PROGRAMME OF EVENTS
ASTANA ECONOMIC FORUM
“NEW ECONOMIC REALITY:
DIVERSIFICATION, INNOVATION AND KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY”
25-26 May 2016

The current program is available at: www.forum-astana.org

25 MAY 2016

09:30-13:00 Promotion of Competition: New “Game Rules”
Palace of Independence,
Ceremonial Hall, 1 floor

09:20-18:00 The End of Hyperglobalisation: The New Conditions for Economic and Financial Landscape
Palace of Independence,
Congress Hall 1, 1 floor

09:30-11:00 Session 1: Global and Regional Context: The End of The Super-Cycle of Commodities Prices?

11:20-13:00 Session 2: The Multiple Uncertainties and Volatilities in the Global Economy: Rising Risks of Instability

14:30-16:00 Session 3: A Growth Reset for Emerging Markets

16:20-18:00 Session 4: Monetary and Financial Challenges in Eurasia

09:30-11:00 UNDP’s 50th Anniversary event: Exploring New Opportunities to Accelerate the SDGs
Palace of Independence,
Premium Hall 2, 1 floor

11:30-13:00 Green Economy providing Social Innovation, Economic Diversification and Environmental Sustainability
Palace of Independence,
Premium Hall 2, 1 floor

14:30-18:00 Building Institutional Environment for Sustainable Development
Palace of Independence,
Premium Hall 2, 1 floor

09:30-13:00 Towards a New Growth Model
Palace of Independence,
Premium Hall 1, 1 floor

14:30-16:00 Kazakhstan’s Growth Strategy
Palace of Independence,
Premium Hall 1, 1 floor

16:30-18:00 WORKSHOP. Prospects for Use of Blockchain Technology in the Sphere of Public Administration
Palace of Independence,
Premium Hall 1, 1 floor

09:30-18:00 Future Energy: Global Trends and Technologies
Palace of Independence,
Congress Hall 3, 1 floor
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>09:00-18:00</td>
<td>Silk Road Countries’ Forum: Energy, Resources and Sustainable Development</td>
<td>Palace of Independence, Congress Hall 2, 1 floor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>09:30-11:00</td>
<td>WORKSHOP: Corporate Social Responsibility of Business</td>
<td>Palace of Independence, Museum Hall, 3 floor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:30-13:00</td>
<td>International Experience in Economic Growth: Mechanisms and Instruments for Astana International Financial Centre Development</td>
<td>Palace of Independence, Museum Hall, 3 floor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14:30-16:00</td>
<td>New Financial Technologies</td>
<td>Palace of Independence, Museum Hall, 3 floor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>09:30-18:00</td>
<td>Kazakhstan Investment Summit</td>
<td>Palace of Independence, The Economist Hall, 2 floor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>08:00-14:30</td>
<td>New Industrialization as a Driver of Economic Growth in Kazakhstan in Terms of Globalization</td>
<td>L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, 2 Mirzoyan Str.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16:30-18:00</td>
<td>Eurasian Integration: Mission of the Universities</td>
<td>Samruk-Kazyna Conference Hall, 8 Kunaev Str.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17:30-20:00</td>
<td>World Economic Forum’s workshop: Drivers of Growth along the Silk Road (by invitation)</td>
<td>Hilton Garden Inn Astana Hotel, 15 Kabanbay Batyr Ave.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>09:30-16:30</td>
<td>Open Studio</td>
<td>Palace of Independence, Open Studio, 2 floor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:30-11:40</td>
<td>EEU Consumer Market: Necessary Conditions for Investment and Fair Competition</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12:00-12:50</td>
<td>“Samruk-Kazyna 2020” Book Presentation</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13:00-14:25</td>
<td>Long Term Strategy of Retail Trade and Services Industry Development in the Republic of Kazakhstan</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14:40-15:30</td>
<td>Non-Cash Payments on the Consumer Market: No. 1 Priority for Retail, Banks and the State</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15:40-16:30</td>
<td>“TOPZHARGAN” Reputational Project Outcomes Presentation</td>
<td>RIXOS President Astana, 7 Kunaev Str.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14:30-16:00</td>
<td>Building Digital Future: Vision, Global Trends and Opportunities for Cooperation</td>
<td>RIXOS President Astana, 7 Kunaev Str.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
26 MAY 2016

15:00-16:30 Plenary Session

09:00-12:15 A Professional Civil Service for the Successful Implementation of Institutional Reforms

08:45-12:15 The End of Hyperglobalisation: The New Conditions for Economic and Financial Landscape

08:45-10:30 Flagship Debates. The New Business Climate for the Private Sector: What are the Rules of the Game?

11:00-12:45 Open Leaders Discussion

10:45-12:15 Eurasian Transit and Water Potential for Sustainable Development of Global Economy

09:30-13:00 Kazakhstan Privatization Forum

09:00-12:15 Bridging the Digital Divide between Countries and People

09:00-12:15 Silk Road Countries’ Forum: Energy, Resources and Sustainable Development

09:00-12:15 Regional Think Tank Summit

09:00-11:00 Higher Education and Modernization of the Economy: Innovative and Entrepreneurial Universities

10:00-13:00 Kazakhstan Women’s Contribution to Hosting EXPO-2017
## LUNCHES AND COFFEE-BREAKS FOR PARTICIPANTS OF ASTANA ECONOMIC FORUM

### 25 MAY 2016

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11:00-11:30</td>
<td>Coffee-break</td>
<td>Restaurant Foyer, 1 floor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13:00-14:30</td>
<td>Lunch (buffet table)</td>
<td>Restaurant Foyer, 1 floor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Buffet Hall (tent)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16:00-16:30</td>
<td>Coffee-break</td>
<td>Restaurant Foyer, 1 floor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19:00-21:00</td>
<td>Official reception (dinner) on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan</td>
<td>Restaurant “Astana Music Hall”, Banquet Hall <em>(by invitation)</em></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 26 MAY 2016

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10:30-10:45</td>
<td>Coffee-break</td>
<td>Restaurant Foyer, 1 floor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12:00-13:30</td>
<td>Lunch (buffet table)</td>
<td>Restaurant Foyer, 1 floor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Buffet Hall (tent)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
25 May
09:30-13:00

Palace of Independence
Ceremonial Hall, 1 floor

PROMOTION OF COMPETITION:
NEW “GAME RULES”

Organized by:
Committee on Regulation of Natural Monopolies and Protection of Competition under the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Key questions:
• 25th anniversary of antimonopoly regulation in Kazakhstan: successes and achievements
• Results of the Review of Competition Law and Policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
• Discussing of OECD recommendations on further Kazakhstan’s competition law and policy improvement;
• The role of competition policy in integration processes.

