

### Highlights of the Month

- AWCCI participated in SheTrades Global, Liverpool.
- AWCCI 2018's 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch of Women's Business Expansion Training Program launched.
- After official launch of AWCCI in Balkh province, the physical office is also activated in this zone.
- Fourth Bazaar-e-Roz of AWCCI was held.
- Law Review Committee of AWCCI held its sessions.

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### Launch of 2018 second Batch of Women's Business Expansion Training Program 2018's



AWCCI's Business Development Services Department launched the Second Cohort of 2018 Business Expansion Training Program. In this program, 10 women businesses participated.

The purpose of this program is to help women businesses getting standardized, improve and expand. This program included Financial Management, Operations and

Quality Management, Digital Marketing, Strategic Management, and Audit and Assurance.

The sessions were in coordination with several governmental and national organizations as well as individuals such as ANSA, AALLC, Rawan Quality Assurance Analyst, ASHNA International and Roman Sam Consultancy based on either the MoU or their willingness to support AWCCI and Women Businesses.



### 5<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting held on June 3, 2018



5<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting held at AWCCI on June 3, 2018. AWCCI executive body provided an overview and progress towards 2018 targets. AWCCI announced space for the Women's Mini-Industrial Park in Nasaji Bagrami to the board and UNWOMEN's support for AWCCI's visit to ALEAP Women Industrial Park, Hyderabad, India to learn from them. AWCCI will hire a consultant to develop a Business Plan for the Women's Mini-Industrial Park. AWCCI signed an MoU with Kabul

Municipality and is working closely with the Macroryan Repairing and Maintenance Enterprise on building shades for Juma Bazaars. The management shared AWCCI's first ever participation in Shetrades, Liverpool, UK, that is happening on June 26 to June 28, 2018. AWCCI's executive body presented the Audit Report of October 2016 – October 2017 and Financial Report to the Board of Directors. The management also talked about ITC's, CIPE's and ILO's expression of interest in institutional capacity building. AWCCI has identified

Canadian Fund for Watani Bazaar. AWCCI's Approvals Authority has also be declared which clearly says that the approval authority in the absence of the President goes to the Chair. At the end of the session, the Board of Directors discussed the agenda points and provided their suggestions which are recorded in the meeting minutes in details.

## Fourth Bazar-e-Roz held just before EID-UL-FITR in Shahrake Aria



Afghanistan Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry held its 4<sup>th</sup> exhibition of Bazar-e-Roz a week before of Eid-ul-Fitr for two days on June 7, 2018 in Shahrak-e-Arya. In this exhibition, 30 women businesses exhibited their products. Sectors included of Handicrafts, Foods and Jewelry. People of the Shahrak-e-Arya and

nearside areas visited the exhibition and shopped for the Eid. The exhibition had good income for businesswomen. A businesswoman from handicrafts sector had a total sale of AFN 32,000.



## Joint visit to Mini Industrial Parks

AWCCI's leadership together with the members made serveral visits of the Industrial Park site in order to make the site a Production House for women.



### **Follow up and Planning session held with Members on Mini Industrial Park**

AWCCI facilitated a session with members to follow up and Plan on Mini Industrial Parks.



The session was chaired by Ms. Manizha Wafeq, President of AWCCI. Almost 20 Women Businesses participated in the session. Each businesswoman requested for space based on their needs. At least 12 businesswomen took part to have space in mini industrial



park.



### **AWCCI participated in the launch ceremony of Afghanistan National Export Strategy**

One-11th June 2018 Afghanistan's National Export Strategy (NES) was launched. AWCCI President Ms. Manizha Wafeq was one of the speakers. She emphasized on the importance of Afghan women's role in export and a substantial support to give them access to export.

### **After official launch of AWCCI in Balkh province, the physical office launched today.**

Following Official Launch and Activities in North Zone, Afghanistan Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AWCCI) North Zone-Balkh physical office was inaugurated on June 24, 2018 with a warm participation of Mr. Sher Ahmad Sepahezada, the Director of Balkh Commerce and Industry, Mr. Ahmad Wali Sangar, the Economic Advisor of Balkh Governor office, Mr. Serajuddin Mehrban, Director of Balkh Agriculture and Irrigation, Ms. Shekiba Shekib, Chair of AWCCI North Zone-Balkh, and Gender Officer of Governor Office, Mr. Nasratullah Wafa, Trade Manager at Balkh Directorate of Commerce and Industry, AWCCI-Balkh office Board members and Zone Manager Ms. Tamana Farewar and staffs of Balkh Directorate of Commerce and Industry. Afghanistan Women Chambers of Commerce and Industry-Balkh office started its commercial and legal activities in May 2018 in Mazar-e-Sharif with Zone Manager Ms. Tamana Farewar. The office is located in Balkh Directorate of commerce and Industry.





### **Celebrated startup valley two terms graduates**

On June 20, 2018, AWCCI invited the graduates of two terms of Startup Valley's program. Aghaez Professional Services Company introduced the graduates of Startup Valley to AWCCI for . for youths to work on their business ideas. AWCCI invited them to introduce AWCCI activities and talked about collaboration.

### **AWCCI visited the newly appointed Minister of Urban Development and Housing to congratulate him**

AWCCI leadership visited the newly appointed Minister of Urban Development and Housing, Mr. Roshan Walasmal, congratulated him on his appointment and discussed collaborations. He was also handed over a letter from the President to look into the land donation to AWCCI.



AWCCI wishes him the very best of luck!

### **AWCCI participated in SheTrades Global**



On 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2018, the high ranked officials such as H. E. First Lady, H. E. Adela Raz, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Ms. Manizha Wafeq, the President of AWCCI with 6 Afghan women business owners who hold AWCCI membership joined 124 countries women entrepreneurs for SheTrades. By the establishment of AWCCI, the trend has changed to Afghan Women doing business and business



makes equal partners. SheTrades is a Flagship Program of International Trade Center which aims to help 3 million women do trade by 2021. AWCCI will work closely with Afghan businesswomen to be part of 3 million, as they have the potential to export some of their products.



### **Awareness Sessions and Law Review Committee of AWCCI restarted**



AWCCI restarted the Awareness sessions and Law Review Committee of 2018 on June 28, new members of AWCCI from Nangarhar, Kapisa, Panjshir and Kabul Provinces participated. Ms. Sultana Khaknizhad, the Legal Expert of AWCCI facilitates the Awareness sessions and The Law Review Committee each Thursday. The purpose of holding

such sessions/committee is to review the laws and find out sections that can hinder women businesses from using opportunities equally. In additions, summaries of important section of the law and provide awareness are prepared to the members of AWCCI. This session was on the Law of Public and Private Partnership (PPP).

