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The **CAMCA** (Central Asia- Mongolia- Caucasus- Afghanistan) **Regional Forum** serves as a platform for region-wide discussions on means of advancing economic growth and development in Greater Central Asia.

The Forum is a premier convening of rising leaders from all sectors of the 10 countries of the region, as well as international representatives. The Forum is an initiative of the CAMCA Network, an entity established by alumni of the Rumsfeld Foundation's Fellowship Program with the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute at the American Foreign Policy Council in Washington, D.C.

Previous Forums:

Tbilisi, Georgia
June 18-19, 2016

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
June 20-21, 2015

Astana, Kazakhstan
June 20-22, 2014



2017 FORUM REPORT

DUSHANBE, TAJIKISTAN | JULY 1st-2nd, 2017

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 Saifutdinov**, 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

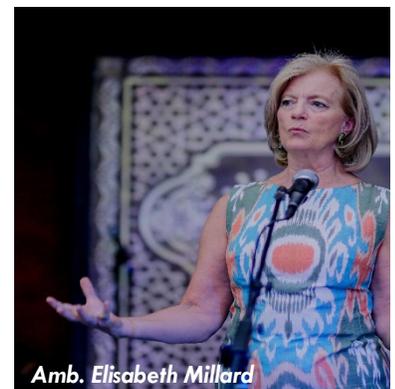
OPENING REMARKS: **H.E. Davlatali Said**, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan

PRESENTATION BY DR. S. FREDERICK STARR: "Is Something Stirring Across CAMCA?"

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H.E. Davlatali Said



Amb. Elisabeth Millard



Dr. S. Frederick Starr

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.



ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS & PANELISTS

Dr. Kaush Arha, International Conservation Caucus Foundation

Mr. Ilan Berman, American Foreign Policy Council

Mr. Ronald Binkofski, Microsoft CIS

Ms. Sarah Conant, Rumsfeld Foundation

Amb. John Herbst, Dinu Patricia Eurasia Center, Atlantic Council

Dr. Fariz Ismailzade, ADA University (Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy)

Amb. Tedo Japaridze, Foreign Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister of Georgia

Mr. Khudoberdi Kholiqnazar, Center for Strategic Studies of Tajikistan

Dr. Farida Muminova, Center for Strategic Studies of Tajikistan

Dr. Theresa Sabonis-Helf, National Defense University

Gen. BK Sharma, United Service Institution of India

Dr. Cheng Yang, Shanghai International Studies University

CAMCA NETWORK SPEAKERS

Mr. Hikmat Abdurahmanov, Association for International Business and Technologies of Uzbekistan

Ms. Zara Chatinyan, KfW German Development Bank (Armenia)

Mr. Ozod Davlatshoev, Accelerate Prosperity (Tajikistan)

Mr. Zafar Hashemi, Embassy of Afghanistan to the U.S.

Ms. Saule Imanova, International Finance Corporation (Kazakhstan)

Ms. Tamar Kekenadze, Free Democrats Political Party of Georgia

Mr. Abdullo Kurbanov, Alif Capital (Tajikistan)

Mr. Sami Mahdi, TOLONews (Afghanistan)

Mr. Mirsuljan Namazaliev, CAFMI Research Center (Kyrgyzstan)

Mr. Rakhim Oshakbayev, Center of Applied Research "TALAP" (Kazakhstan)

Mr. Almas Otyynshiyev, Fircroft (Kazakhstan)

Mr. Zuhursho Rahmatulloev, Alif Capital (Tajikistan)

Mr. Talant Sultanov, Taza Koom Digital Transformation Project (Kyrgyzstan)

Mr. Emin Valiyev, Keepface (Azerbaijan)

Amb. Wahidullah Waissi, Amb. of Afghanistan to Australia

Mr. Basir Yosufi, Ministry of Interior of Afghanistan



Mr. Almaz Saifutdinov & Ms. Nazira Beishenalieva

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*



Ambassador Wahid Waissi

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Video coverage of all Forum sessions will be available at the [CAMCA Regional Forums YouTube Channel](#).



“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. Amrullah Saleh



Dr. Theresa Sabonis-Helf



Mr. Zafar Hashemi



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