



## Pak Afghan Intelligentsia Dialogue

### Concept Note

Pak Afghan Youth Forum (PAYF) proposes to launch **Pak Afghan Intelligentsia Dialogue – A webinar series** to discuss the prevalent challenges and possible solutions, in the wake of transition in Afghanistan, after what has been termed as the United States' longest war. The first webinar of our series titled, *Role of Pak-Afghan Youth Diplomacy in Afghanistan's Nation Rebuilding*, is being organized in the last week of December 2022.

As the post-war transitions are often labeled as *'nation rebuilding'*, a term that has basically brought an erstwhile resistance group, 'IEA', that was born from the ashes of Afghanistan's post-Soviet Civil war, as the one holding the strings of government system in the post-war country, it is not unusual to witness upheavals during the rebuilding process, especially when climate induced disasters, and humanitarian crisis still remain the constants in the Afghanistan's equation.

August, this year has marked one year to the Taliban's ascension to power in Afghanistan; *The issue may be less in what is being done– rebuilding Afghanistan economically, socially, and politically – than in how the transition is being implemented.*

Considering this, **engaging intelligentsia** of both countries into a dialogue for sustainable efforts by developing people to people contact can serve as a **bridge** to strengthen Pak-Afghan ties.

Primarily because the both countries share a lot more than borders in common, therefore the rebuilding process of the post war country is also a shared one – as, Pakistan's peace and stability is dependent on Afghanistan's peace and stability.

Moreover, as modern diplomacy is largely dependent on the operationalization of the **diplomatic corridors**, ranging from *knowledge, culture, trade, education, media, to sports* among others, hence their role in rebuilding and capacity building is pivotal. In particular, as of now, *academia-cum-intelligentsia* is becoming more apparent in the building of future international order as the world transitions into the age of multipolar rivalries.

Based on the understanding that expanding and strengthening the intellectual base of Pak-Afghan diplomacy involving a broad range of people in the context of diplomatic corridors will lead to strengthening Pak Afghan diplomatic power in the region, **Pak Afghan Intelligentsia Dialogue is being launched as a webinar series**. Aimed to engage intelligentsia in the post-war *'nation rebuilding'*, the outcomes of this dialogue



series will serve as primary input to formulate short-, medium- and long-term plans to chart out the challenges and solution-oriented discourses.

