

Afghanistan

A developing democracy 4 years after Bonn?

In October 2004, the Afghan people went to the polls to elect their President in the country's first ever democratic election. One year on, another general election is being held – this time to appoint the parliament. But despite the evidence of progress, Afghanistan is still struggling with its past.


What are the implications of foreign military presence in Afghanistan? Will the elected parliament be a guarantor for legitimacy? Is Afghanistan a developing democracy or an occupied state?


Over the course of two days, November 18-19, the Swedish Committee for Afghanistan, SCA, will host an international seminar in Stockholm, bringing together several of the world's leading experts on democracy and Afghanistan. Regular updates of the programme will be posted on our website: www.swedishcommittee.org / www.sak.se

Preliminary list of speakers:

- **Massouda Jalal** – Minister of Women's Affairs, Afghanistan
- **Laila Freivalds** – Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sweden
- **Haider Reza** – Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Afghanistan
- **Carlotta Gall** – Foreign Correspondent, New York Times
- **Dadfar Spanta** – Advisor to President Hamid Karzai, Afghanistan
- **Kawn Kakar** – Advisor to President Hamid Karzai, Afghanistan
- **Nancy Hatch Dupree** – Writer specialised on Afghanistan
- **Barnett Rubin** – Professor, New York University, USA
- **Humyoum Hamedzada** – Researcher, New York University, USA
- **Ove Bring** – Professor, International law, Stockholm University
- **Nader Naderi** – Afghan Independent Commission for Human Rights
- **Frida Blom** – President, Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society
- **Andrew Wilder** – Director, Afghanistan Research & Evaluation Unit, AREU
- **Haneef Atmar** – Minister for Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Afghanistan
- **Ameerah Haq** – Resident Representative, UNAMA
- **Eckart Schiewek** – Political Advisor, UNAMA
- **Lena Hjelm-Wallén** – former Deputy Prime Minister & President of SCA

Welcome


Lena Hjelm-Wallén, President of SCA


Bengt Kristiansson, Secretary General of SCA

- **Date:** November 18-19, 2005
- **Location:** Quality Hotel Globe, Stockholm, Sweden
- **Cost:** Euro 30/pers/day
- **Bookings:** send a message to seminar@sak.se
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