Welcome address:
Kuandyk Bishimbayev, Minister of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Discussion: Information on the Review of Competition Law and Policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan conducted by the OECD

Moderator:
Jannat Yertlessova, Chair of the Board, Association of Development of Competition and Commodity Markets

Speakers:
Frederic Jenny, Chairman, OECD Competition Committee
Alexey Ivanov, Director, Legal Policy and Social Development Department, Skolkovo Foundation
Serik Zhumangarin, Chairman, Committee on Regulation of Natural Monopolies and Protection of Competition under the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
William Tompson, Head of Division, Eurasia, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD
Azat Peruashev, Deputy of the Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Maxim Ovchinnikov, Deputy Head, Federal Antimonopoly Service of Russia
Salim Aydemir, Chief Legal Advisor of the Turkish Competition Authority
Aidyn Bikebayev, Chairman of the Board of Partners, Managing Partner, Sayat Zholshy and Partners
The award ceremony in honor of the 25th anniversary of Antimonopoly regulation in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Discussion: The role of competition policy in integration processes

Opening remarks from the moderator:
Nurlan Aldabergenov, EEC Minister for Competition and Antitrust Regulation

Speakers:
Nikolai Radostovets, Executive Director, Republican Association of Mining and Metallurgical Enterprises
Artak Shaboyan, Chairman, Armenia’s State Commission for Protection of Economic Competition
Valerii Poliukhovich, State Commissioner, Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine
Viorica Carare, President, Competition Council of the Republic of Moldova
Bolatbek Kuandykov, Former Head, Competition Authority of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Irina Knyazeva, Professor of Management Chair, Siberian Institute of Management, branch of the Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Service under the President of the Russian Federation
Sergei Tsivkach, Chairman of the Board, Competition Development Foundation of Ukraine
Oleksandr Melnychenko, Chair of the Board, Competition Development Foundation of Ukraine
25 Мая  
09:30-18:00

THE END OF HYPERGLOBALISATION:  
THE NEW CONDITIONS FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL LANDSCAPE

Organized by:  
JSC “Economic Research Institute”;  
Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee

09:20-11:00  
Flagship Session 1. Global and regional context: the end of the supercycle of commodities prices?

Key questions:
- Global and regional context and challenges;
- What instabilities can the low commodities prices raise? Will prices remain low for a sustained period of time? Can we consider it as the new normal? Is this the end of the shale revolution?
- Re-entry of Iran in the Global Energy Market;
- Sovereign Wealth Funds under the stress? Budget deficit, Debt growth and currency devaluation;
- Perspectives of Central Asia and Kazakhstan: Economic, Financial and Political dimension;
- The New growth drivers: Eurasian Economic Union and New Silk Road as a new infrastructure boom.

Welcome Speech:
Marc Uzan, Executive Director, Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee

Moderator:
Massimiliano Castelli, Managing Director, Head of Strategy, Global Sovereign Markets, UBS Global Asset Management

Speakers:
Ayhan Kose, Director, Development Prospects Group, World Bank
Masood Ahmed, Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF
Bakhyt Sultanov, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Samir Sharifov, Minister of Finance, Republic of Azerbaijan
Uzakbay Karabalin, Deputy Chairman of “Kazenergy” Association, President of CJSC “NC “KazMunayGas” (2003-2008), Minister of Oil and Gas of the Republic of Kazakhstan (2013-2014)

11:20-13:00  
Flagship Session 2. The Multiple Uncertainties and Volatilities in the Global Economy: Rising Risks of Instability

Key questions:
- Slowdown of global trade growth relative to GDP growth;
- US Monetary Policy normalization of interest rates: a gradual path?
- China’s New Normal: transition from investment and manufacturing to consumption and services
- Global Misallocation of capital, slowdown of investments and capital outflow from EM
- The Brexit dilemma: the major uncertainties for EU and a further drag on the Global economy?
- Interactions between markets and policies. What’s new?
- Negative interest rates, the new convention of monetary policy? Currency wars? Implication for the stability of the banking and financial sector
- The return of capital controls?

Moderator:
Marc Uzan, Executive Director, Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee

Speakers:
Kuandyk Bishimbayev, Minister of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Kevin Rudd, President, Asia Society, Prime Minister of Australia (2007-2010, 2013)
14:30-16:00 Flagship Session 3. A Growth Reset for Emerging Markets

Key questions:
- What are the main characteristics and the key drivers of the slowdown?
- How are governments and businesses adapting to slow economic growth and what actions need to be taken to catalyze growth?
- Preventing the resurgence of financial crisis in emerging markets;
- Deep depreciations of emerging market currencies;
- How to restart growth for emerging markets under new conditions?
- Lifting productivity growth: the role of urbanization;
- Sustainable capital flow to emerging markets;
- Use of buffers (SWF reserves and pension funds) and its implications for banks and capital flows;
- What policy options should implement emerging economies to stabilize growth;
- New growth model and structural reforms for emerging economies.

Moderator:
Ayhan Kose, Director, Development Prospects Group, World Bank

Speakers:
Daron Acemoglu, Professor of Economics, MIT, winner of the 2005 John Bates Clark Medal
Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University
Javier Guzman, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Mexico
Erik Berglof, Director, Institute for Global Affairs, London School of Economics and Political Science

16:20-18:00 Flagship Session 4. Monetary and Financial Challenges in Eurasia

Key questions:
- Policies for strengthening domestic currencies in Caucasus and Central Asia;
- Challenges for Central Asia and Caucasus in implementation of inflation targeting and free float regime;
- How macro prudential should be used in Eurasia?
- What are the implications for the financial and banking sector?
- Current instabilities and the downgrades in countries and banking ratings;
- Managing currency depreciation and currency mismatch: implication to corporate and banking sector of the region;
- Is the RMB becoming more important in settlements and invoicing currency in Eurasia as a new anchor? What are the consequences for exchange rate regime and policy options?

Moderator:
Masood Ahmed, Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF

Speakers:
Thomas Sargent, Nobel Prize Laureate in Economics, 2011 for the empirical research on cause and effect in the macroeconomy
Athanasios Orphanides, Professor of the Practice of Global Economics and Management, MIT, Governor of the Bank of Cyprus (2007-2012)
Timur Suleimenov, EEC Minister of Economy and Financial Policy
Richard Luddington, Vice Chairman, Global Capital Markets, Morgan Stanley
Turalay Kenc, Chair of the Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Turkey (2011-2016)
Juha Kahkonen, Deputy Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF
**UNDP’s 50th Anniversary event:**

**EXPLORING NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO ACCELERATE THE SDGs**

Palace of Independence,
Premium Hall 2,
1 floor

Organized by:
United Nations Development Programme in Kazakhstan

### Key questions:

- Celebrating UNDP’s 50th anniversary by highlighting its achievements and outlining its crucial role in the SDG agenda;
- Building on the success of MDGs, SDGs are universal goals accepted by all countries and applicable to all – both rich and poor, taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities. They are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, environmental and social.

