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The CAMCA (Central Asia-Mongolia-Caucasus-Afghanistan) Regional Forum was established to promote region-wide discussions on means of advancing economic growth and development in Greater Central Asia.

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

Previous CAMCA Regional Forums:

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
June 20-21, 2015

Astana, Kazakhstan
June 20-22, 2014

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2016 FORUM REPORT

TBILISI, GEORGIA | JUNE 18-19, 2016

Organized by the Rumsfeld Foundation in cooperation with the alumni network of the Rumsfeld Fellowship Program and the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute at Johns Hopkins University-SAIS, the 2016 CAMCA Regional Forum in Tbilisi, Georgia, brought together over 160 representatives from across more than 20 countries to discuss issues and trends central to the region.



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JUNE 17TH

Forum participants were hosted for an evening welcoming reception by the President of Georgia, **H.E. Giorgi Margvelashvili**, at the Presidential Palace with views overlooking the illuminated skyline of Tbilisi.

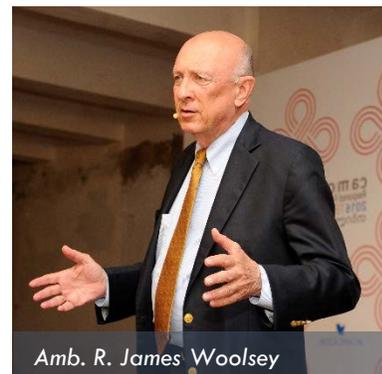
DAY 1 – JUNE 18TH

Opening remarks were delivered by **Secretary Donald Rumsfeld**, President of the Rumsfeld Foundation, and **Ms. Aziza Umarova**, a Fellow from Uzbekistan, who presented on behalf of the CAMCA network. Following, the Prime Minister of Georgia, **H.E. Giorgi Kvirikashvili**, provided a keynote welcoming address.

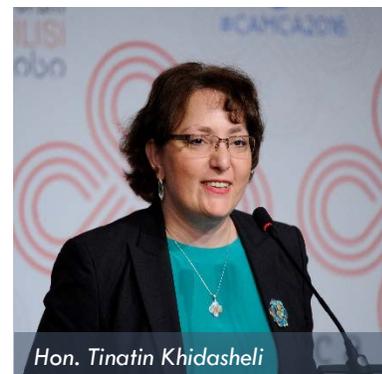
The day's program included a presentation on "Centrifugal and Centripetal Trends in the CAMCA Region" by **Dr. S. Frederick Starr**, Chairman of the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, followed by several plenary and panel discussions on "CAMCA's Changing Geopolitical Landscape: New Actors, Alignments and Strategic Options," "Current Global Economic Trends: Implications for CAMCA Countries," "Ideas and Influences: CAMCA's Challenges and Opportunities," and "Boosting Investment In CAMCA: Understanding the Opportunities."



H.E. Giorgi Kvirikashvili



Amb. R. James Woolsey



Hon. Tinatin Khidasheli

Forum speakers and participants included distinguished professionals from around the world including each of the 10 CAMCA countries, several European countries, India, Israel, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Turkey, Ukraine, the United States, Vietnam and more.

An impressive keynote address was provided during lunch by the Minister of Defense of Georgia, **Ms. Tinatin Khidasheli**, who presented her insights on the security situation in the Black Sea region and remarked on the resulting implications for its neighbors.

Guests continued conversations from the day's meetings at dinner over Georgian dishes and views of Tbilisi's Old City.

