CAMCA REGIONAL FORUM: Two days of dialogue on the CAMCA region organized by the CAMCA Network in partnership with the Rumsfeld Foundation and the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute. View the full Forum agenda. 

FORUM SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS: Distinguished international professionals from each of the 10 CAMCA countries, China, the EU, India, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, the United States and more.

FORUM FOCUS AREAS: Geopolitics, international trade, geo-economics, regional and international security, entrepreneurship, investment opportunities, transport and transit, government transparency and accountability and more.

JUNE 30TH 
Evening Welcoming Reception: Residence of U.S. Ambassador to Tajikistan, Ambassador Elisabeth Millard 

DAY 1 – JULY 1st 
WELCOMING REMARKS: 
- Mr. Almaz Saiutfadinov, Economic Advisor at the U.S. Embassy Tajikistan, CAMCA Network member 
- Dr. S. Frederick Starr, Chairman of the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute 
- Ms. Nazira Beishenalieva, Board Chair of CJSC Bank of Asia, CAMCA Network member, Kyrgyzstan 

OPENING REMARKS: H.E. Davlatali Said, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan 

PRESENTATION BY DR. S. FREDERICK STARR: “Is Something Stirring Across CAMCA?” (contd. pg 2)
AROUND CAMCA: INTRODUCTION OF CAMCA NETWORK COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

PLENARY SESSION:
- “Geopolitics and Geoeconomics Across CAMCA”

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: “Afghanistan’s Security and its Implications for the CAMCA Region” - Mr. Amrullah Saleh, Former State Minister for Security Reform of Afghanistan

PLENARY SESSION:
- “Borders and Beyond: CAMCA Security Outlook”

BREAKOUT SESSION:
- “Achieving Transparency and Accountability: Enhancing the Dialogue between Government and Civil Society”
- “Investing in CAMCA: Business Opportunities in the CAMCA Region”

Guests continued conversations from the day’s meetings over dinner at Pugus, a presidential country retreat, including national dishes and traditional performances.

DAY 2 – JULY 2nd

PLENARY SESSION:
- “The Coming Transport Revolution”

CAMCA BUSINESS & NETWORKING EXPO

INTERVIEW: Ambassador Bilahari Kausikan, Ambassador at Large of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore

REMARKS: Mr. Salim Hatloni, Deputy Head of the Information and Analysis Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan

CLOSING PLENARY:
- “Regional Developments: What’s Possible? What’s Likely?”

Attendees enjoyed sightseeing at the historic Gissar Fortress before gathering for the closing Forum dinner at Zafar restaurant overlooking Dushanbe.
130+ FORUM ATTENDEES
18 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

Related Reading: Ahead of the Forum, speakers Ambassador Bilhari Kausikan, Dr. S. Frederick Starr and Dr. Yang Cheng released an article in the American Interest: “Central Asia: All Together Now.”

Read coverage of the event from AZERTAC and KHOVAR.

“THE ABSENCE OF REGIONALLY SCOPED PLATFORMS MAKES CAMCA A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE FOR ITS PARTICIPANTS AND THE REGION AT LARGE.”
- AMBASSADOR TEDO JAPARIDZE, FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF GEORGIA

“The CAMCA Forum brings together the region’s rising stars in business, security and politics, providing them with a venue to interact, to cooperate, and to collaborate. In the process, it is helping to build the personal and professional bonds that will define the future complexion of the region.”
- ILAN BERMAN, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY COUNCIL

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“GEOPOLITICS, GEOECONOMICS, SECURITY OUTLOOK, GOVERNANCE + CIVIL SOCIETY AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES = #CAMCA2017”
- Manduul Altangerel, CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia

“DR. KAUSH ARHA: ‘THINK OF CAMCA 2050 - ENERGY HUB WITH CROSS BORDER CORRIDORS, GLOBAL FOOD SUPPLIER, TOURISM DEST-N FOR 5 BN PPL.’ #CAMCA2017”
- Bakai Zhunushov, CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyzstan

“Investing in CAMCA: Business Opportunities in the CAMCA Region” Panelists

Mr. Almaz Salifutdinov & Ms. Nazira Beishenalieva

Ambassador Wahid Waissi

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