### Moderator:

**Norimasa Shimomura**, UN Resident Coordinator / UNDP Resident Representative in Kazakhstan  
**Munkhtuya Altangerel**, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative

### Speakers:

**Gulshara Abdykalikova**, Secretary of State of the Republic of Kazakhstan  
**Cihan Sultanoglu**, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States  
**Byrganym Aitimova**, Deputy of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan  
**Kairat Kelimbetov**, Governor of the Astana International Financial Centre  
**Shigeo Katsu**, President, Nazarbayev University  
**Fadi Farra**, Lecturer on Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Partner at Whiteshield Partners  
**Melita Vujnovic**, WHO Representative and Head of Country Office  
**Aigul Solovyeva**, Member of the Presidium, Atameken, Deputy of IV, V convocations of the Majilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan  
**Nurlan Dossumov**, Alliance of Volunteers of Kazakhstan, Manager of Pecha Kucha Astana
GREEN ECONOMY PROVIDING SOCIAL INNOVATION, ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Organized by:
United Nations Development Programme in Kazakhstan

Key questions:
• Green economy diversifies opportunities for city’s economic and social development in environmentally friendly manner;
• The “green economy” concept pays attention to current climate, environmental, social, financial and economic problems. Kazakhstan has acknowledged this by adapting the Concept of Green Economy at the national level in 2013.
• In light of current changes, immediate question is to identify the sectors that provide the best opportunities to implement the green growth concept, taking into consideration the social protection and need to maintain the standard of living. The Government’s green growth strategy enables rethinking the growth in terms of its impact on the environment and economic stability, economic diversification and social inclusion.

Moderator:
Heinrich Wyes, Deputy Executive Director, CAREC

Speakers:
Cihan Sultanoglu, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States
Traian Hristea, Ambassador, Head of the European Union Delegation to Kazakhstan
Kanat Bozumbayev, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Jurgen Keinhorst, Co-chairman of OECD, Head of Division, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety
Rita Sproge, Deputy Head, Jurmala City Council
Krzystof Michalak, Senior Programme Manager, Green Growth and Global Relations Division, Environment Directorate, OECD
Almat Ismagulov, Akim of Lisakovsk city
Beisenbek Zhanbosynov, Deputy Akim of Shymkent city
David Zetland, Professor of Economics at Leiden University College, The Hague
Tatyana Shakirova, Advisor to CAREC Executive Director on Educational Programs, Learning and Capacity Building
Daniyar Azymkhanov, Member of the Board, Director, Kazakhstan Green Building Council
Building Institutional Environment for Sustainable Development

Organized by:
Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Key questions:
• Discussing preliminary results of a Country Programme’s projects implementation;
• Prospects of further cooperation with OECD

Welcome speech:
Kuandyk Bishimbayev, Minister of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Mark Pearson, Deputy Director of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

Moderator:
Shigeo Katsu, President, Nazarbayev University

Session 1. Summary of Complex Country Review results
Speakers:
Jan Rylander, Head, Multi-Dimensional Country Review, OECD Development Centre
Marat Kussainov, First Vice Minister of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Session 2. Public Administration
Speakers:
Tatyana Teplova, Deputy Head, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD
Marat Kussainov, First Vice Minister of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Session 3. Improving Investment Climate for Development
Speakers:
Jean-Francous Langelle, Project Manager, OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme
Yerlan Khairov, Vice Minister of Investment and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Session 4. Innovative Development
Speakers:
Phillip Larue, Senior Political Analyst, Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD
Takir Balykbayev, Vice Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Philip Yeo, Chairman of SPRING, Singapore

Session 5. Social Policy and Environmental Protection
Speakers:
Mark Pearson, Deputy Director of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD
Elzhan Birtanov, Vice Minister of Health and Social Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Birzhan Nurymbetov, Vice Minister of Health and Social Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan
TOWARDS A NEW GROWTH MODEL

Organized by:
Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
JSC “Economic Research Institute”;
Joint Vienna Institute

Key questions:
• The New normal: low commodity prices, weak growth in trading partners;
• Macroeconomic turbulence in the region and exchange rate adjustments;
• Structural reforms: shifting the gears of economic development.

09:30-10:00 Welcome speech:
Timur Suleimenov, EEC Minister of Economy and Financial Policy

Keynote speech:
Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University

10:00-11:00 Session 1. A New Growth Model for the Region & Kazakhstan

Moderator:
Norbert Funke, Director, Joint Vienna Institute

Speakers:
Erik Berglof, Director, Institute for Global Affairs, London School of Economics and Political Science
Tamara Duyssenova, Minister of Health and Social Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Juha Kahkonen, Deputy Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF
Alexey Vedev, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation
Antonio Somma, Head, OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme
Marat Kussainov, First Vice Minister of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan

11:30-13:00 Interactive session. Thinking about Structural Reforms in the Region to Reset Economic Growth

Presenters:
Aset Irgaliyev, Chairman of the Board of JSC “Economic Research Institute”
Norbert Funke, Director, Joint Vienna Institute

Facilitators:
Asel Isakova, Economist, Joint Vienna Institute
Mark Horton, Assistant Director and IMF Mission Chief for Kazakhstan
Aigul Kosherbayeva, Director, Center for Regional and Competitiveness Studies, Economic Research Institute
Saltanat Kamenova, Deputy Director, Center of Entrepreneurship Development, Economic Research Institute
Matteo Lanzafame, Associate Professor at Università degli Studi di Messina
25 May
14:30-16:00

KAZAKHSTAN’S GROWTH STRATEGY

Organized by:
Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
JSC “Economic Research Institute”
World Bank

Key questions:
• Best international practices in applying development models;
• Kazakhstan in a modern world: realities and prospects;
• Elaboration of practical guidelines for implementing economic reforms.

Moderator:
Hans Timmer, Chief Economist, Europe and Central Asia, World Bank

Welcome speech:
Bakytzhan Sagintayev, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Speakers:
Aleksander Kwasniewski, President of Poland (1995-2005)
Arthur Laffer, American Economist, one of the founders of Supply-Side Economics, author of Laffer Curve, former professor of the University of South Carolina, University of Chicago and Pepperdine University, founder and president of Laffer Associates and Laffer Investments
Christopher Pissarides, 2010 Nobel Prize laureate in Economics for contribution to the search and matching theory, for studying the interaction between the labour market and the macro-economy
Amitabha Mukherjee, Lead Public Sector Specialist, World Bank
Jesus Felipe, Advisor to the Chief Economist, ADB, author of several books on modern industrial policy and inclusive growth
Timur Zhaksylykov, Vice Minister of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
WORKSHOP. PROSPECTS FOR USE OF BLOCK CHAIN TECHNOLOGY IN THE SPHERE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Organized by:
Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
JSC “Economic Research Institute”
Kazakhtelecom JSC

Key questions:
- The best world practice in use of block chain technology in public administration;
- The main barriers and challenges in use of block chain technology;
- Examples of block chain technology practical application in selected areas;
- Block chain technology application cost and implementation stages;
- Expected effects on the block chain technology application in public administration;
- Necessary amendments to the legislation.

