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SKILLS AND TECHNICAL PROFILE

SOCIAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES in communication and interaction with diverse people, teaming up the human resources for strategic ends, organization of various events, building sustainable connections with individuals and entities and dealing with critical conditions.

ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES in quick orientation and adaptation with the environment within an organization, bridging goals and objectives with programs and plans, appropriate representation of an organization, collecting and analysis of the data, conducting high quality of research in different areas, presentation of both textual and visual data, cooperation and coordination on issues concerned.

COMPUTER SKILLS AND COMPETENCES in hardware and software Skills, basic IT and networking abilities, fast typing of English, Pashto and Dari, Office programs and researching online data.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: I researched transboundary water disputes and conflicts from September 2013 to March 2016 at Nagoya University in Japan and completed my master thesis in the same area (A Legal Approach toward Environmental Challenges in the Helmand River Basin). Since 2016, I have been extensively involved in research related to hydro-diplomacy, hydro-politics, and transboundary water conflicts.

LANGUAGES

DARI, FLUENT

ENGLISH, FLUENT

PASHTO, FLUENT

ARABIC, BASIC

JAPANESE, BASIC

EDUCATION

APRIL 2014 – MARCH 2016

MA IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, NAGOYA UNIVERSITY

Principle studies: Peacebuilding, Conflict Resolution, International Politics of Conflict, International Cooperation Law, the Law of United Nations, Comparative Constitutional Law, Development Politics, Governance & Law, Human Security and Law, Law and Development Studies

Nagoya, Japan

MARCH 2006 – MARCH 2009

BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN DIPLOMACY, FACULTY OF LAW & POLITICAL SCIENCES,
KABUL UNIVERSITY

Principle studies: Political History, International Organizations, History of Foreign Relations of Afghanistan, History of Political Thoughts, Public International Law, Private International Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, Contemporary History of Afghanistan, Diplomacy and Diplomatic Law
Kabul, Afghanistan

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NOVEMBER 2021 – PRESENT

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, KARDAN UNIVERSITY

- Facilitate student learning, provide effective instruction, and perform evaluations of student learning for all assigned classes;
- Build up professional logistics which helps in improvising the performances of the student;
- Develop course handouts, lectures, labs and presentations;
- Participate in program level learning assessment;
- Participate in developing learning outcomes, choosing and administering measures, evaluating student performance, and suggesting changes to improve student learning;
- Work with other faculty members and administrators in developing program curriculum, standards, and policies, including reviewing and participating in textbook selection process where appropriate;
- Guide, direct and mentor research scholars in their research projects;
- Assess, supervise and mentor the academic progress of students;
- Create, innovate and implement some activities and programs that help in career-enhancement;
- Take part in all activities of the department, faculty and university;
- Support and serve up for various functional activities conducted by departmental committees;
- Review, assess and evaluate the activities and progress of students;
- Lend a hand, support and aid the academic administrator and Dean in their everyday functions and tasks;
- Publish their research works or findings in academic books and journals;
- Grade papers and tests; prepare exercises, lessons and lab experiments for the students;
- Teach graduate as well as the undergraduate students within their field of expertise;
- Submit the sessional and final results of the students within a week after midterm/terminal examination;
- Perform any other relevant task given by the management of Kardan University.

Parwan-Du, Kabul, Afghanistan

MARCH 2018 – AUGUST 2021

SENIOR LEGAL ADVISOR, PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Legal research, analysis and rendering legal advice; drafting and reviewing legal memos, correspondence, notices, MOUs and contracts;
- Preparing presentations on the progress, challenges and way forward of legal cases to the leadership of the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) and Afghan Government;

- Preparing, organizing and conducting trainings to the project managers on construction law including contract management, dispute prevention, management and resolution;
- Supervision on the activities of the legal counsel (Law Firms) of the MPW hired for handling cases submitted to international arbitration;
- Provision of legal advice on dispute settlement clauses of the contracts;
- Assisting Project Managers to evaluate the performance of the Contractors and their compliance with contract and Afghan Laws and regulations;
- Legal advice on amicable settlement with Contractors and participation in the settlement sessions;
- Participation in high level meetings with multilateral development banks (e.g, ADB, World Bank, IsDB and Saudi Fund);
- Legal advice on Performance Security of the Road Construction Contracts;
- Handling cases submitted to international arbitration (Arbitration Strategy, Appointment of Arbitrators, Registration, Statement of Case, Statement of Defense and relevant proceedings).
Kabul, Afghanistan

