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Regional Forum 2019

*Tashkent*

*Shared Interests,  
Shared Aspirations*

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#CAMCA2019



## Welcome to the 2019 CAMCA Regional Forum!

On behalf of the Forum organizers, thank you for joining us in Tashkent for this year's annual Forum.

Held in Uzbekistan, the heart of Central Asia both in terms of population and geography, the Forum will focus around the theme of "CAMCA: Shared Interests, Shared Aspirations," featuring plenary sessions, keynote addresses and a variety of panel discussions and dialogues on topics such as intraregional trade, transport and transit, regional business and investment opportunities, geopolitical and economic developments, entrepreneurship and innovation, human capital and education initiatives.

We thank the professionals from government, business, academia and more — whose full backgrounds can be found in the Forum app — who have made themselves available from across the globe to share their expertise throughout the Forum. With their support and the involvement of attendees like you, the CAMCA Regional Forum continues in its important mission to promote region-wide discussions on means of advancing economic growth and development in Greater Central Asia.

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2019 CAMCA REGIONAL FORUM AGENDA  
TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN, JUNE 12-14, 2019



**CAMCA: Shared Interests, Shared Aspirations**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13**

0800-0900      **Registration**

0900-0930      **Opening Session**

Moderator:

*Dr. Svante Cornell, Director, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute*

Welcoming Remarks:

*Malik Mukhitdinov, CAMCA Network National Coordinator for Uzbekistan*  
*Sarah Tonucci, Executive Director, Rumsfeld Foundation*

Statement and introduction of Senator Safoev:

*Dr. S. Frederick Starr, Chairman, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute*

0930-1000      Keynote Address:

*Senator Sodyq Safoev, First Deputy Chairman of the Senate of Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan*

LOCATION:      Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Regency Ballroom

1000-1030      NETWORKING BREAK

1030-1100      **Keynote Interview with *Dr. Arthur Laffer, Founder and Chairman of Laffer Associates***

Introduction:    *Dr. S. Frederick Starr, Chairman, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute*

Interviewer:    *Aziza Umarova, Co-Founder, SmartGov Consulting, Uzbekistan, CAMCA Network Member*

LOCATION:      Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Regency Ballroom

1100-1120      **Special Presentation: *Prospects of Inclusive Economic Growth in the CAMCA Region***

Introduction:    *Dr. Mamuka Tsereteli, Senior Fellow, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute*

Presentation:   *Tigran Poghosyan, IMF Resident Representative in the Kyrgyz Republic*

LOCATION:      Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Regency Ballroom

- 1130-1230 **Plenary Session 1 – Intraregional Trade within CAMCA: Signs of Progress?**
- Moderator: **Sen. Alisher Kurmanov**, Chairman of Senate Committee on International Relations, Foreign Economic Relations, Investments and Tourism
- Speakers: **Jamshid Khodjaev**, Minister of Agriculture of Uzbekistan  
**Khusan Khasanov**, Islamic Development Bank Field Representative for Uzbekistan  
**Assadullah Zamir**, CEO and Partner of Sabzwar Agribusiness and Food Services and Founder of Abreshum Venture, CAMCA Network Member, Afghanistan  
**Sardor Mukhamedaliev**, Chief Business Development Officer, Zoodmall  
**Dr. Jacopo Maria Pepe**, Research Fellow, Robert Bosch Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia, German Council on Foreign Relations
- LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Regency Ballroom
- 1230-1330 **LUNCHEON**
- LOCATION: Hyatt Regency BALLROOM
- 1345-1445 **Breakout Session 1 – What Attracts Quality Investment in the CAMCA Countries? What Doesn't?**
- Moderator: **Enders Wimbush**, President, StrateVarious Inc.
- Lead presenters: **Laziz Kudratov**, Deputy Minister of Investment and Trade of Uzbekistan, CAMCA Network Member  
**Michael Sellman**, Co-CEO, Calatrava Grace Corporation  
**Amb. Irakli Alasania**, Senior Partner, SP Consulting  
**Paul Shultz**, Managing Director, Head of Investment Banking and Corporate Finance, First Heartland Securities  
**Edward Cox**, Attorney and Secretary of The Economic Club of New York
- LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Conference Room SAMARKAND
- 1345-1445 **Breakout Session 2 – Models of Regional Coordination**
- Moderator: **Dr. Svante Cornell**, Director, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute
- Lead presenters: **Amb. Daniyar Kurbanov**, Director, Center for International Relations Studies  
**Amb. Ingrid Tersman**, Ambassador of Sweden to Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan  
**Hiroyuki Akita**, Senior Staff Writer, Nikkei Asian Review, Japan  
**Dr. Roman Vakulchuk**, Senior Researcher, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs; Co-Founder, Central Asian Development Institute; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan  
**Ravshan Sobirzoda**, Central Asia Economic Adviser, U.K. Department for International Development, CAMCA Network Member, Tajikistan
- LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Conference Room FERGANA
- 1445-1530 **NETWORKING BUSINESS EXPO**

