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**Regional Forum**

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# WELCOME TO THE CAMCA REGIONAL FORUM

## A MESSAGE FROM THE FORUM ORGANIZERS

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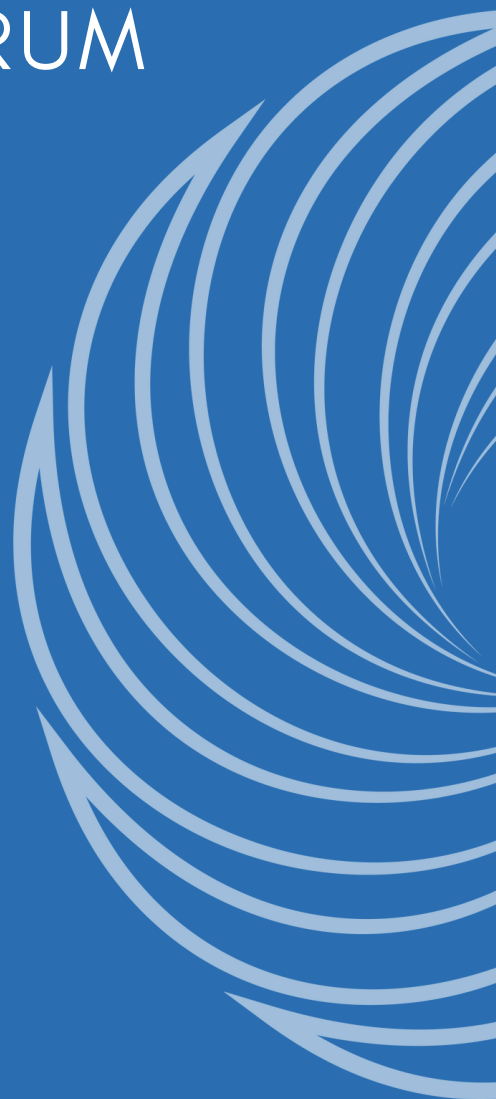
Welcome to the 2022 CAMCA Regional Forum! While typically meeting in the CAMCA region, we are pleased to welcome our friends and supporters to Washington, D.C. this year, providing an opportunity for our participants to forge productive partnerships within the United States' capital.

We are delighted to finally be gathering members of the CAMCA Forum community for the first time in-person since 2019. Given the major geopolitical and geoeconomic shifts underway across the globe, it is more important than ever to assemble CAMCA's rising leaders and others invested in the region to discuss these timely issues and ways in which regional cooperation can help address the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Held amidst the backdrop of the center of U.S. government and policy, this year's Forum offers a unique occasion for regional participants to foster collaboration with their neighbors as well as to gain recognition and advance linkages with U.S. actors. For our attendees based in Washington, D.C., we hope you will take advantage of this chance to connect with over 100 members of our CAMCA Network in attendance who represent some of the best and brightest of a new generation across the region. They are innovative, talented and eager to collaborate - we look forward to hearing of the beneficial connections made in the coming days.

Thank you for your participation in the important conversations ahead and for your role in making the Forum a success. We appreciate your continued involvement and hope that you will remain engaged with our CAMCA community for many years to come.

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# ABOUT THE FORUM

The **CAMCA** (**C**entral **A**sia-**M**ongolia-**C**aucasus-**A**fghanistan) Regional Forum is a non-political and non-partisan Forum established to facilitate region-wide discussions on means of advancing economic growth and development in Greater Central Asia (Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan).

It promotes this goal by fostering dialogue and interaction among rising leaders from all sectors in the 10 countries of the region, as well as with international leaders and stakeholders.

The Forum was established as one of the first and only platforms to bring together representatives of the 10 CAMCA countries. Not only is the Forum unique in its expansive regional coverage, it also features discussion and expert insights on important topics across all industries and fields.

Due to this diverse pool of participants and range of issue areas, the Forum is a premier opportunity to gain firsthand insights on the region's pulse and developments from CAMCA's next generation of leaders and influencers. For outside nations, businesses and organizations wanting to engage with the region, as well as professionals interested in regional cooperation and partnerships, the CAMCA Regional Forum is a singular 'one-stop shop'.

**Learn more at [www.camcaforum.org](http://www.camcaforum.org).**

Established  
**2014**

# FORUM COMMUNITY

The Forum brings together the best and brightest from the region and beyond.

CAMCA Forums over the years have hosted over 1,000 attendees in total, comprised of a diverse group of leaders and professionals including CEOs, Ambassadors, Ministers and Deputy Ministers, Chairpersons, Executive Directors, Board Members, entrepreneurs, C-suite executives, academic deans and professors, and more.

In addition, Forum participants have represented over 200 companies including Fortune-500 companies and top regionally-based businesses, as well as companies from Australia, Dubai, the EU, Israel, Japan, Kenya, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Turkey, the United States, Vietnam and more.