SEPTEMBER 2019 – MARCH 2021

NATIONAL EXPERT, PARTICIP GMBH / MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF AFGHANISTAN / EU DELEGATION TO AFGHANISTAN

Transboundary Water Diplomacy & Hydro-politics

- Providing real time confidential strategic, and international legal, oral and written advice to the Directorate General of Border Affairs, Transboundary Rivers and Security Cooperation (DGBSC) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) regarding high level negotiations between Afghanistan and Iran (involving the Hari Rud and Helmand); Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan (involving the Amu Darya); and Pakistan (involving the Kabul/Kunar);
- Preparing, organizing and handling seminar/workshops with DGBSC, for 30-40 participants from MoFA, National Water Affairs Regulation Authority (NW ARA), National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA), Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), academia and various other key Afghan ministries responsible for transboundary international waters;
- Researching and preparing teaching manuals for each program and for the trainers we trained;
- Conducting training of trainers for the course on international law and transboundary waters and supervising the delivery of the training and provision of remote support for trained trainers;
- Preparing, organizing, and handling seminar workshops at MoFA's Institute of Diplomacy for young diplomats by DGBSC and MOFA;
- Preparing, organizing international strategic overview missions to other River Basins abroad, close to the Afghanistan context (e.g. Nile and Mekong river basins);
- Conducting post-training/study tour/workshop/seminar assessments, providing specific recommendations to the stakeholders and donors on further capacity and institutional building programs;
- Providing legal/policy advice on the accession/ratification of Afghanistan to international multilateral treaties/conventions on water and environment (e.g. UN Watercourse Convention of 1997, UNECE Convention of 1992, Ramsar Convention, IFAS);
- Developing strategy for raising the visibility/profile of the EU delegation and Afghanistan regarding the conservation and management of international waters;
- Exploring and adding a gender mainstreaming component to the already developed international water course law and policy materials;
- Reviewing, researching, improving, and further developing, the comprehensive database of treaties, conventions, and related documents including focusing where negotiations with

Afghanistan are either already occurring or soon will occur, as well as possibly linking the MoFA and NWARA water databases;

- Drafting a strategic paper outlining strategic approaches for Afghanistan to engage with its riparian neighbors in each of its transboundary river basins.

Freiburg, Germany

JULY 2017 – MARCH 2018

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY, KAKAR ADVOCATES LLC

- Preparing and organizing trainings/workshops to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) under USIP mandates in Afghanistan;
- Preparing, handling and conducting capacity building seminars and workshops for the Attorney General Office (AGO) and Ministry of Justice (MOJ) staff;
- Conducting post-training/capacity building assessments and providing specific suggestions to the leaderships of our clients (e.g. AGO, USIP and MOJ);
- Contributing to the amendment of national laws such as water law, hydrocarbon law, municipality law and corporation law (Afghan Government has led the process; DLA Piper and Kakar Advocates were doing the actual work);
- Settling client's tax, employment, shares and commercial disputes;
- Developing contracts according to international standards and Afghan national laws;
- Developing contracts for Independent Power Plants (IPPs) of Afghan energy Sector consistent with Afghan laws and regulations (e.g. Kajaki Dam HPP);
- Representing clients before public entities on different matters;
- Drafting legal documents, reports and compliance letters;
- Conducting legal research on emerging legal issues in Afghanistan, such as e-governance, cyber security, and hydrocarbon legislation.