Welcome remark:
Erbolat Dossaev, Chairman of Management Board, Baiterek

Moderator:
Bartolomeo Banche, Partner and Managing Director, Boston Consulting Group, Digital Expert

Speakers:
Kuanyshbek Yessekeyev, Chairman of the Board, Kazakhtelecom
Max Hauser, Partner & Managing Director, Financial services / Blockchain Expert, Boston Consulting Group
Sanzhar Kettebekov, CEO, Almaty Tech Garden
Bryan Thompson, Information Security Services Team Lead at PwC
FUTURE ENERGY: GLOBAL TRENDS AND TECHNOLOGIES

Organized by:
- Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- JSC “NC” Astana EXPO-2017;
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe;
- National Engineering Academy of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- Kazakhstan National Academy of Natural Sciences;
- Association of Scientific and Technological Organizations of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- Institute of Economy, Committee of Science, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- SREC Green Academy;
- Nazarbayev University.

Key questions:
- Energy development global scenarios until 2050;
- Climate Security and Kazakhstan;
- Key factors of “green” energy development;
- Trends in world energy market development;
- International cooperation in “green” technology promotion.

09:30-11:00 Session 1. Climate change and economic decarbonisation adaptation strategies

Welcome speech:
Nurtay Abykayev, Chairman, International Programme Committee WSEC - 2017, President, Kazakhstan National Academy of Natural Sciences
Akhmetzhan Yessimov, Chairman of the Board, NC “Astana EXPO-2017”
Kanat Bozumbayev, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Rapil Zhoshybayev, Commissioner of the International Specialized Exhibition EXPO 2017

Moderators:
Samuel Lee Hancock, President & Executive Director, Emerald Planet
Bakhyt Essekina, Member, Council on Green Economy under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Director, Scientific Research and Education Center “Green Academy”

Speakers:
George Krol, U.S. Ambassador to Kazakhstan
Tom Greatrex, Chief Executive, Nuclear Industry Association, UK
Georgy Safonov, Director, Centre for Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Higher School of Economics (RF)
Tony Wood, Director of the Energy Program, Grattan Institute, Australia
Azimkhlan Satybaldiv, Director, Institute of Economy of the Committee of Science of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Adolf Feizlmayer, Member, Advisory Board, ILF, co-owner, ILF Kazakhstan Consulting Engineers LLC, Austria
Almasadam Satkaliyev, Chairman of the Board, Samruk-Energy
Eduard E. Son, Deputy Director, Joint Institute for High Temperatures, Russian Academy of Sciences (RF)
Joao Paulo Lobo Ferreira, Chief Research Fellow, National Laboratory of Civil Engineering
Pedro Xavier Martins, Co-founder, Sublimério, LNES representative, Portugal
11:30-13:00 Session 2. Science, Innovation and Technologies as Drivers of Energy and Economy Development

Welcome speech:
György Szabó, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana
Bakytzhan Zhumagulov, Co-chairman, International Programme Committee
WSEC – 2017, President, National Engineering Academy of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Moderator:
Kanat Baigarin, Vice President for Innovations, Nazarbayev University

Speakers:
Friedrich Prince, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering, Stanford University, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Professor and Senior Fellow at the Precourt Institute for Energy
Sergio Garribba, Counsellor for Energy Policy, Ministry of Economic Development of Italy
Arman Kashkinbekov, Deputy CEO, Kazakhstan’s Renewable Energy Association
Askar Munara, General Director, Research Centre of Oil and Gas, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Turgut Gur, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, Stanford University
Aidyn Turebayev, Deputy Executive Director, International Science and Technology Centre
Chokan Laumullin, Research Fellow, Central Asian Forum, University of Cambridge
Yerbol Akhmetbekov, Head, Laboratory of Energy, Ecology and Climate at Nazarbayev University
Rajendra Pachauri, Acting Deputy Chairman, The Energy and Resources Institute
Petr Nikitenko, Adviser to the NAS of Belarus, Doctor of Economics, Professor, member of NAS of Belarus and RANS
Erlan Batyrbekov, Director General, National Nuclear Center of the Republic of Kazakhstan
14:30-18:00  Roundtable “Green Economy” Development Perspectives and Scenarios”

Moderators:
Oleg Gabrielyan, Dr. phil., Prof., full member of European Academy of Natural Sciences and Russian Academy of Political Sciences
Gulbazar Mediyeva, Chief Scientific Secretary, Presidium at the National Engineering Academy of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Speakers:
Klaus Riedle, Professor Emeritus at the University “Erlangen-Nuremberg, Former President Products, Fossil Power Generation at Siemens
Albert Bolotov, Director, Ecoenergomash, Professor, AUEC, Member, National Engineering Academy of the Republic of Kazakhstan and International Engineering Academy
Leonid Tanin, Chairman of the Board of Directors, JSC “Holography Industry”, member of International Academy, laureate of the Belarusian State Prize in Science and Technology
Carsten Ahrens, Chairman, Standing Committee Environment and Sustainability of the European Council of Civil Engineers, Chairman, Solar Energy Group of SC Energy of World Federation of Engineering Organisations, Vice-President, World Council of Civil Engineers, Vice-President, European Council of Civil Engineers
Igor Emri, Chairman, Engineering and Technical Sciences Scientific Committee, CEO, Institute for Sustainable Innovative Technologies
Oleg Gabrielyan, Dr. phil., Prof., full member of European Academy of Natural Sciences and Russian Academy of Political Sciences
Grigoriy Mun, Member, National Engineering Academy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Ibragim Suleimenov, Member, National Engineering Academy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Vincent Duijnhouwer, Senior Project Manager, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change team, EBRD, Moscow
SILK ROAD COUNTRIES’ FORUM: ENERGY, RESOURCES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Organized by:
Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
JSC “Economic Research Institute”
Boao Forum for Asia

Moderator:
Zhou Wenzhong, Secretary General, Boao Forum for Asia

09:00-09:30
Welcome Speech:
Karim Massimov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Zeng Peiyan, Vice Premier of China (2003-2008), Vice Chairman of Boao Forum for Asia

09:30-11:00
Session 1: Linking “One belt, one road” with the Eurasian Economic Union and SCO

Key questions:
• The One Belt, One Road Initiative, as proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping, connects the EU – one of the most advanced markets – at one end and East Asia – one of the most dynamic growth regions today – at the other. In between are vast expanse of underdeveloped and developing countries in Central Asia, the Middle East and Central Asia. Which opportunities with the initiative offer for these countries?
• Which opportunities will the Eurasian Economic Union, as an ambitious initiative to bring Eurasian economies closer, offer to related countries?
• Where will the two initiatives overlap?
• Is there any way to synchronise these two initiatives so that the aforesaid developing countries benefit from both?
• Long-term forecast for Eurasia: how to change the “economic landscape” of the continent while implementing the Silk Road Economic Belt project?
• The updated agenda for the SCO: will the deepening economic cooperation with the formation of long-term free trade area provide security and guarantee stability in the region?

