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Regional Forum

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#CAMCA2023ALMATY

WELCOME TO THE CAMCA REGIONAL FORUM

A MESSAGE FROM THE FORUM ORGANIZERS

Welcome to the 2023 CAMCA Regional Forum! We are pleased to welcome you to Almaty, Kazakhstan.

We are delighted to be gathering members of the CAMCA Forum community back in the region for this year's events. Our discussions in Almaty will center around our theme, "Uniting CAMCA: Progress and Possibilities," touching on a range of key areas where the region would benefit significantly from further intraregional cooperation. As the Forum organizers, we firmly believe that a connected and collaborative CAMCA is critical to unlocking the region's tremendous potential - the 2023 Forum sessions will provide a status report on that vision and submit recommendations for where we go next.

To our attendees, we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to connect with the many members of our CAMCA Network in attendance who represent some of the best and brightest of a new generation across the region. They are bright, 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.



ABOUT THE FORUM

The **CAMCA** (Central Asia-Mongolia-Caucasus-Afghanistan) 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 the 10 countries of the region: 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.

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 1,200 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 250 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
Enkhbold Zandaakhuu, former Speaker of the Parliament and Chairman of the Democratic Party of Mongolia
Tinatini Khidasheli, former Minister of Defense of Georgia
Donald Rumsfeld, former U.S. Secretary of Defense
Carlos Gutierrez, former U.S. Secretary of Commerce
John Bolton, former U.S. National Security Advisor
Ruslanbek Davletov, Minister of Justice of Uzbekistan
Sodiyq Safoev, First Deputy Chairman of the Senate of Uzbekistan
Bob Zoellick, former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State and President of the World Bank
Paul Wolfowitz, former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense and President of the World Bank
Yerzhan Ashikbayev, former Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan
Madina Abylkassymova, former Vice Minister of Economy and Budget Planning of Kazakhstan
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
Dr. Arthur Laffer, Founder and Chairman of Laffer Associates
Shigeo Katsu, President of Nazarbayev University



PREVIOUS FORUMS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - 2022

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.



SENATOR SODYQ SAFOEV, FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, SENATE OF THE OLIY MAJLIS OF UZBEKISTAN

"The Forum's activity has tremendous impact not only for the extended Central Asia and the South Caucasus region, but the whole contemporary world...There is no doubt that CAMCA Forums serve the purpose of bringing people together - bridging culture and civilizations."

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."

ILAN BERMAN, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY COUNCIL

"Today, the countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus, as well as Afghanistan and Mongolia, are being reshaped by new political dynamics and fresh economic opportunities. 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."

AMB. YERZHAN ASHIKBAYEV, AMBASSADOR OF KAZAKHSTAN TO THE UNITED STATES

"We look forward to hosting the 2023 CAMCA Regional Forum in Almaty. It presents a valuable opportunity for the meaningful exchange of perspectives on ways to advance a stronger regional response to current and future challenges."

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 KVIKASHVILI, 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."

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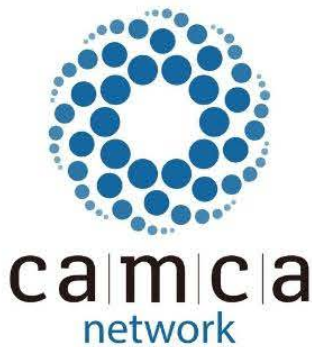




FORUM ORGANIZERS

CAMCA NETWORK

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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



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.

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