



## German Cooperation with Afghanistan

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### Job Application Training for Balkh University Students

**Mazar-e Sharif, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018** – Yesterday, the Afghan-German Cooperation's programme Academic Mining Education in Afghanistan (AMEA) facilitated a job application training, particularly dedicated to students of the Geoscience Faculty at Balkh University. More than 100 students participated in the seminar. The activity aimed at improving job prospects for graduates in the field of geoscience and mining.

The workshop in Mazar-e Sharif focused on editing application letters and résumés (curriculum vitae, CVs) to local and international companies in the mining and geology sector. Human resources experts from the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH conducted the training.

“As I will graduate from university soon, knowing how to prepare a CV is very valuable to me. It was a very useful training,” a participant stated. “It is very important for geology students to know how to prepare a methodically good CV, especially for those that will graduate soon. This helps students to improve job opportunities in the extractive industry. We really appreciate AMEA project's hard work and investment, supporting students and lecturers”, the Dean of Mining and Environmental Engineering Faculty of Balkh University Professor Khpalwak added.

Competition in the mining and geology labour market is high. Thus, students will significantly benefit from this activity. Often, an application represents the very first point of contact between applicant and potential employer. Therefore, it is crucial to write a unique and tailored application.

The project AMEA has been offering these training services for the first time now and will repeat the activity emphasising labour market demands.

*The programme Academic Mining Education in Afghanistan (AMEA) is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of the German Federal Foreign Office (AA) since 2014. AMEA aims at improving academic mining education in Afghanistan to facilitate the full utilisation of the Afghan extractive sector's potential. The programme has been helping to modernise university training, adapting it to industry and labour market needs and building an educational network in close cooperation with the Afghan Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE), the Afghan Ministry of Mining and Petroleum (MoMP) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). So far, AMEA has organised academic courses, scholarships and internship programmes in Iran, Germany, and China for more than 200 Afghan students and lecturers providing them access to up-to-date technical knowledge and innovative teaching methods. The programme has also provided practically oriented advanced training and networking events on mining education for more than 600 university lecturers since 2014.*