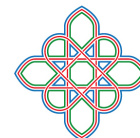


**CAMCA 2018 REGIONAL FORUM AGENDA
BAKU, AZERBAIJAN, JUNE 22-23**



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FRIDAY, JUNE 22

0930-1000 Welcoming Remarks

Emil Gasimli, CAMCA National Coordinator for Azerbaijan, Chief of Marketing and Business Development, SOCAR
Ambassador Hafiz Pashayev, Rector, ADA University
Dr. Svante Cornell, Director, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute
Sarah Tonucci, Executive Director, Rumsfeld Foundation

Introductory Remarks

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

LOCATION: ADA University, Student Center, Building C, Large Auditorium

1000-1030 Keynote Address

Speaker: *H.E. Novruz Mammadov, Prime Minister of Azerbaijan*

Introduction: *Fariz Ismailzade, Vice-Rector for External, Government and Student Affairs, ADA University*

LOCATION: ADA University, Student Center, Building C, Large Auditorium

1030-1115 Plenary Session 1 – Regionalism in CAMCA: Perspectives from the Region’s Next Generation

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

Speakers: *Hikmat Abdurahmanov, Chairman of the Association for International Business and Technologies of Uzbekistan, CAMCA Network Member*
Nemuun Gal, Vice-Principal and a School Counselor at Hobby School in Mongolia, CAMCA Network Member
Zafar Hashemi, Senior Counselor, Embassy of Afghanistan in the U.S., CAMCA Network Member
Dr. Tornike Turmanidze, Associate Professor, Tbilisi State University, CAMCA Network Member
Yernar Zharkeshov, Managing Partner, Center for Strategic Initiatives in Kazakhstan, CAMCA Network Member

LOCATION: ADA University, Student Center, Building C, Large Auditorium

1115-1145 **Keynote Interview:** *“A Conversation with Ambassador Paul Wolfowitz: The Nexus of Security and Development”*

Speaker: **Ambassador Paul Wolfowitz**, Visiting Scholar, American Enterprise Institute, former President of the World Bank, former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense

Interviewer: **Ms. Nargiz Nasrullayeva-Muduroglu**, Adviser to the Executive Director of the State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan, CAMCA Network Member

LOCATION: ADA University, Student Center, Building C, Large Auditorium

1145-1245 **Luncheon**

LOCATION: ADA University, Cafeteria

1300-1330 **Keynote Interview:** *“A Regional Economy?”*

Speaker: **Kairat Kelimbetov**, Governor, Astana International Financial Center

Interviewer: **Dr. Jeffrey Gedmin**, Senior Fellow at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service

LOCATION: ADA University, Student Center, Building C, Large Auditorium

1330-1430 **Plenary Session 2 - Reform Initiatives in the CAMCA Region**

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

Speakers: **Mikayil Jabbarov**, Minister of Taxes of Azerbaijan

Sen. Sodyq Safoev, First Deputy Chairman of Senate of Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan

Rakhim Oshakbayev, Director, Center of Applied Research TALAP in Kazakhstan, CAMCA Network Member

Mariam Lashkhi, Head of International Relations Department, Georgian Innovation and Technology Agency

Zia Asey, Director-General for Monitoring and Evaluation, Ministry of Interior Affairs of Afghanistan, CAMCA Network Member

LOCATION: ADA University, Student Center, Building C, Large Auditorium

1430-1530 **Plenary Session 3 - Caspian Connections and Beyond**

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

Speakers: **Ambassador Wahidullah Waissi**, Ambassador of Afghanistan to Australia, CAMCA Network Member

Taleh Ziyadov, Director General, Baku International Sea Trade Port

Levan Akhvlediani, CEO, Anaklia Development Consortium, Georgia

Dr. Jacopo Maria Pepe, Associate Fellow, Robert Bosch Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia, German Council on Foreign Relations

