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Regional Forum

Almaty

June 15-16, 2023

AGENDA | UNITING CAMCA: PROGRESS AND POSSIBILITIES

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

7:30 – 9:00 **REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE (Rixos Almaty Hotel)**

9:00 – 9:30 **WELCOME REMARKS (Ballroom 2-3)**

- **Dr. Frederick Starr** | *Chairman, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC)*
- **Sarah Tonucci** | *Executive Director, Rumsfeld Foundation*
- **Caroline Savage** | *U.S. Consul General in Almaty*
- **Tamar Kekenadze** | *Chairperson of the Board of Directors, CAMCA Network*
- **Aizhan Zhantayeva** | *CAMCA Network National Coordinator for Kazakhstan*

9:30 – 10:00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS (Ballroom 2-3)**

SPEAKER: Askar Shakirov | *Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs, Defence and Security of the Senate of the Parliament of Kazakhstan*

INTRODUCTION: Dinara Gaplan | *Chairman of the Board of Trustees of "Bolashak" Corporate Foundation; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan*

10:00 – 10:30 **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

10:30 – 11:15 **KEYNOTE INTERVIEW (Ballroom 2-3)**

SPEAKER: Senator Sodyq Safoev | *First Deputy Chairman of the Senate of Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan*

INTERVIEWER: Ali Aslan | *International TV Presenter & Journalist*

11:15 – 12:15 **PLENARY SESSION – REGIONAL COORDINATION: FROM WORDS TO ACTION? (Ballroom 2-3)**

MODERATOR: Dr. Frederick Starr | *Chairman, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, AFPC*

SPEAKERS:

- **Yerkin Tukumov** | *Director of the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of Kazakhstan*
- **Ambassador Vladimir Norov** | *CEO & Founder, Silk Road Advisory, Uzbekistan*
- **Farukh Sultonov** | *Country Officer, IFC Tajikistan; CAMCA Network Member, Tajikistan*
- **Zabihullah Ziarmal** | *Founder & Chairman, World Trade Centre Afghanistan; CAMCA Network Member, Afghanistan*



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12:15 – 13:30 **LUNCHEON | Connect with the CAMCA Network**

Join a sector-based lunch to connect with CAMCA Network regional leaders within the following Working Groups:

- **CAMCA Business and IT (Ballroom 1)**
- **CAMCA Education (Diamond 1)**
- **CAMCA Think Tanks and Media (Diamond 5)**

13:30 – 14:30 **KEYNOTE INTERVIEW (Ballroom 2-3)**

SPEAKER: **Hernando de Soto** | *President, Institute for Liberty and Democracy, Peru*

INTERVIEWER: **Zafar Hashemi** | *Special Adviser, SIGAR; CAMCA Network Member, Afghanistan*

14:30 – 15:30 **PLENARY SESSION – LOOKING AHEAD: CAMCA PERSPECTIVES ON GEOPOLITICS (Ballroom 2-3)**

MODERATOR: **Ali Aslan** | *International TV Presenter & Journalist*

SPEAKERS:

- **Senator Sodyq Safoev** | *First Deputy Chairman of the Senate of Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan*
- **Ambassador Said Jawad** | *Former Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the United States, United Kingdom and Russia*
- **Professor Madhav Das Nalapat** | *Director of Geopolitics and International Relations and UNESCO Peace Chair at Manipal University; Vice-Chair of Manipal University's Advanced Research Group; Editorial Director of The Sunday Guardian and iTV Network, India (VIRTUAL)*
- **Dosym Satpayev** | *Director of Kazakhstan Risk Assessment Group; Member of the Presidium of the Kazakhstan Council on International Relations*
- **Dr. Svante Cornell** | *Director, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, AFPC*

15:30 – 16:15 **NETWORKING BUSINESS EXPO**

16:15 – 17:15 **CAMCA CONVERSATION – REGIONAL MEDIA: WILL THE GAP BE FILLED? (Ballroom 2-3)**

MODERATOR: **Gerel Orgil** | *Founder and CEO of EMPR; CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia*