Moderator:
Veronika Nikishina, Minister of Trade, EEC

Speakers:
Sven Sester, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Estonia
Koh Poh Koon, Minister of State for Trade and Industry of the Republic of Singapore
Uldis Augulis, Minister of Transport of the Republic of Latvia
Nematullo Hikmatullozoda, Minister of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan
Zhang Yansheng, Secretary-General, Academic Council of NDRC
Dmitry Pankin, Chairman of the Management Board, EDB; Deputy Minister of Finance, Russian Federation (2013-2015)

11:30-13:00
Session 2. The Shifting Landscape of Global Energy & Resources
Key questions:
- Looking back on the history of oil, is low oil prices normal or “new normal”?
- Implications for the world economy: good or bad?
- Implications for shale oil/gas production: trigger new and cost-cutting technologies, or force producers into bankruptcy?
- Will low oil prices reverse the new energy revolution?
- How do oil producers diversify economy?
- Energy reform: using the window of opportunity

Moderator:
Yang Xiyu, Vice President, Boao Forum for Asia Institute

Speakers:
Asset Magauov, Vice Minister of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Vasily Savin, Partner, Head, Department of Investments and Capital Markets, KPMG in Kazakhstan and Central Asia, Head of Power and Utilities
Zhang Yuqing, Vice Minister, National Energy Administration, China
Bolat Akchulakov, CEO, Kazenergy
Alexander Gabuev, Chair of the Russia in the Asia-Pacific Program, Carnegie Moscow Center
Zhang Xin, Executive Chairman of the Board, HongKong Group, Chief Manager, CEFC Beijing International Holding Co., Ltd
Alexander Mashkevitch, Chairman, Eurasian Resources Group, S.a.r.l.
Zhang Tingke, Vice President, China Huaneng Group

14:30-16:00  Session 3. Europe-Asia Cooperation on Production Capacity
Key questions:

• When economy goes down, surplus production capacity stands out as a problem. One solution is to transfer surplus capacity to countries short of and badly in need of such capacity. The Chinese government says this is a win-win solution for China (surplus capacity is utilized) and for recipient countries (more investment, more jobs, more GDP and taxes) alike, and pledge to transfer environment-friendly capacities only.

• China has tried a number of cooperation models. For example, China and France agreed to pool together French technologies (which are advanced) and Chinese equipment (which are cost-effective) to set up shop in a third country. Instead of exporting goods to Kazakhstan, China will move factories and production lines to Kazakhstan and produce such goods locally, which is most welcome for Kazakhstan as this brings jobs, higher income for local people and taxes for the government.

• Setting up industrial parks to accommodate such cooperation: challenges, experiences and lessons.

• Financing arrangements

Moderator:
Zhang Xiaoqiang, Vice-Minister, NDRC China (2003-2014)

Speakers:
Aidar Arifkhanov, Vice Minister of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Tatyana Valovaya, Member of the Board (Minister) on the Main Areas of Integration and Macroeconomics, EEC
Radoslaw Domagalski-Labedzki, Vice Minister of Development, Chairman of the Polish part of the Kazakh-Polish Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation
Wang Li, Member of the Advisory Committee of Research and Development International, CASS; Vice President of Alliance of China New Energy Overseas Development
Yaroslav Lisovolik, Chief Economist, EDB
Turlybek Mussabayev, General Director, RSE Gosgradkadastr
Zhou Weihong, Chief Economist, China General Nuclear Power Corporation
Sergey Terechshenko, Prime Minister of Kazakhstan (1991-1994)
WORKSHOP. CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF BUSINESS

Organized by:
“Samruk Kazyna Trust” Social Development Foundation

Key questions:
- How are the principles of social responsibility of business being implemented in Kazakhstan?
- World practice in social responsibility of business;
- Development and extension of corporate social responsibility;
- Joining efforts of business and civil society in support of human rights, labour relations, and environment.

Moderator:
Alina Hamatdinova, Member of Council of Youth Policy under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Speakers:
Jan Dirk Waiboer, Senior Partner & Managing Director, Boston Consulting Group, Moscow
Asel Khairova, Managing Partner, KPMG in Kazakhstan and Central Asia
Lima Dias, PR Director, “Samruk Kazyna Trust” Social Development Foundation
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ECONOMIC GROWTH: MECHANISMS AND INSTRUMENTS FOR ASTANA INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

Organized by:
JSC "Astana International Financial Centre Authority"
International Secretariat “G-Global”

Key questions:
• World Financial Infrastructure;
• New Format of Investment Attraction;
• World Financial Industry Transformation;
• AIFC – new hub for professionals of the financial sector.

11:30-13:00 Panel Session – Opening
Moderator:
Max Hauser, Partner & Managing Director, Financial services / Blockchain Expert, Boston Consulting Group

Welcome speech:
Bakhyt Sultanov, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Speakers:
Betsy Nelson, Vice President, EBRD
Timur Suleimenov, EEC Minister of Economy and Financial Policy
Kairat Kelimbetov, Governor of the Astana International Financial Centre
Masood Ahmed, Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF
Suzanne Bischopric, Managing Partner at Global Sovereign Advisors
Sergei Perapetchka, Partner and Managing Director, Boston Consulting Group, Moscow

Closing remark:
Nurlan Kussainov, CEO, Astana International Financial Centre Authority
25 May
14:30-16:00

Palace of Independence,
Museum Hall,
3 floor

NEW FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGIES

Organized by:
JSC “Astana International Financial Centre Authority”
International Secretariat “G-Global”

Key questions:
• Financial technologies: main trends and development prospective
• Banks and fintech start-ups: competition or collaboration?
• The state and fintech: instruments of regulation and support
• Blockchain technologies – threat or opportunities?