Dr. Kaush Arha, Senior Adviser for Strategic Engagement, USAID

LOCATION: ADA University, Student Center, Building C, Large Auditorium

- 1530-1615 NETWORKING EXPO AND COFFEE BREAK
- 1615-1730 **Breakout 1 Panel Discussion – Best Practices in Education Across CAMCA**
- Moderator: **Ambassador Hafiz Pashayev**, Rector, ADA University
 Speakers: **Jeyhun Bayramov**, Minister of Education of Azerbaijan
Shigeo Katsu, President, Nazarbayev University
Dr. Almazbek Beishenaliev, Head of the Department of Education, Culture and Sport, Staff of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic
- LOCATION: ADA University, Student Center, Building C, Large Auditorium
- 1615-1730 **Breakout 2 Roundtable – Upgrading Policy Analysis Across the CAMCA Region**
- Moderator: **Ilan Berman**, Senior Vice-President, American Foreign Policy Council
 Lead Contributors: **Sanjaasuren Bayaraa**, Director, CAREC Institute
Ambassador Daniyar Kurbanov, Deputy Director, Center for International Relations Studies
Iskander Akylbayev, Executive Director, Kazakhstan Council on International Relations, CAMCA Network Member
Gulmira Rzayeva, Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Strategic Studies in Azerbaijan, CAMCA Network Member
Azamat Akeleev, Founding Director, Promotank LLC in Kyrgyzstan, CAMCA Network Member
- LOCATION: ADA University, Building B, 1st floor, Room 103
- 1615-1730 **Breakout 3 Roundtable – CAMCA Media Roundtable**
- Moderator: **Zafar Hashemi**, Senior Counselor, Embassy of Afghanistan in the U.S., CAMCA Network Member
 Lead Contributors: **Jargalsaikhan Dambadarjaa**, Executive Director of the DeFacto Institute, Editor of 'The Defacto Gazette', and a columnist, radio presenter and host of the TV show 'DeFacto'
Hiroyuki Akita, Senior Staff Writer, Nikkei Asian Review, Japan
Jeffrey Gedmin, Senior Fellow at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, former President and CEO of RFE/RL
Azim Azimov, Founder and CEO of Media Kitchen in Kyrgyzstan, CAMCA Network Member
Barry Salaam, Commissioner, Afghanistan's Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee, CAMCA Network Member
- LOCATION: ADA University, Building B, 3rd floor, General Assembly Room
- 1615-1730 **Breakout 4 Workshop – Digital Disruption: What Is It and How Does It Impact Businesses?**
- Moderator: **Ash Singh**, Adjunct Professor of Entrepreneurship, INSEAD Business School; Founder, StartupCourse.com
- LOCATION: ADA University, Building B, 1st Floor, Majlis Room

1930-2200 Forum Dinner

LOCATION: ART GARDEN, 22 Asef Zeynalli Icheri Sheher

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

0915-1045 Plenary Session 4 – CAMCA’s Changing Periphery: Harbingers of Strategic Change

Moderator: **Enders Wimbush**, Principal, StateVarious

Speakers: **Ambassador John Herbst**, Director, Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center, Atlantic Council

Hiroyki Akita, Foreign & Security Affairs Commentator, Nikkei Asian Review, Japan

Ambassador Bilahari Kausikan, Chairman, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore

Ambassador Nasir Andisha, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan

Rear Admiral Raja Menon, Former Assistant Chief of Naval Staff of India

Sally Painter, Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer, Blue Star Strategies

LOCATION: ADA University, Student Center, Building C, Large Auditorium

1045-1115 Networking Coffee Break

1115-1215 Plenary Session 5 – Economies of CAMCA: Innovating for Investment

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

Speakers: **Kairat Kelimbetov**, Governor of Astana International Finance Center, Kazakhstan

Eldar Abakirov, Deputy Minister of Economy of Kyrgyzstan

Kenneth Angell, Managing Director, Overseas Private Investment Corporation

LOCATION: ADA University, Student Center, Building C, Large Auditorium

1215-1315 Luncheon Discussions

Participants can sign up to attend a specific lunch discussion

LOCATION: ADA University Cafeteria – Specific tables for each lunch will be indicated

1330-1445 Breakout 5 Panel Discussion – The Future of CAMCA’s Energy: Geopolitical Implications

Moderator: **Dr. Brenda Shaffer**, Visiting Researcher and Professor, Georgetown University

Speakers: **Elshad Nasirov**, Vice President for Investments and Marketing, SOCAR

Jonathan Elkind, Fellow and Adjunct Senior Research Scholar, Center on Global Energy Policy, SIPA, Columbia University

Edward Chow, Senior Fellow, Energy and National Security Program, CSIS

Dr. Theresa Sabonis-Helf, Professor of National Security Strategy, National War College, National Defense University

LOCATION: ADA University, Student Center, Building C, Large Auditorium

1330-1445 **Breakout 6 Roundtable – Empowering Women of CAMCA**

Moderator: **Kamala Gafarova**, Project Services Manager at BP, CAMCA Network Member