1530-1630 **Breakout Session 3 – Building Modern CAMCA Skills: Innovation, Education and Training**

Moderator: **Shigeo Katsu**, President, Nazarbayev University  
Lead presenters: **Dr. Mamuka Tsereteli**, Senior Fellow, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute  
**Dr. Shamsh Kassim-Lakha**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, University of Central Asia  
**Sarvar Babahodjaev**, Deputy Minister of Public Education of Uzbekistan  
**Fariz Ismailzade**, Vice-Rector for External, Government and Student Affairs, ADA University, Azerbaijan  
**Nazira Beishenalieva**, Board of Trustees, American University in Central Asia, CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyzstan  
**Arevik Anapiosyan**, Deputy Minister of Education Science, Culture and Sports of Armenia, CAMCA Network Member

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Conference Room FERGANA

1530-1630 **Breakout Session 4 – Meet Some CAMCA Entrepreneurs**

Moderator: **Zafar Khashimov**, Entrepreneur and Founder of the Supermarket Chain Korzinka.uz  
Presenters: **Hikmat Abdurrahmanov**, Entrepreneur, Co-founder of HUMO Partners, CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan  
**Emin Vali**, Co-Founder, Keepface, CAMCA Network Member, Azerbaijan  
**Botir Arifdjanov**, Founder, Bilim Onlayn  
**Kamila Sidiqi**, CEO and Founder, Kaweyan Group  
**Akmal Payziev**, CEO and Co-Founder of MyTaxi and Express24  
**Azamat Akeleev**, Owner, Olive Eco Ethno Hotel and Resort Chain, CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyzstan  
**Aibek Mambetaliev**, CEO, Euro Unternehmen Company and **Marat Djanbaev**, CEO of TAZA BIO SYSTEMS, CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyzstan  
**Jenny Jenish kyzy**, Chairperson, Association of Social Entrepreneurs of Kyrgyzstan, CAMCA Network Member

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Conference Room SAMARKAND

1630-1645 BREAK

1645-1745 **Plenary Session 2 – Intraregional Finance: A Growth Industry?**

Moderator: **Gauhar Nurgalieva**, Head of Eurasian Studies, the Skolkovo Institute of Emerging Markets Studies (IEMS), CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan  
Speakers: **Mukhtar Bubeyev**, CEO, Astana Financial Services Authority  
**Atabek Nazirov**, Chairman, Capital Market Development Agency of Uzbekistan  
**Zuhursho Rahmatulloev**, Co-Founder, Alif Capital and CEO, Alif Tech, Tajikistan, CAMCA Network Member  
**Anvar Irchaev**, Director, Orient Capital Management  
**Timur Abushkin**, Head of Markets, Astana International Exchange

