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Sara Hakimi is a former diplomat of Afghanistan, a former fellow and representative at the NATO Defense College in Rome, and a current Non-Resident Policy Fellow at the Indiana Foundation. At the Afghanistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), she served as the Desk Officer for Counter-Narcotics and Counter Terrorism, Desk Officer for Central Asia and China, and Desk Officer for Bonn. Sara had official assignments in Turkmenistan, Iran, Germany, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Italy, and Portugal. Previously, Sara worked in the public policy sphere in Afghanistan as a Policy Analyst at the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG), and in program coordination and management roles at different agencies.

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She has immense experience in the field of international affairs and diplomacy, having worked with practitioners and scholars all across the world. Sara specializes in research and policy analysis, with a particular emphasis on the Middle East and South Asia regions. Additionally, she is a Women's Rights Activist and Human Rights Defender and has written papers and articles on Afghanistan women's condition under the Taliban regime.

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