SPEAKERS:

- **Assel Karaulova** | *President and CEO, Kazakhstan Press Club; CEO of PG Communications; Chairperson, National Public Relations Association of Kazakhstan (NASO)*
- **Abakhon Sultonnazarov** | *Central Asia Regional Director Institute for War & Peace Reporting (IWPR)*
- **Peter Leonard** | *Central Asia Editor, Eurasianet*
- **Javier Piedra** | *Correspondent, Asia Times*

16:15 – 17:15 **BOOK PRESENTATION – RELIGION AND STATE: CENTRAL ASIA MODEL (Diamond 1)**

SPEAKER: **Dr. Svante Cornell** | *Director, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, AFPC; Author of "The New Secularism in the Muslim World: Religion and the State in Central Asia and Azerbaijan"*

INTERVIEWER: **Ilan Berman** | *Senior Vice President, American Foreign Policy Council*



FRIDAY, JUNE 16

7:30 – 9:00 **REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE**

9:00 – 9:45 **KEYNOTE INTERVIEW (Ballroom 2-3)**

SPEAKER: **Renat Bekturov** | *Governor, Astana International Financial Centre*

INTERVIEWER: **Gaukhar Nurgalieva** | *Senior Advisor, FMA; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan*

9:45 – 10:45 **PLENARY SESSION – TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS: CAMCA'S MISSING WINDOWS WEST AND SOUTH (Ballroom 2-3)**

MODERATOR: **Dr. Frederick Starr** | *Chairman, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, AFPC*

SPEAKERS:

- **Dr. Mamuka Tsereteli** | *Senior Fellow, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, AFPC*
- **Dr. Vali Kaleji** | *Senior Research Fellow, Iran and Eurasia Research Center (IRAS), Tehran, Iran; Expert on Central Asia and Caucasian Studies*
- **Dr. Bakhrom Radjabov** | *Head of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation Office in Uzbekistan; CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan*
- **Asset Yerali** | *Former Chairman of the Board at Aktau Marine North Terminal and Board Member at Port of Aktau; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan*

10:45 – 11:15 **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

11:15 – 12:15 **CAMCA CONVERSATION – POLICY MAKERS UNITE: EMPOWERING CAMCA THROUGH THINK TANK SYNERGY (Ballroom 2-3)**

MODERATOR: **Ilan Berman** | *Senior Vice President, American Foreign Policy Council*

SPEAKERS:

- **Ambassador Vladimir Norov** | *CEO & Founder, Silk Road Advisory, Uzbekistan*
- **Tengiz Pkhaladze** | *Non-resident Senior Fellow, European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE); Associate Professor and Head of BA Program in Political Sciences, Georgian Institute of Public Relations (GIPA); CAMCA Network Member, Georgia*
- **Dr. Fariz Ismailzade** | *Vice-rector for External, Government and Student Affairs, ADA University, Azerbaijan*
- **Dr. Roman Vakulchuk** | *Senior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan (VIRTUAL)*



11:15 – 12:15 **CAMCA CONVERSATION – TECHSCAPE: HARNESSING THE POWER OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN CAMCA (Ballroom 2-3)**

MODERATOR: **Sarkhan Hashimov** | *Chairman of the Digital Transformation Board, State Tax Service of Azerbaijan, CAMCA Network Member, Azerbaijan*

SPEAKERS:

- **Andrew Beklemishev** | *Vice President, CIS Region, International Data Corporation; Member Board of Trustees, Almaty Management University (AlmaU)*
- **Azis Abakirov** | *CEO, High Technology Park of the Kyrgyz Republic; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyz Republic*
- **Lossie Freeman** | *Director of Corporate Partnerships at ZIP Code Wilmington*
- **Yerdos Mendybayev** | *Founding Partner at Academie One, Kazakhstan*

12:15 – 13:30 **LUNCHEON (Brasserie Restaurant, Lobby Level)**

13:30 – 14:30 **PLENARY SESSION – TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION IN CAMCA: INNOVATING FOR A SHARED TOMORROW (Ballroom 2-3)**