Opening of Panel Session

Moderator:
Kairat Kelimbetov, Governor of the Astana International Financial Centre

Welcome speech:
Alfred Gusenbauer, Chancellor of the Republic of Austria (2007-2008)
Ehud Barak, Prime Minister of Israel (1999-2001), Minister of Defense of Israel (2007-2013)

Speakers:
Luo Feng, Chairman, IZP Group
Kuanysshbek Yessekeyev, President, Kazakhtelecom
Nurlan Kussainov, CEO, Astana International Financial Centre Authority
Sanzhar Kettebekov, General Director, Almaty Tech Garden
Mandy Lamb, General Manager for CIS SEE, Visa International
Jochen Berbner, Partner, McKinsey & Company CIS

Closing keynote:
Kairat Kelimbetov, Governor of the Astana International Financial Centre
KAZAKHSTAN INVESTMENT SUMMIT

Organized by:
Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
The Economist;
JSC “Economic Research Institute”

Key questions:
• Negative external macroeconomic and geopolitical landscape (economic slowdown of China, resource prices slump, etc.) have placed the need in economic diversification on the agenda;
• The Government has developed a range of strategies and programmes aimed at implementing the structural reforms and improving the business conditions. Experts will discuss efficiency of measures have been undertaken and prospects ahead;
• The event aims to explore investment opportunities and establish a dialogue between senior-level government and business representatives.

09:30-09:40 Opening remarks from the moderator:
Simon Baptist, Chief Economist, The Economist Intelligence Unit and Managing Director Asia, The Economist Group

09:40-10:00 Opening speech of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan Karim Massimov: The political will to change and reform

10:00-10:15 Keynote of the Minister of Investment and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan Asset Issekeshev

10:15-10:30 Interview of the Minister of Investment and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan Asset Issekeshev

10:30-11:00 In conversation: Kazakhstan’s place on the world stage

Speakers:
Hans Timmer, Chief Economist, Europe and Central Asia, World Bank
Richard Dobbs, Director, McKinsey Global Institute

11:30-12:15 Keynote discussion: the economy after oil – local and international stories of diversification

Speakers:
Daron Acemoglu, Professor of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, winner of the 2005 John Bates Clark Medal
Erik Berglof, Director, Institute of Global Affairs, London School of Economics and Political Science
Antonio Somma, Head, OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme

12:15-13:00 Investor Insight: doing business in Kazakhstan

Speakers:
Dmitry Pankin, Chairman of the Management Board, EDB, Deputy Minister of Finance of the Russian Federation (2013-2015)
Erbolat Dossaev, Chairman of Management Board, Baiterek
Janet Heckman, Director for Kazakhstan, EBRD
13:00-13:30  
Talk: Economic growth, diversification and sustainable development  
Xavier Sala-i-Martin, Professor of Economics, Columbia University

14:30-16:00  
Diversification roundtables

Format note: The roundtables are intended as an in-depth and informal discussion on specific sectors of the economy which are important to the diversification narrative. They will be led by a knowledgeable senior-level government or business representative who can provide detailed information on the particular sector. Each attendee will be able to select the roundtable/s most relevant to them and move to gather the information they need on the different sectors.

Manufacturing roundtable

Invited roundtable leader:  
Albert Rau, Vice Minister of Investment and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Moderator:  
Jukka Maksimainen, Managing Partner, McKinsey & Company Kazakhstan

Agricultural roundtable

Invited roundtable leader:  
Yermek Kosherbaev, Vice Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Moderator:  
Branko Bulatovic, Kazakhstan Representative, FAO

Development institutions roundtable

Invited roundtable leader:  
Bolat Zhamishev, Chairman, Development Bank of Kazakhstan

Moderator:  
Marcia Favale, Member of the Board of Directors, Development Bank of Kazakhstan

Technology, innovation and infrastructure roundtable

Invited roundtable leader:  
Asset Issekeshev, Minister of Investment and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Moderator:  
Alex Nice, Regional Manager, The Economist Intelligence Unit

Knowledge-based economy roundtable

Invited roundtable leader:  
Erlan Sagadiev, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Moderator:  
Simon Baptist, Chief Economist, The Economist Intelligence Unit and Managing Director Asia, The Economist Group

Energy roundtable

Invited roundtable leader:  
Asset Magauov, Vice Minister of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Moderator:  
Kate Mallinson, Partner at GPW Consultancy
16:30-17:15 Business Insight: success stories and the road ahead
Speakers:
Andrew Chakhoyan, Director, Corporate Affairs at VimpelCom
Tomasz Telma, Director for Europe and Central Asia, IFC
Jerzy Starak, President, Supervisory Board, Polpharma

17:15-17:45 Navigating the geopolitical and economic landscape
In conversation with...
Speaker:
Gligor Tashkovich, former Minister for Foreign Investment, Republic of Macedonia (2006-2008)

17:45-18:05 Closing keynote: seeing opportunity in every difficulty
Speaker:
Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University
NEW INDUSTRIALIZATION AS A DRIVER OF ECONOMIC GROWTH IN KAZAKHSTAN IN TERMS OF GLOBALIZATION

Organized by:
L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University

Key questions:
- World Industrialisation Experience;
- Industrialisation: History and Current Situation;
- First five-year industrial plan in Kazakhstan: mistakes and successes;
- Industrialization as the basis for economic growth of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- Globalization as social and cultural phenomenon and its manifestations in tourism;
- The impact of financial globalization on Kazakhstan financial sector development;
- The role and ways of development of Islamic funding as alternative to traditional banking;
- Human resource potential of Kazakhstan;
- Transport and logistics systems development;
- Kazakhstan economic safety in the context of globalization;
- Development of new forms of employment;
- Kazakhstan and World Trade Organisation: Challenges and Perspectives.

Moderator:
Erlan Sydykov, Rector, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Doctor of Historic Sciences, Professor, member of National Academy of Science

Welcome Speech:
Jin Nuo, Chairwoman of the University Council, Renmin University of China

Speakers:
Anatoly Spitsyn, Professor, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Director, Institute of Strategic Research of Integration Problems EurAsEC, Vice President, Russian Academy of Natural Sciences
David Lorant Denesh, Dean, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Head, Tourism Department, K. Esterhazim University of Applied Sciences
Agris Preimanis, Lead Economist for Central Asia, EBRD
Oleg Protsenko, Advisor to the Rector, Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Service under the President of the Russian Federation, member, European Academy of Sciences and Arts
Sung-Kyu Lee, Professor, Andong National University, South Korea
Wahafu Halike, Head, Research Institute of Tourism, Xinjiang University, PhD
Igor Balk, Managing Director, Global Innovation Labs, Boston, USA
Diana Madiyarova, Professor, Department of Economics, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Doctor of Economics
EURASIAN INTEGRATION:  
MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITIES

Organized by:  
JSC “Astana International Financial Centre Authority”

Key questions:
• Global economic challenges of Eurasian space;
• Global imbalance and global regulation;
• Macroeconomic stability and investclimate;
• External economic factors of economic growth;
• Universities as generators of ideas for Eurasian integration development and scientific centres of new economic policy.