Previous Forum speakers have included:

**Giorgi Margvelashvili**, former President of Georgia  
**Novruz Mammadov**, former Prime Minister of Azerbaijan  
**Giorgi Kvirikashvili**, former Prime Minister of Georgia  
**Djoomart Otorbaev**, former Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic  
**Davlatali Said**, first Deputy Prime Minister of Tajikistan  
**Tinatini Khidasheli**, former Minister of Defense of Georgia  
**Donald Rumsfeld**, former U.S. Secretary of Defense  
**Ruslanbek Davletov**, Minister of Justice of Uzbekistan  
**Yerzhan Ashikbayev**, former Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan  
**Kairat Kelimbetov**, Governor of the Astana International Financial Centre  
**Madina Abylkassymova**, former Vice Minister of Economy and Budget Planning of Kazakhstan  
**Enkhbold Zandaakhuu**, former Speaker of the Parliament and Chairman of the Democratic Party of Mongolia  
**Sodyq Safoev**, First Deputy Chairman of the Senate of Uzbekistan  
**Shamsh Kassim-Lakha**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of Central Asia  
**Saad Mohseni**, Chairman and CEO of MOBY Group, Afghanistan  
**Hafiz Pashayev**, Rector of ADA University  
**Sergei Guriev**, former Chief Economist of EBRD  
**Shigeo Katsu**, President of Nazarbayev University  
**Bob Zoellick**, former President of the World Bank  
**Paul Wolfowitz**, former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense and President of the World Bank



## PREVIOUS FORUMS

**E-CAMCA FORUM (VIRTUAL) - 2021**  
**TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN - 2019**  
**BAKU, AZERBAIJAN - 2018**  
**DUSHANBE, TAJIKISTAN - 2017**  
**TBILISI, GEORGIA - 2016**  
**ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA - 2015**  
**ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN - 2014**

# FORUM IMPACT

The Forum organizers believe that expanded communication and collaboration among talented professionals from a range of fields can significantly contribute to economic, political and social development on both a national and regional basis.



AMB. ZAL KHALILZAD, FORMER  
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR  
AFGHANISTAN RECONCILIATION

"The annual CAMCA Forum is a much-needed platform for young leaders from Afghanistan, Central Asia, the Caucasus and Mongolia to come together to share ideas and best practices, and to build relationships that will be critical for progress in the region in the years ahead. It is encouraging to see so many rising leaders with an enduring commitment to the advancement of their countries and the region gathered each year."

AMB. TEDO JAPARIDZE, FORMER  
FOREIGN MINISTER OF GEORGIA

"In the longer term, the platform of the CAMCA Regional Forum will be one of the most important vehicles for nourishing and building up the processes and, eventually, regional institutions that will stimulate, coordinate and accelerate the region's integration."

SHIGEO KATSU, PRESIDENT,  
NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY

"CAMCA is a uniquely valuable Forum. It was refreshing to have met so many bright, young Central Asians representing the countries of CAMCA who look to the future with realistic optimism."

GIORGI KVIRIKASHVILI, FORMER PRIME  
MINISTER OF GEORGIA

"We appreciate the important role of the CAMCA Forum in helping advance regional economic growth and developments. To all Forum participants, let this gathering strengthen your resolve to work together to ensure that peace, stability and democracy prevail."

AMB. BILAHARI KAUSIKAN, FORMER  
AMB-AT-LARGE, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS OF SINGAPORE

"The network brings together highly talented and well-educated young professionals from the CAMCA countries who will soon assume - and some are already assuming - the mantle of intellectual, professional and policy leadership in their respective countries."

KAIRAT KELIMBETOV, GOVERNOR, ASTANA  
INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE

"I believe that the CAMCA Regional Forum is an ideal platform for discussing ideas that would impact the whole region and facilitate its integration. Our countries would only benefit from taking an active part in such a multidimensional conversation."

# 2022 FORUM SPONSORS



## AZGRANATA

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AZGRANATA is a leading producer of premium quality wines and juices in the South Caucasus. Built in 2011, AZGRANATA is one of the largest wine producers in the region with an annual production of 24 million bottles of alcoholic beverages.

AZGRANATA also produces other liquors and many popular fruit juices, concentrates and compotes.

## AZCHEMCO

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AZCHEMCO is an agrochemical company which works to improve food security and food quality within Azerbaijan using international standards, and to increase the competitiveness and export potential of Azerbaijani products abroad.

AZCHEMCO also produces high-quality agrochemicals, plant protection products and preparations used in agriculture, in addition to hosting awareness-raising activities on the proper use of such products.

## PARTNERS

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# FORUM ORGANIZERS

## CAMCA NETWORK

[www.camcanetwork.com](http://www.camcanetwork.com)



The CAMCA Network is a collection of professionals committed to sharing ideas, knowledge, expertise, experience and inspiration across the 10 countries of Central Asia, Mongolia, the Caucasus and Afghanistan (CAMCA). This new generation of regional leaders values free market economic systems, good governance, the rule of law and basic human freedoms; supports the sovereignty of their countries and traditional national values; and acknowledges the importance of regional and global cooperation. As an initiative of the alumni of the CAMCA Fellowship Program, members of the CAMCA Network believe in the value of a connected region and are passionate to contribute to the development, prosperity and cooperation of the CAMCA region through joint activities and projects.

## CENTRAL ASIA-CAUCASUS INSTITUTE

[www.silkroadstudies.org](http://www.silkroadstudies.org)



The Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and the Silk Road Studies Program constitute a joint Transatlantic Research and Policy Center. The Center is independent and privately funded, and has offices in Washington, D.C., and Stockholm, Sweden. The Center is affiliated with the American Foreign Policy Council and with the Stockholm-based Institute for Security and Development Policy. It is the first Center of its kind in both Europe and North America, and is firmly established as a leading focus of research and policy worldwide, serving a large and diverse community of analysts, scholars, policy-watchers, business leaders, journalists, and students.

## RUMSFELD FOUNDATION

[www.rumsfeldfoundation.org](http://www.rumsfeldfoundation.org)



The Rumsfeld Foundation encourages leadership, public service and free political and economic systems in the U.S. and abroad. The Foundation is committed to providing opportunities for rising leaders, honoring service to nation and to promoting liberty.

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