MODERATOR: **Jenny Jenish Kyzy** | *Head of Experimentation, Acceleration Lab, UNDP Kyrgyz Republic; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyz Republic*

SPEAKERS:

- **Sayasat Nurbek** | *Minister of Education and Science of Kazakhstan (VIRTUAL)*
- **Dr. Fariz Ismailzade** | *Vice-rector for External, Government and Student Affairs, ADA University, Azerbaijan*
- **Dr. Murod Ismailov** | *Associate Professor, University of Tsukuba; President, CAMCA Academic Consortium & CAMCA Academy; CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan*
- **Tatiana Magambetova** | *Co-Founder and Principal of High Tech Academy; Chair of the Foundational Values Committee*
- **Mariyash Aibassova** | *Founder & CEO, APEC Training Center, Kazakhstan*

14:30 – 15:00 **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

- *Signing Ceremony for CAMCA Academic Consortium MOU's*

15:00 – 16:15 **CAMCA CONVERSATION – DREAMERS AND DOERS: ENTREPRENEURSHIP DRIVING CAMCA'S PROGRESS (Ballroom 2-3)**

MODERATOR: **Sardor Mukhamedaliev** | *Entrepreneur; Global Business Networker; Founder of Biz Network (Consulting & Business Events) and Founder of SM's 5AM Club; CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan*

SPEAKERS:

- **Galim Khussainov** | *Former Chief Executive Officer of Bank CenterCredit, Kazakhstan*
- **Zhanna Kan** | *CEO, Zhanna Kan Group, Kazakhstan*
- **Kodirjon Norov** | *Founding Partner, Algorithm Capital; CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan*
- **Fuad Karimov** | *Co-founder and Member of the Board of Directors, Keepface/Metafluence; CAMCA Network Member, Azerbaijan*
- **Zarina Chekirbaeva** | *Founder and CEO of BGlobal Ltd.; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyz Republic*
- **Badral Sanlig** | *Founder and CEO, Chimege Systems, Mongolia*



15:00 – 16:15 **CAMCA CONVERSATION – EMPOWERED WOMEN, UNITED CAMCA: VISIONARIES OF CHANGE (Ballroom 2-3)**

MODERATOR: **Aizhan Zhantayeva** | *Member of the Board of Directors, Astana Financial Services Authority; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan*

SPEAKERS:

- **Gaukhar Kapparova** | *Businesswoman, Philanthropist, Shareholder of Lancaster Group and President of G&G Glamour*
- **Fidan Huseynli** | *Senior Marketing and Stakeholder Manager Europe, Invest in Huangpu (Guangzhou city); CAMCA Network Member, Azerbaijan*
- **Nazira Beishenalieva** | *Chairperson of the Board of Directors of CJSC Bank of Asia; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyz Republic*
- **Tatyana Bystrushkina** | *Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) in Uzbekistan; CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan*
- **Dinara Gaplan** | *Chairman of the Board of Trustees of "Bolashak" Corporate Foundation; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan*

16:15 – 16:30 **NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK**

16:30 – 17:30 **PLENARY SESSION – INVESTING IN CAMCA: OPPORTUNITIES AND IMPEDIMENTS (Ballroom 2-3)**

MODERATOR: **Saule Imanova** | *IFC Transaction Advisory, Asia; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan*

SPEAKERS:

- **Nurkhat Kushimov** | *CEO, Astana Financial Services Authority*
- **Eldar Abdrazakov** | *Founder and CEO, Centras Capital*
- **Aslan Sultanov** | *Managing Partner, White Hill Capital, Kazakhstan*
- **Mikheil Nibladze** | *Managing Director, Cerberus Frontier*
- **Eric Purington** | *Real Assets/Infrastructure Investment Director and Portfolio Manager, abrdn ("Aberdeen")*

17:30 – 18:00 **POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS (Ballroom 2-3)**

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

19:00 – 22:00 **CLOSING DINNER (Ziyafet Restaurant, Hotel Kazakhstan)**