

**Khaled Ahmad Zekriya**  
Ambassador



**Date of Birth**  
**Place of Birth**  
**Nationality**  
**Marital Status**  
**Occupation**  
**Diplomatic Rank**



## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Professional Experience

Director General of the Fifth Political Division (Americas, Australia and New Zealand Departments),  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*April 2013-Present*

Chair for Diplomatic and Administrative Reform Commission,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*May 2020-Present*

President of Afghanistan Diplomats' Association (ADA),  
Qalay Fatahullah Fifth Street, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*February 2020-Present*

Co-Chair for the US-Afghanistan Compact, Peace and Reconciliation Working Group,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*August 2017-November 2018*

Chair for the US-Afghanistan Enduring Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA), Democracy and  
Governance Strategic Partnership Bilateral Working Group,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*August 2015-Present*

Chair for Human Resource Policy Preparation Commission,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*February 2013-January 2014*

Ambassador and Special Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the State of Qatar,  
*July 2009-February 2013*

Director General of the Fifth Political Division (Americas, Australia and New Zealand Departments),  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*September 2004-July 2009*

Head of the Mine Action Clearance and Cluster Munitions' Program for Afghanistan,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*November 2006-January 2008*

Chair for Organizational Restructuring and Administrative Reform Initiative,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*September 2004-December 2005; and August 2006-October 2007*

Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Advisor to the Foreign Minister of Afghanistan for  
Coordination, Implementation and Monitoring of the Berlin Conference Benchmarks on Afghanistan,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*January 2003-September 2004*

Teaching Assistant, San Diego State University (SDSU), San Diego, CA, USA,  
*2000-2002*

Research Advisor for SDSU Feasibility Study of Plaza Americana Cross Border Project,  
San Diego, USA and Tijuana, Mexico,  
*1999-2000*

Assistant Coordinator for the United Nations' Project: Adopt a Landmine Field in Afghanistan, San  
Diego, CA, USA,  
*1999-2000*

**Participation in Conferences, Trainings and Negotiations**

Head of the Government of Afghanistan's Senior Level Delegation, 16<sup>th</sup> International Strategic Trade and Controls and Border Security Conference, Edinburgh, United Kingdom,  
*October 22-24, 2019*

Head of the Government of Afghanistan's Senior Level Delegation, Civil-Military Capacity Building Training at Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA), Washington DC, USA,  
*April 5-12, 2019*

Head of the Government of Afghanistan's Senior Level Delegation, Sustainable Blue Economy Conference, Nairobi, Kenya,  
*November 26-28, 2018*

Representative of the Government of Afghanistan, Senior Executive Training Course on Modern Administration, Ecole National d'Administration (ENA), Paris, France,  
*June 2-30, 2018*

Head of the Government of Afghanistan's Senior Level Delegation, 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Australia-Afghanistan Senior Official Meeting Negotiations on the MoU between the Governments of Australia and Afghanistan and UNHCR on Migration and Humanitarian Cooperation, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, *November 7-9, 2016*; and Istanbul, Turkey, *November 23-25, 2015*

Representative of the Government of Afghanistan, Syrian Opposition Groups Talks, Doha, Qatar,  
*November 4-5, 2012*

Head of the Government of Afghanistan's Senior Level Delegation, 25th Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress, Doha, Qatar,  
*September 24-25, 2012*

Head of the Government of Afghanistan's Senior Level Delegation, US-Islamic World Forum, Doha, Qatar,  
*May 29-31, 2012*

Head of the Government of Afghanistan's Senior Level Delegation, 4th Annual Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, Doha, Qatar,  
*December 11-13, 2011*

Head of the Government of Afghanistan's Senior Level Delegation, Organization of Islamic Conferences (OIC) Talks, Doha, Qatar,  
*July 14, 2011*

Representative of the Government of Afghanistan, All Darfur Stakeholders Conference, Doha, Qatar,  
*May 30, 2011*

Member of the Foreign Ministry of Afghanistan's Senior Level Delegation, 7th Forum for Future of G8 and the Broader Middle East and North Africa (BMENA), Doha, Qatar,  
*January 11-13, 2011*

Representative of the Government of Afghanistan, World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), Doha, Qatar,  
*November 16-18, 2009; and November 1-3, 2011; and October 29- 31, 2013*

Member of the Government of Afghanistan's Presidential Delegation: 1. Trilateral Talks—Afghanistan, Pakistan and US—Washington DC, USA, 2009; 2. Official Visit to Berlin, Germany, 2009; and 3. State Visit to Ottawa, Canada, 2006

Member of the Foreign Ministry of Afghanistan's Senior Level Delegation: 1. Official Visit to Islamabad, Pakistan, 2008; 2. The US-Afghanistan Strategic Partnership Dialogue, Kabul, Afghanistan, 2008 and Washington DC, USA, 2006; 3. Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Conference, Herat, Afghanistan, 2007; and 4. 62<sup>nd</sup> and 61<sup>st</sup> UN General Assembly, New York, USA, 2007 and 2006

Head of the Government of Afghanistan's Senior Level Delegation, Afghanistan-Pakistan Cooperation Process (APCP), formerly known as Dubai Process facilitated by the Government of Canada (Led 5 rounds of Negotiations in Dubai, UAE; Kabul, Afghanistan; and Murray, Pakistan),  
*April 2006-June 2009*

Representative of the Government of Afghanistan's Senior Level Delegation, Mine Action Clearance and Cluster Munitions' International Conferences: 1. Amman, Jordan, 2007; 2. Oslo, Norway, 2007; 3. Almaty, Kazakhstan, 2007; 4. Geneva, Switzerland, 2006; 5. Montreaux, Switzerland, 2006; and 6. New Delhi, India, 2006