Moderators:
Kairat Kelimbetov, Governor of the Astana International Financial Centre
Alexander Auzan, Dean, Faculty of Economics, M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University

Speakers:
Alexander Auzan, Dean, Faculty of Economics, M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University
Oleg Buklemishev, Head, Centre for Economic Policy Studies, M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University
Andrei Klepach, Deputy Chairman, Vnesheconombank of Russia

Comments:
Boris Borozan, Managing Partner, Global Sovereign Advisors

Closing remark:
Alexander Auzan, Dean, Faculty of Economics, M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University
Kairat Kelimbetov, Governor of the Astana International Financial Centre
25 May
17:30-20:00

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM’S WORKSHOP:
DRIVERS OF GROWTH ALONG THE SILK ROAD

Hilton Garden Inn Astana Hotel,
15, Kabanbay Batyr ave.

Organized by:
World Economic Forum;
JSC “Economic Research Institute”

Key questions:
• Geo-economics and security: How can stakeholders address cross-regional geo-economic and security challenges, improving existing frameworks to reflect the agility and long-term thinking necessary today?
• Global and regional value chains: How can stakeholders work together to take advantage of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and integrate into regional and global value chains?
• Cross-border infrastructure projects: How can stakeholders effectively collaborate on transnational infrastructure programmes in complex environments with varying risks and challenges?
• Financial cooperation and investment flows: How can stakeholders navigate evolving investment flows and increase financial integration to harness new opportunities?

18:00-18:30 Opening Remarks:
Opportunities and Challenges to Regional Economic Cooperation

18:30-19:30 Breakout Discussions:
Geo-economics and security

Global and regional value chains
Cross-border infrastructure projects
Financial cooperation and investment flows

19:30-20:00 Closing remark:
Building the Silk Road to Economic Prosperity
OPEN STUDIO PROGRAM

EEU CONSUMER MARKET:
NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR
INVESTMENT AND FAIR COMPETITION

Organized by:
BBCG KAZAKHSTAN

Key questions:

- How the consumer market of the Republic of Kazakhstan and EEU should be regulated provided that its main development goals are the increased investment and fair competition?
- Modern business is aiming at 100% transparency of business and taxation for all players, as well as at equalizing conditions of cross-border trade and self-regulation of relations between the producers and retailers.
- The purpose of the discussion is to agree and to fix the business regulation priorities (retailers, manufacturers, investors) and public authorities.

Moderator:
Alexey Filatov, Chairman of the Board of Directors, BBCG

Speakers:
Ruslan Sultanov, Acting Chairman, Chamber of International Commerce of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Gulnar Kurbanbayeva, President, PROFI-T
Leonid Dovladbegyan, Director, 220 Volt
25 May  
12:00-12:50

Palace of Independence, Open Studio, 2 floor

OPEN STUDIO PROGRAM
“SAMRUK-KAZYNA 2020” BOOK PRESENTATION

Organized by:
JSC NWF “Samruk-Kazyna”

“Samruk-Kazyna 2020” book presentation with participation of Samruk-Kazyna CEO U. Shukeyev; speech by two experts

Welcome speech:
Darkhan Kaletayev, Managing Director, Samruk-Kazyna

Speakers:
Umirzak Shukeyev, CEO, Samruk-Kazyna
Olzhas Khudaibergenov, Economic Commentator
Erlan Karin, Director of Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan
OPEN STUDIO PROGRAM

LONG TERM STRATEGY OF RETAIL TRADE AND SERVICES INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

Organized by:
BBCG KAZAKHSTAN

Key questions:

• What retail do the state and the customer of Kazakhstan require today & in a long term? Yes for strong and stable source of tax! Yes for locomotive for domestic production development! Yes for supplier of quality goods and services at the lowest prices! What business and structures will be able to ensure compliance with these requirements? Large networks, advanced logistic infrastructure? Family shops? Or the “new” retail is an online and cross-border trade? What areas require state support: development of the professional training system, reducing the administrative burden, small business support?

• Special report: “Green business is a key to the renaissance of the Kazakhstan economy”.

Moderator:
Alexey Filatov, Chairman of the Board of Directors, BBCG

Speakers:
Andrey Yatsenko, General Director, BEST STORE
Dmitry Revin, Executive Director, Eurasia RED, Aport Mall
Makhmud Shadiev, General Director, Becker LLP
Nariman Suleimenov, Director, Kazakhstan branch, Sportmaster
Inna Apenko, General Director, Mimioriki
OPEN STUDIO PROGRAM
NON-CASH PAYMENTS ON THE CONSUMER MARKET:
No.1 PRIORITY FOR RETAIL, BANKS AND THE STATE

Organized by:
BBCG KAZAKHSTAN

25 May
14:40-15:30
Palace of
Independence,
Open Studio,
2 floor

Key questions:
• Payment systems development;
• Distribution of plastic cards as a general objective of modern trade, banks and the regulator.
• What incentives are needed to the market?
• How to develop the interaction of retail and financial sector?
• How to reduce the cost of payments to expand the flow of non-cash payments, market transparency for taxation.

Speakers:
Gulnar Kurbanbayeva, President, PROFI-T
Alexey Filatov, Chairman of the Board of Directors, BBCG
Who and for what are respected in Kazakhstan? In 2015-2016, 1,024 experts were interviewed. During the first stage of the study the short-list was generated. Reputational rating of the companies leading in the national economy of Kazakhstan in 2015 was evaluated by the following criteria: reputation stability, level of transparency, social responsibility, innovation, sustainable dynamics of growth, quality of management, ability to work in a crisis situation. The final decision was taken by the leading journalists of the most famous economic publications of Kazakhstan.

Speaker:
Karlygash Ezhenova, Chief Editor, Exclusive analytical magazine
BUILDING DIGITAL FUTURE:
VISION, GLOBAL TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION

25 May
14:30-16:00

RIXOS President
Astana, 7
Kunaev Str.

Organized by:
Ministry for Investment and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
National Infocommunication Holding “Zerde”;
World Bank

Key questions:
• Digital Kazakhstan 2020; Industry 4.0;
• Digital Economy; Digital Infrastructure;
• Digital State; Creative Society.

