

Almas Jiwani

10 of numerous key achievements

1. **Presently** President and CEO of Frontier Canada Inc., a corporate communications company founded in 1996. – One woman show.
2. **Presently** – President of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM Canada) -For several years, served as a director of the Canadian National Board of Directors with the United Nations Development Fund for Women and now as a President, Liaison with UNIFEM headquarters in New York and with UNIFEM national committees globally, has been successful in engaging the cooperation of a number of business enterprises. She has developed a successful strategy in which business and charitable organizations can work together, in a "win-win" formula. Through her efforts, she has raised awareness and thousands of dollars for the relief of poverty among women and children and uplifted the status of women in Canada and varied nations such as Afghanistan, Africa and other developing countries.
3. Canadian Government and Royal bank of Canada assigned to bring an Afghan women's delegation from Afghanistan to participate in an International Trade Conference in Vancouver that was sponsored by the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs. She obtained funding from CIDA and worked closely with DFAIT, Focus Canada, Focus Afghanistan, Aga Khan Foundation and UNIFEM Afghanistan.
4. Concurrently, Almas served as an advisor to the World Bank. Part of her work included suggesting ideas, formulating strategies and encouraging communications for the purposes of empowerment of women from Jordan and Iraq. As a result, many women from Jordan and Iraq were able to participate in International Trade Conference held in Vancouver, B.C. sponsored by Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAIT) Canada.
5. National Coordinator for Afghan Women's Round Table Conference *Sponsored by Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAIT) and CIDA*
 - Developed relationships with local committees and recruited national/local committee members;
 - Organized and facilitated round table discussions across Canada and raised funds to underwrite associated costs;
 - Co-ordinated and communicated with Minister of Foreign Affairs and Senator's Office;
 - Prepared budget proposals;
 - Organized follow up session across Canada a year later;
 - Co-ordinated and assisted in creating two final reports titled "Stone in The Water" and "Too Little Has Changed";
 - Lobbied and presented conference reports to several Federal Ministers in Ottawa;
 - Presented the report to CIDA Federal Minister, Susan Whelan, highlighting 10 key recommendations stemming from the conference;
 - Organized a high profile reception for presentation of the "Stone in the Water" report to Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bill Graham, hosted by the Aga Khan Council for Canada and Aga Khan Council for Ontario.

As a result, many Afghan women in Canada and Afghanistan were able to share their experience and raise their concerns. Final report enticed CIDA to provide additional financial support.

6. Participated in Civil Society Policy Forum – World Bank, Washington, D.C. 2009
7. Participated in Carnegie Philanthropy International Symposium 2005 – Democracy, Governance and Civil Society – Edinburgh, UK in lively dialogue and celebrations of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.
8. Speaker – Women’s Empowerment - 1st Lady, Suzanne Mubarak Health and Regional centre, Alexandria, Egypt
9. On several occasions, she was a Key note Speaker – Women’s Economic Empowerment – Gender Equality – Nairobi, Kenya and Kampala, Uganda
10. **Recipient of the following Awards;**
 - Governor General’s Canadian Caring Award
 - “The Stone in Water Award” from Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs for successful execution of the National Afghan Women Roundtable, and the report from the Canadian Committee on Women, Peace and Security;
 - The “Outstanding Volunteer” from Minister of Immigration and Citizenship of Canada for 15 years of Volunteer service.
 - Women of Substance – Africa International Trade Conference
 - “Lifetime Honorary Member” of United Nations Development Fund for Women Canada