Kabul, Afghanistan

APRIL 2016 – JULY 2017

TRANSBOUNDARY WATER CONFLICT MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST, TECHNICAL UNIT OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATER, MEW (CURRENT NWARA)

- Preparing, organizing and conducting trainings to the engineers and hydrologists of the Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW) on water diplomacy and hydro-politics,
- Training and mentoring water journalists on sensitive hydro-political transboundary water issues;
- Conducting post-training/workshop assessments and lessons learned for future programs to become more effective;
- Providing legal advice on transboundary water (e.g. Helmand, Harirud, Murghab, Amu and Kabul/Kunar Rivers and its tributaries);
- Formulation of legal parts of the Transboundary Water Policy of Afghanistan;
- Formulation of strategy for negotiation with riparians for each transboundary river basin of Afghanistan;
- Application of international water law and international environmental law principles and rules to Afghanistan's transboundary water resources and ecosystems;
- Developing legal framework for the transboundary river basins of Afghanistan;
- Daily legal follow up of the issues with riparians;
- Drafting and reviewing all inter-governmental correspondence on transboundary water.

Kabul, Afghanistan

JUNE 2012 – SEPTEMBER 2016

HEAD OF WATER LAW, GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF KABUL RIVER BASIN, MEW (CURRENT NWARA)

- Training and educating Water Users Associations (WUAs) in 14 provinces of Afghanistan on water law and water management;
- Conducting post-training evaluations of the attendees and providing recommendations to the Ministry for further improvements;
- Directing the subordinate employees;
- Permanent supervision on the Water Law enforcement;
- Management and settlement of legal disputes among water users in the Kabul River Basin;
- Supervision on the registration and license process of the Water Users Associations;
- Providing advice to the General Director of Kabul River Basin.

Kabul, Afghanistan

JANUARY 2011 – NOVEMBER 2011

LEGAL TRAINER, LEGAL AID ORGANIZATION OF AFGHANISTAN (LAOA)

- Preparation of educative manuals for legal trainings; organizing workshops for judges, attorneys and defense lawyers;
- Presenting the training materials in workshops; Post-Workshop Evaluation of the participants; Reporting the overall activities to the headquarter;

Kabul, Afghanistan

APRIL 2010 – JANUARY 2011

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES, PRIVATE SECTOR DIRECTORATE

- Making the softs of projects for Project Implementation Unit (PIU);
- Programming of the evaluation within Private Sector Directorate (PSD);
- Providing consultation on administrative issues to managers;
- Reporting of the progress to PSD.

Kabul, Afghanistan

JANUARY 2008 – FEBRUARY 2010

LEGAL ADVISOR, GURBAT DARYABI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

- Negotiation with both public and private entities; Drafting the contracts of projects;
- Resolving disputes and disagreements on the terms used in contracts;
- Supervision on the implementation of the contracts;
- Provision of legal consultation to the chief and general manager of the company.

Kabul, Afghanistan

PARTICIPATION / ROLE IN WATER PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 12 – 14 2016

SPEAKER AND PANELIST IN THE 19TH INTERNATIONAL RIVER SYMPOSIUM

New Delhi, India

OCTOBER 2 – 3 2016

PRESENTER IN THE AFGHANISTAN MEDIA DIALOGUE

“The Indus Basin: Need for Collective Action”

Kabul, Afghanistan

APRIL 5 – 6 2017

PARTICIPANT IN “INTERNATIONAL WATER LAW: MAIN LEGAL PRINCIPLES AND SUBSTANTIVE NORMS”

Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

JULY 4 – 6 2017

PRESENTER AND PANELIST IN THE “INDUS BASIN KNOWLEDGE FORUM: NEW KNOWLEDGE FRONTIERS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RESILIENCE”

Colombo, Sri Lanka

JANUARY 7 – 8 2019

SPEAKER AND PANELIST IN THE “STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION ON INTEGRATED BASIN WIDE APPROACH FOR KABUL RIVER BASIN”

Dubai, UAE

APRIL 22 – 24 2019

SPEAKER AND PANELIST IN THE “ENHANCED ENGAGEMENT IN RESEARCH ON AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANAGEMENT”

Tashkent, Uzbekistan

JANUARY 12 – 16 2020

ORGANIZER AND PARTICIPANT IN THE “MEKONG RIVER BASIN EXCHANGE VISIT”

Vientiane, Lao PDR

FEBRUARY 26 – 28 2020

PARTICIPANT IN THE “STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION ON TRANSBOUNDARY WATER”

Organized by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)

Istanbul, Turkey