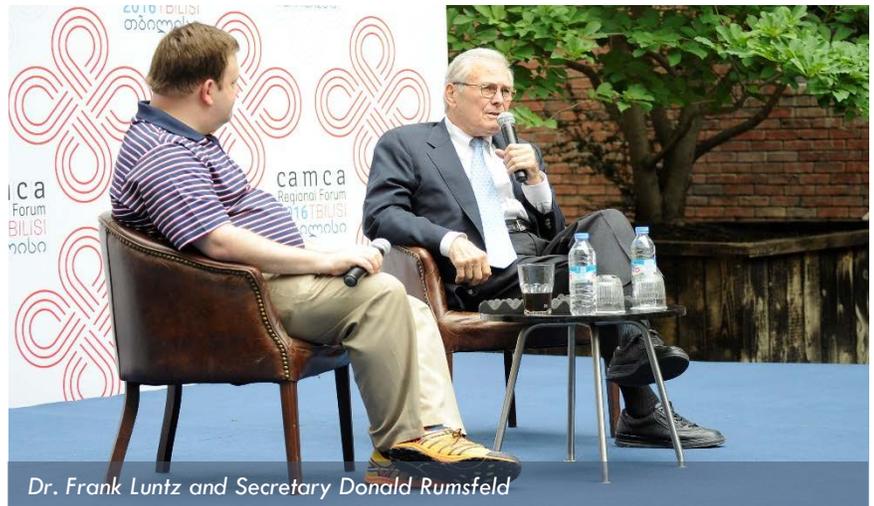
DAY 2 – JUNE 19TH

The second day of the Forum began with a plenary session on “CAMCA and East-West Transport and Transit Corridor,” followed by an engaging conversation between **Dr. Frank Luntz**, Founder and President of Luntz Global, and **Secretary Rumsfeld**, on topics including leadership and the role of the U.S. in the world.

Chairman of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, **Ambassador R. James Woolsey**, provided informative luncheon keynote remarks on actors and states challenging current global security. At the conclusion of the luncheon, attendees enjoyed sightseeing around the vibrant city of Tbilisi.

The closing Forum dinner, generously hosted by the Government of Georgia, was held at the Funicular restaurant overlooking the city from the Mtatsminda hilltop. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, **Mr. Mikheil Janelidze**, provided remarks and performers from the Sukhishvili Georgian National Ballet provided memorable entertainment to traditional music for dinner guests.

After a spectacular evening, the 2016 CAMCA Regional Forum concluded following two days of important exchanges and dialogue on the CAMCA region.



Dr. Frank Luntz and Secretary Donald Rumsfeld

ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS & PANELISTS

- Mr. Mitchell Barak, [KEEVOON Global Research](#)
- Dr. Vitaliy Baylarbayov, [SOCAR](#)
- Mr. Eric Brown, [Hudson Institute](#)
- Dr. Stephen Cambone, [Rumsfeld Foundation](#)
- Dr. Svante Cornell, [Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, Johns Hopkins-SAIS](#)
- Amb. Alberto Fernandez, [Middle East Media Research Institute](#)
- Mr. Farrukh Inazarov, [Central Asian Development Institute](#)
- Amb. Zalmay Khalilzad, [Gryphon Partners](#)
- Dr. Johannes Linn, [The Brookings Institution](#)
- Dr. James MacDougall, [National War College](#)
- Mr. Rakhim Oshakbayev, [Center of Applied Research "TALAP"](#)
- Mr. Rassul Rysmambetov, [Foundation of Financial Freedom, Kazakhstan](#)
- Prof. Gulshan Sachdeva, [Jawaharlal Nehru University, India](#)
- Mr. Azim Sadikov, [International Monetary Fund, Georgia](#)
- Dr. Mamuka Tsereteli, [Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, Johns Hopkins-SAIS](#)
- Dr. Daniel Twining, [German Marshall Fund](#)
- Ms. Mariam Valishvili, [Deputy Minister of Energy of Georgia](#)
- Mr. Alex Vatanka, [Middle East Institute](#)
- Mr. Wahidullah Waissi, [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan](#)
- Hon. Enders Wimbush, [StrateVarious LLC](#)



Forum participants at the closing dinner

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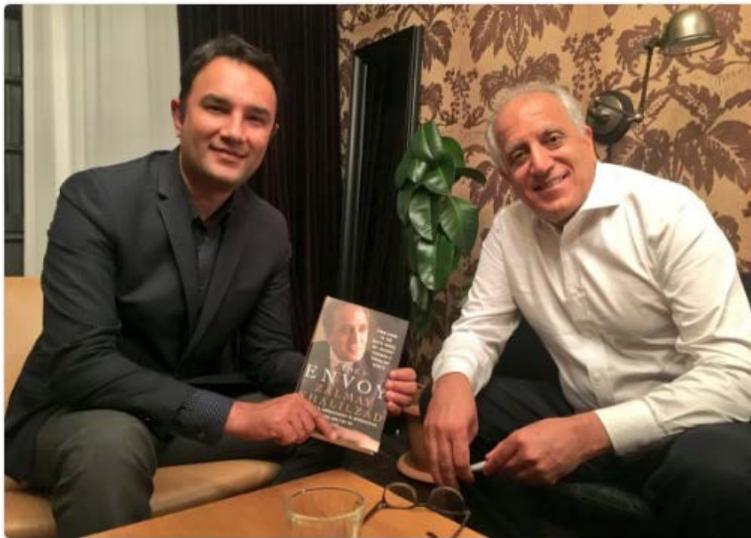


"CAMCA's Changing Geopolitical Landscape" Panelists

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE #CAMCA2016 CONVERSATION...



