



# Johns Hopkins - SAIS Spring 2010 DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE

*The SAIS International Development Program Presents:*

## Promoting Cooperation Between Local Governments and Civil Society Organizations

**Mirza Jahani**

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**Rome Building, Room 200  
1619 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.**

Civil society organizations play an important service delivery and advocacy role in developing countries, particularly in states with limited governance capacity. Promoting cooperation between civil society organizations and government actors can prove challenging, yet also presents opportunities for more effective aid delivery.

**Mirza Jahani**, CEO of Aga Khan Foundation USA, will discuss how to create the right interface between local government and community-based civil society organizations in Africa and Asia. Prior to assuming his current role in November 2009, Dr. Jahani spent five years with the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID), where he also began his career as an economist in the early 1980s. In between, Dr. Jahani served Aga Khan Foundation for fifteen years as its CEO in the UK, East Africa, and Tajikistan.

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