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Regency Ballroom

## FRIDAY, JUNE 14

- 0930-1000     **Keynote Interview: *State Building and Reforms in Uzbekistan: Driving Force for Regionalism?***
- Speaker:         **Ruslanbek Davletov, Minister of Justice of Uzbekistan**  
Introduction:    **Umid Aripjanov, Founding Partner, CENTIL Law, CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan**  
Interviewer:     **Bokhodir Ayupov, Consultant, Technopark of Software Development and IT, CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan**
- LOCATION:        Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Regency Ballroom
- 1000-1015     BREAK
- 1015-1115     **Breakout Session 5 – *Afghanistan: A New Factor in Intraregional Trade and Investments?***
- Moderator:       **Dr. S. Frederick Starr, Chairman, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute**  
Lead presenters: **Hamrokhon Zarifi, Former Foreign Minister of Tajikistan**  
                      **Bakhtiyor Mustafayev, Head of the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies (ISRS) under the President of Uzbekistan**  
                      **Iskander Akylbayev, Executive Director, Kazakhstan Council on International Relations, CAMCA Network Member**  
                      **Kamila Sidiqi, CEO and Founder, Kaweyan Group**  
                      **Zabiullah Ziarmal, First Vice Chairman and Board Member, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Afghanistan; CEO, CEFE Group International**
- LOCATION:        Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Conference Room SAMARKAND
- 1015-1115     **Breakout Session 6 – *Is Digital Transformation Happening in CAMCA?***
- Moderator:       **Sarkhan Hashimov, Director-General of Microsoft for Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan, CAMCA Network Member, Azerbaijan**  
Lead presenters: **Bobur Abdullaev, Head, Department of Strategic Development of Information Technologies and Communications**  
                      **Anatoly Motkin, President, StrategEast**  
                      **Laziz Adkhamov, Director of SAP Uzbekistan**  
                      **Mariam Lashkhi, Deputy Chairperson, Georgia’s Innovation and Technology Agency, CAMCA Network Member**  
                      **Talant Sultanov, Chair of the Internet Society Kyrgyz Chapter, Former Adviser to Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan, CAMCA Network Member**
- LOCATION:        Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Conference Room FERGANA
- 1015-1115     **Breakout Session 7 – *Will there be Regional Media?***
- Moderator:       **Barry Salaam, Commissioner at Afghanistan’s Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC) and the Founder of NAW Media, CAMCA Network Member**  
Lead presenters: **Nargiza Bobomuradova, Head of International Department, National Association of Electronic Media of Uzbekistan**

**Jargalsaikhan Dambadarjaa**, Executive Director of DeFacto Institute;  
a columnist, radio presenter and host of TV show DeFacto  
**Najibullah Sharifi**, CEO, Rumi Consultancy, Founding and President of Afghan  
Journalist Safety Committee  
**Enders Wimbush**, President, StrateVarious Inc.  
**John Batchelor**, Host, The John Batchelor Show

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Conference Room BUKHARA

1115-1145 NETWORKING BREAK

1145-1215 **Keynote Interview: CAMCA: Whole vs Sum of the Parts**

Speaker: **Giorgi Kvirikashvili**, EBRD International Advisor and former Prime Minister of  
Georgia

Introduction: **Amb. Tedo Japaridze**, Vice-Chairman, International Relations, Anaklia Development  
Consortium

Interviewer: **Enders Wimbush**, President, StrateVarious Inc.

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Regency Ballroom

1215-1330 **LUNCHEON**

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency BALLROOM

1330-1430 **Plenary Session 3 – Transport: Opening Windows to West, South and Southeast**

Moderator: **Dr. S. Frederick Starr**, Chairman, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute

Speakers: **Dr. Kaush Arha**, Senior Adviser for Strategic Engagement, USAID

**Habib Abdullayev**, Director of the Navoi Free Economic Zone

**Amb. Wahidullah Waissi**, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to  
Australia, CAMCA Network Member

**Asset Yerali**, CEO, Odyssey Investments Group, CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan

**Amb. Tedo Japaridze**, Vice-Chairman, International Relations, Anaklia Development  
Consortium

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Regency Ballroom

1430-1530 **Plenary Session 4 – Culture and Tourism: Regional Project?**

Moderator: **Farrukh Irnazarov**, Co-Founder and Country Director for Uzbekistan, Central Asian  
Development Institute, CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan

Speakers: **Saidakbarkhon Akbarov**, Acting Deputy Chairman, State Committee of the Republic  
of Uzbekistan on Development of Tourism

**Rusudan Mamatsashvili**, First Deputy Head, Georgian National Tourism Administration

**Bayarmagnai Puntsag**, Deputy Director of the Department of Public Diplomacy and  
Cultural Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia

**Omaid Sharifi**, Co-Founder and President, ArtLords, CAMCA Network Member,  
Afghanistan

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Regency Ballroom

1530-1600 NETWORKING BREAK

1600-1700 **Plenary Session 5 – CAMCA Spotlights: Meet the CAMCA Network**

Moderator: **Aziza Umarova**, Co-Founder, SmartGov Consulting, Uzbekistan

Speakers: **Nargiz Nasrullayeva-Muduroglu**, Adviser to the Executive Director of the State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan

**Dulguun Baasandavaa**, CEO, BGB Peak LLC, Mongolia

**Arevik Anapiosyan**, Deputy Minister of Education Science, Culture and Sports of Armenia

**Zuhursho Rahmatulloev**, Co-Founder, Alif Capital and CEO, Alif Tech, Tajikistan

**Omar Sharifi**, Director and Senior Fellow, American institute of Afghanistan studies

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Regency Ballroom

1700-1715 **Closing Remarks**

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Tashkent, Regency Ballroom