in Kabul;
- 💧 Ministry of Energy and Water with GTZ in the formulation of water resources management policies;
- 💧 Ministry of Urban Development and Housing with KfW, GTZ and DED in water supply infrastructure and institutional set-up in Kabul, Herat and Kunduz.

Further on, options for awareness building on new water policies and for improving groundwater protection will be presented and discussed.

The conference will take place at the Hotel Inter Continental, Kabul. National and international experts and decision makers from relevant Afghan authorities are invited to participate. Also industries related to the water sector are invited to exhibit services and products.

## Conference Program

### Tuesday, 2 August, 2005

- 💧 Registration (9:00 a.m.)
- 💧 Opening ceremony with prayer
- 💧 River Basin Approach and new institutional set-up of the River Basin Management (Kabul)
- 💧 Lunch
- 💧 Report of the Kabul groundwater survey
- 💧 Current state of groundwater monitoring in the Kabul Basin
- 💧 General options for groundwater protection
- 💧 Sanitation and groundwater protection in Kabul



### Wednesday, 3 August, 2005

- 💧 Prayer, summary 1<sup>st</sup> day, overview 2<sup>nd</sup> day (9:00 a.m.)
- 💧 Monitoring of water resources for management and social protection
- 💧 Critical issues of groundwater based water supply and water resource management
  - ◆ Kabul
  - ◆ Kunduz River Basin
- 💧 Lunch
- 💧 Capacity building and training
- 💧 Discussion - recommendations from workshop:
  - ◆ needs, options and next steps for groundwater monitoring, management
  - ◆ awareness rising and capacity building
- 💧 Wrap-up and closing session