Lead Contributors: **Sally Painter**, Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer, Blue Star Strategies, LLC
Maryna Antonova, Director of International Programs, President Yushchenko Institute
Gulnura Toralieva, Former Adviser to the Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan
Manduul Altangerel, Corporate Lawyer, Mongolia, CAMCA Network Member
Omaid Sharifi, Co-Founder and President of ArtLords in Afghanistan, CAMCA Network Member

LOCATION: ADA University, Building B, 1st floor, Room 101

1330-1445 **Breakout 7 Roundtable – Digitalization and Good Governance in CAMCA**

Moderator: **Sarkhan Hashimov**, Director-General of Microsoft for Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan, CAMCA Network Member

Lead Contributors: **Yana Krimpe**, CEO and Founder, Best Solutions
Peter Borovykh, Blockchain Solution Architect, www.blockchaindriven.com
Yagub Rahimov, Co-founder, 7Marketz Group, Azerbaijan
Talant Sultanov, Chair of the Internet Society Kyrgyz Chapter, Former Adviser to the Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan, CAMCA Network Member
Aziza Umarova, Co-Founder, SmartGov Consulting, CAMCA Network Member

LOCATION: ADA University, Building B, 3rd floor, General Assembly Room

1330-1445 **Breakout 8 Roundtable – Connecting CAMCA's Entrepreneurs**

Moderator: **Hikmat Abdurahmanov**, Chairman of the Association for International Business and Technologies of Uzbekistan, CAMCA Network Member

Lead Contributors: **Nino Zambakhidze**, Chairperson, Georgian Farmers Association
Emin Veli, Partner, Keepface, Azerbaijan, CAMCA Network Member
Sardor Mukhamedaliyev, CEO, "OrientSwiss" CIS countries
Khulan Davaadorj, Founder, Director and Chief Technologist, Natural Essentials LLC, Mongolia, CAMCA Network Member
Manuchehr Kurbonali, Co-Founder and Growth Lead at Zentist, CAMCA Network Member
Zarina Chekirbaeva, Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce in Kyrgyzstan, CAMCA Network Member
Arthur Lenk, Principal, Israel Innovation for Africa

LOCATION: ADA University, Building B, 1st floor, Room 103

- 1330-1445 **Breakout 9 – Finding CAMCA’s Voice in the World**
- Moderator: **Ambassador Bilahari Kausikan**, Chairman, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore
- Speakers: **Enders Wimbush**, Principal, StateVarious
Hiroyuki Akita, Foreign & Security Affairs Commentator, Nikkei Asian Review
Thomas Firestone, Partner, Baker & McKenzie LLP and Chairman of the U.S.-Kyrgyzstan Business Council
Jonathan Missner, Managing Partner and Chair of the Global Practices and Corporate Strategy Groups at Stein Mitchell Cipollone Beato & Missner LLP
- LOCATION: ADA University, Building B, 1st Floor, Majlis Room
- 1445-1515 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK
- 1515-1615 **Plenary Session 6 – Models of Regional Coordination**
- Moderator: **Dr. Kaush Arha**, Senior Adviser for Strategic Engagement, USAID
- Speakers: **Dr. Svante Cornell**, Director, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute
Sally Painter, Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer, Blue Star Strategies
Sanjaasuren Bayaraa, Director, CAREC Institute
Ambassador Bilahari Kausikan, Chairman, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore
- LOCATION: ADA University, Student Center, Building C, Large Auditorium
- 1615-1645 **Keynote Address: “Regional Prospects: CAMCA in 2030”**
- Speaker: **Senator Sodyq Safoev**, First Deputy Chairman of the Senate of Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan
- LOCATION: ADA University, Student Center, Building C, Large Auditorium
- 1645-1715 **Ambassadors’ Roundtable**
- Moderator: **Dr. S. Frederick Starr**, Chairman, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute
- Participants: **Ambassador Hafiz Pashayev**, Rector, ADA University, former Ambassador of Azerbaijan to the United States
Ambassador Tedo Japaridze, Foreign Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister of Georgia, former Ambassador of Georgia to the United States
Ambassador Sodyq Safoev, First Deputy Chairman of the Senate of Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan, former Ambassador of Uzbekistan to the United States
- LOCATION: ADA University, Student Center, Building C, Large Auditorium
- 1930-2200 Closing Dinner
- LOCATION: Four Seasons Hotel, 1 Neftchilar Avenue