Head of the Foreign Ministry of Afghanistan's Senior Level Delegation: 1. Broader Middle East and North Africa (BMENA) Conference (Foreign Ministerial Session), Sana, Yemen, 2006; and 2. BMENA Conference (Foreign Ministerial Session), Amman, Jordan, 2006

Member of the Foreign Ministry of Afghanistan's Senior Level Delegation: 1. BMENA Conference (Foreign Ministerial Session) Manam, Bahrain, 2005; and 2. BMENA Conference (Foreign Ministerial Session) Rabat, Morocco, 2005

Senior Coordinator, First Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA), Kabul, 2005; and First Economic Forum, Kabul, Afghanistan, 2005

### **Academic and Educational Background**

***M.A.***, Political Science  
San Diego State University (SDSU),  
San Diego, CA, USA,  
2003

***B.A.***, Sociology and ***B.A.***, History  
University of San Diego California (UCSD),  
San Diego, CA, USA,  
1994

***A.A.***, General Education  
San Diego Mesa College,  
San Diego, CA, USA,  
1989

***Baccalaureate***  
Kearny High School,  
San Diego, CA, USA,  
1986

***Junior High School Certificate***  
Lycee Esteqlal,  
Kabul, Afghanistan,  
1981

### **Course Certificates Attained**

Senior Executive Course Certificate on Civil-Military Capacity Building, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA), Washington DC, USA,  
*April 5-12, 2019*

Senior Executive Training Course Certificate on Modern Administration, Ecole National d'Administration (ENA), Paris, France,  
*June 2-30, 2018*

Senior Executive Course Certificate on Terrorism, Daniel Inouye Asia Pacific Centre for Security, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA,  
*May 20-June 1, 2015*

Senior Executive Course Certificate on Cyber Security, Marshall Centre, Garmisch, Germany,  
*July, 2014 and December, 2014*

Executive Process Improvement Training Course Certificate, Washington State University Extension, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*June 1-20, 2008*

Advanced Conflict Resolution Skills Certificate, USAID and the Institute of Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*June 14-August 23, 2007*

Advanced Diplomatic Course 1 Year Certificate, Institute of Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*March 2006-March 2007*

Executive Development Program Certificate, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Seoul, South Korea,  
*July 11-28, 2005*

### **Medal and Awards Received**

The Office of Qatar's Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani Special Order Sash of Merit Medal of the State of Qatar  
*January 20, 2013*

Institute of Diplomacy Award for teaching 21st Round of a 2 Year Course for Afghan Diplomats, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*October 10, 2015*

Institute of Diplomacy and Max Plank Institute's Joint Program Award for teaching courses: 1. Negotiation Skills; 2. Conflict Management and Resolution; and 3. History of Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*December 15, 2014*

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan's National Assembly (Upper House) Award for Strengthening Bilateral Relations with countries under Fifth Political Division's jurisdiction, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*April 21, 2014*

Institute of Diplomacy Award for teaching 20<sup>th</sup> Round of a 2 Year Course for Afghan Diplomats, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*February 5, 2014*

President's Rank Promotion Award for Outstanding Performance for Afghanistan-Pakistan Cooperation Process (Led 5 rounds of Negotiations in Dubai, UAE; Kabul, Afghanistan; and Murray, Pakistan), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*July 9, 2009*

Vice President's Rank Promotion Award for Achieving Policy Goals, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*March, 2006*

UNDP Award for the Completion of the Mine Action Law for the Government of Afghanistan,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan,  
*January, 2006*

### **Lectures, Speaking Occasions, Published Works and Interviews**

Lecturer at the Institute of Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan: 1. Philosophy of Diplomacy Course, *2019 and 2018*; 2. History of Diplomacy Course, *2019 and 2018*; and 3. Ecclesiastic (Pontific) Diplomacy Course, *2019, 2018 and 2017*

Speaker at the Center for Strategic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan: 1. Transition and Consolidation of Democracy, *2008*; 2. Islam and Democracy, *2006*; 3. Monotheism and Political Tolerance in Islam, *2006*; and 4. Civil Society and Political Culture in Afghanistan, *2005*

Panelist at the discussion on Assessing President Barak Obama's Foreign Policy and Strategy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan, *September, 2008*

Co-Chair and Speaker at the Foreign Policy Session Panel, Commemorating Late Mahmoud Tarzi and Mohammad Wali Khan Darwazi: The Establishment of Modern Diplomacy in Afghanistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan, *May, 2008*

Co-Chair and Speaker at the Summation Session, Peace in Islamic Thoughts Conference, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan, *February, 2008*

Delivered more than 20 lectures at Think Thanks, Strategic Centres and Universities such as NESA, ENA, RUSI, Foreign Ministry's Institute of Diplomacy, Georgetown University, Bakhtaar University, UCSD, USD and SDSU, *1996-2020*

Written over 30 articles in Dari and English languages, published in Afghan and Iranian Newspapers and Government Publications, *1992-2019*

Author of the Human Resource Policy Guide for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan, *January, 2015*

Author of Civic Culture Among Members of the Afghan Community in San Diego, California, Published by SDSU, San Diego, CA, USA, *July, 2003*

Conducted Interviews with Al Jazeera TV and Radio, Ariana Afghanistan TV, Yemen Radio, US TV Networks, Qatar and Afghan Newspapers, *2001-2013*

### **Languages**

Fluent in Dari and English; Fair in Pashto, French and Spanish

### **Interests**

Reading and Writing, System Analysis, Game Theories, Sculpting, Painting and Tennis