

# Afghanistan

**Official Title** Islamic Republic of Afghanistan



## General Information:

**Capital** Kabul

**Total Area** 652,090 km2 **Population (million)** 30.179

**Currency** 1 CAN\$= 44.96 Afghani (AFN) (2010)

**National Holiday** Independence Day, 19 August

**Language(s)** Pashtu, Dari, Turkic languages (incl. Uzbek & Turkmen), 30 other languages

## Political Information:

**Type of State** Islamic Republic

### Type of Government

Consisting of three branches: executive, legislature and judiciary. The president is both the chief of state and head of government. The cabinet consists of 25 ministers appointed by the president and approved by the National Assembly. The National Assembly consists of the House of Elders (102 seats, one-third elected from provincial councils for 4-year terms, one-third elected from local district councils for 3-year terms, and one-third nominated by the president for 5-year terms) and the House of People (249 seats), directly elected for 5-year terms. The constitution establishes a Supreme Court and subordinate Courts.

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**Ministers** Foreign Affairs: Dr. Zalmay Rassoul  
 Defence: Gen. Abdurrahim Wardak  
 Rural Rehab. and Dev.: Jarullah Mansoori  
 Economy: Abdul Hadi Arghandiwal

### Main Political Parties

Afghanistan has a multi-party system in development but it is not yet a fully functioning part of the electoral process.

**Elections** President and vice-president: Last held on August 2009. Parliament: Last held on September 2010.

## Economic Information: (2010)

IMF/Statistics Canada

	Afghanistan	Canada
<b>GDP: (billion)</b>	\$16.01	\$1,624.26
<b>GDP per capita:</b>	\$530.39	\$47,688.92
<b>GDP Growth rate: (%)</b>	8.227	3.215
<b>Inflation: (%)</b>	7.713	1.777
<b>Unemployment: (%)</b>	n/a	7.992

## Trade and investment: (2010)

Statistics Canada

<b>Canadian Exports:</b>	\$100,781,938
<b>Canadian Imports:</b>	\$1,741,805
<b>Foreign Direct Investment in Canada</b>	n/a (million)
<b>Canadian Direct Investment to Afghanistan</b>	n/a (million)

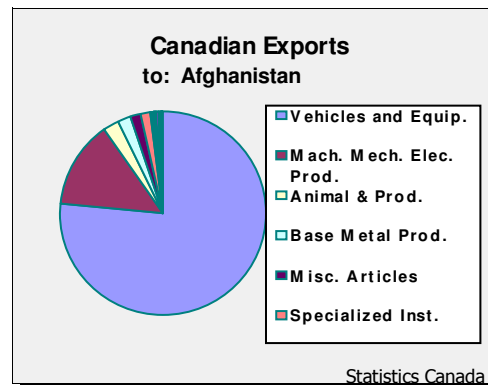
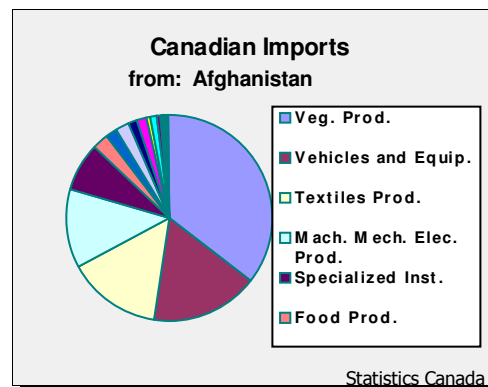
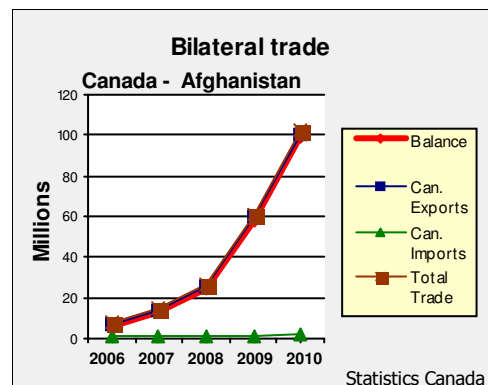
## Representation:

### Foreign Representation in Canada

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### Canadian Representation Abroad

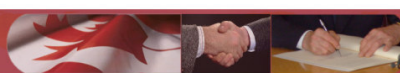
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