Wahid Waissi @WahidWaissi · Jun 19
It was great pleasure having @realZalmayMK at the #CAMCA2016, enjoyed discussions on his insightful memoire #TheEnvoy



Parwiz Kawa @parwizkawa · Jun 18
Dr. Starr: "is there any cultural basis for this? The answer is YES" -political & economic cooperation in #CAMCA2016



Alberto Fernandez @VPAFernandez · Jun 18
Impressive young leaders from Central Asia, Caucasus here in #Tbilisi at #CAMCA2016.

"Our location is our asset & will be realized through connectivity in this region #CAMCA2016"

"#CAMCA2016, inspiring speech by H.E. Giorgi Kvirikashvili"

"The #CAMCA2016 Regional Forum has started with a reception by the President of Georgia in his residence. The view of Tbilisi from here is gorgeous"

"Persuasion is a two-edged sword - reason and emotion - plunge it deep." My favorite session of #CAMCA2016"

"Had a chance to speak at the annual #CAMCA2016 reunion in Tbilisi. An opportunity for sharing knowledge and practice for a common vision: #TheGreaterCentralAsia and its prosperity!"

"147 fellows from 10 countries, #CAMCA2016 has begun in Tbilisi to discuss cooperation in a disconnected region"



"CAMCA Transport and Transit" Panelists



Dr. S. Frederick Starr



Ms. Aziza Umarova, Rumsfeld Fellow



“ The annual CAMCA Regional 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 together each year. ” – Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, Gryphon Partners



Welcoming Reception at the Presidential Palace



Remarks from H.E. President Giorgi Margvelashvili

“ In my opinion, the CAMCA Regional Forum is unsurpassed as a venue for engaging both government officials and business leaders in what is an increasingly important emerging market. The Forum is based on the Rumsfeld Fellowship Program, a unique network of young, high potential individuals from throughout the region who share experience and collaborate in such vital areas as infrastructure, energy security, and economic and social development. As a Forum attendee, I enjoyed incredible access to inspirational speakers and to the dynamic and creative participants from the region. ” – Ed Verona, McLarty Associates



“Current Global Economic Trends” Panelists

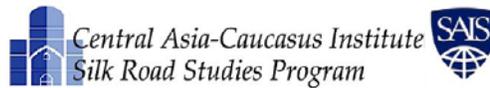
“ The ultimate reason for us to participate in the CAMCA Forums is to continue dialogues, enhance opportunities and to create overall shared prosperity for the future of our region. ” – Aziza Umarova, Rumsfeld Fellow





2016 CAMCA REGIONAL FORUM PARTNERS

The Forum would not have been possible without the efforts of terrific partners including:



FELLOWSHIP ALUMNI MEETING - JUNE 17TH, 2016



Ms. Thea Tsulukiani at the Tbilisi Public Service Hall

Previous Annual Alumni Meetings:

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
June 19th, 2015

Astana, Kazakhstan
June 20th, 2014

Lake Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan
June 22nd-25th, 2013

Batumi, Georgia
June 23rd-26th, 2012

Before the CAMCA Regional Forum sessions, the alumni of the Central Asia-Caucasus Fellowship Program, established by the Rumsfeld Foundation in partnership with the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, met throughout the day on June 17th to hear from top-level speakers on Georgian history and culture, politics and reforms, and the role the country plays in the broader region.

Fellows were welcomed by the Minister of Justice, **Ms. Thea Tsulukiani**, to the impressive Tbilisi Public Service Hall where they received a guided interactive tour of the facility which provides citizens an efficient and effective “one-stop shop” for their needs, offering the public services of several state agencies under one roof. The Hall is part of a system of Georgia’s major reforms working to combat corruption and promote transparency.

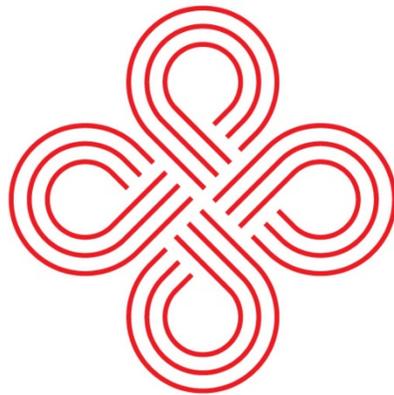
Over lunch, keynote remarks were provided by the Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia, **H.E. David Usupashvili**, on the topic, “Present Day Georgia: Achievements and Challenges,” followed by a presentation by General Director of the National Museum of Georgia, **Professor David Lortkipanidze**, on “Georgia and the Region’s European Aspirations: Building the Future on a Vibrant Past.”



H.E. David Usupashvili



Professor David Lortkipanidze



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