Moderator:
Huan Navas-Sabater, Senior Telecom Specialist, World Bank

Opening Remarks:
Dauren Abayev, Minister of Information and Communication of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Asset Issekeshev, Minister of Investment and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Jane Treadwell, Practice Manager for Governance Systems, Governance Global Practice, World Bank

Speakers:
Richard Dobbs, Director, McKinsey Global Institute
Yoon Jong-lok, President, National IT Industry Promotion Agency, South Korea
Anastasia Kalinina, Head of Eurasia at World Economic Forum
Bartolomeo Banche, Partner and Managing Director, Boston Consulting Group, Digital Expert
Tamas Vahl, Smarter Cities Leader, IBM CEE

Panel Discussion: Vision of Digital Future 2025 and Opportunities for Cooperation

Moderator:
Huan Navas-Sabater, Senior Telecom Specialist, World Bank

Speaker:
Assel Zhiyenbayeva, Chairman of the Board, Zerde

Panellists:
Kuanyshbek Yessekeyev, Chairman of the Board, Kazakhtelecom
Bagdad Mussin, Chairman of the Board, Kazpost JSC
Karine Minasyan, Member of the Board – Minister in charge of Internal Markets, Information Support, Information and Communication Technologies
David Blaszkowsky, Head of Data Governance, State Street Bank, USA
Theresa Pardo, Director, Center for Technology in Government, Albany State University, USA
Andrew Stott, UK Government’s Deputy Chief Information Officer
Jean-Francois Langelle, Project Manager, Kazakhstan Regional Competitiveness Project, OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme
Alexei Stakh, General Manager, Uber, CIS

Closing Remarks:
Francis Ato Brown, Permanent Representative of the World Bank in Kazakhstan
Dauren Abayev, Minister of Information and Communication of the Republic of Kazakhstan
26 May
15:00-16:30
Kazakhstan
Central Concert Hall,
10/1 Orynbor Str.

PLENARY SESSION
OF ASTANA ECONOMIC FORUM

OPENING OF THE PLENARY SESSION

Moderator:
Hamish McRae, Chief Economic Commentator,
The Independent

Speakers:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN
NURSULTANNAZARBAYEV

Roberto Azevedo, Director-General, World Trade Organization

Video-message
Christine Lagarde, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund

Suma Chakrabarti, President, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Jack Yun Ma, Founder and Executive Chairman, Alibaba Group

Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University

Daron Acemoglu, Professor of Economics, MIT, winner of the 2005 John Bates Clark Medal

DISCUSSIONS
CLOSING REMARK
A PROFESSIONAL CIVIL SERVICE FOR THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

Organized by:
Ministry of Public Service Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
Regional Hub in the sphere of Public Service in Astana;
United Nations Development Programme in Kazakhstan

Key questions:
• Public Service Innovations;
• Foreign experience in introducing innovative technologies in the field of public service;
• The role of modern technologies in public services delivery;
• Modern trends in public services delivery: Kazakhstan and foreign experience;
• Innovative training of civil servants.

Welcome speech:
Talgat Donakov, Minister of Civil Service Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Cihan Sultanoglu, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States
Alikhan Baimenov, Chairman, Steering Committee, Regional Hub of Civil Service in Astana
Bolatbek Abrandislov, Rector, Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Moderator:
Bolatbek Abrandislov, Rector, Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Alikhan Baimenov, Chairman, Steering Committee, Regional Hub of Civil Service in Astana

Speakers:
Sven Sester, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Estonia
Petko Draganov, Ambassador, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General, Head of the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia
Ok Suk Donk, President, National Institute for Human Resource Development of the Republic of Korea
Dan Batista, Executive Director, Institute for Citizen-Centred Service (Canada)
Tatyana Teplova, Deputy Head, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD
Leo Smith, Executive Director, Institute of Public Administration, Netherlands
Joseph Schiffer, Director, Department of Social Policy and Statistical Science, DBB Academy, Germany
Colin Knox, Professor at the University of Ulster, Northern Ireland, Professor at the Nazarbayev University
THE END OF HYPERGLOBALISATION: THE NEW CONDITIONS FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL LANDSCAPE

Organized by:
JSC “Economic Research Institute”
Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee

Key questions:
• What are the conditions for private sector to operate in changing environment: great plunge in commodities prices, WTO membership and Eurasian Economic Union, One Belt One Road initiative;
• Can we consider the One Belt One Road strategy and the Eurasian Economic Union as growth drivers for the region that can lead the investment, technology, industry, private sector involvement, innovation and infrastructure boom?
• Can the New Silk Road be a growth driver for emerging markets and developing countries under the new economic realities?
• How local companies can benefit from increase investment from China? What should be the rules of engagement? Will an investment treaty be needed in the region?
• The role of new financial institutions in investment and private sector development (AIIB, New Development Bank BRICS, Silk Road Fund)
• What should be done for a new wave of investments for a long-term economic growth? What are the next global economic drivers and how we can bring back the long-term growth?

09:30-10:30 Flagship Debates:
The new business climate for the private sector: what are the rules of the game?

Moderator:
Mattia Romani, Managing Director, Country and Sector Economics, EBRD

Keynote speech:
Peter Frankopan, Senior Research Fellow at Worcester College, Oxford and Director of the Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research, Author, “The Silk Roads: A New History of the World”

Speakers:
Robert Vartevanian, Head of M&A & Financing, KPMG
Zhu Surong, Managing Director, Silk Road Fund
Wencai Zhang, Vice-President, Asian Development Bank
Jan Vapaavuori, Vice-President, European Investment Bank,
Tatyana Valovaya, Member of the Board (Minister) on the Main Areas of Integration and Macroeconomics, EEC
Open Leaders Discussion
Regional and global economic action policy panel: the need for a stronger policy response to raise global growth

The global economy is on the threshold of a new world - tectonic and fundamental shifts are happening in its development.

The World 2016 faced with a number of complex challenges in geopolitics, economy and financial system. We have seen a sharp decline in the growth of BRICS countries and emerging markets, the fragile growth of world economy, the end of super cycle of commodities prices, slowdown of global trade, rising risks of financial crisis and big recession in emerging markets, series of currencies depreciations, tensions around Brexit and its implication on the European union and the world, great volatility in financial markets and the period of low investments and the capital outflow from EMs and developing countries.

The idea is to discuss under an overarching theme of the End of Hyperglobalisation, the groundbreaking shifts shaping our regions and respective countries in terms of economic and geopolitical risks and their impact on the sustainable growth. We will pay particular attention to policy options to mitigate spillovers and how we can benefit from the new developments and trends.

Moderator:
Tigran Sargsyan, Chairman, EEC, Prime-Minister (2008-2014) and Governor of Central Bank of Armenia (1998-2008)

Speakers:
Dariga Nazarbayeva, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Sergey Glazyev, Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Minister of External Economic Relations (1992-1993), member of the State Duma of the Russian Federation of 3 convocations
Herman Gref, Chairman, Sberbank, Minister of Economic Development and Trade (2000-2007), Russian Federation
Francois Fillon, Prime Minister of France (2007-2012)
Alfred Gusenbauer, Chancellor of the Republic of Austria (2007-2008)
Aleksander Kwasniewski, President of Poland (1995-2005)
Ehud Barak, Prime Minister of Israel (1999-2001), Minister of Defense of Israel (2007-2013)
Djoomart Otorbaev, Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan (2014-2015)
EURASIAN TRANSIT AND WATER POTENTIAL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF GLOBAL ECONOMY

Organized by:
 Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
 Kazakhstan National Academy of Natural Sciences;
 Science and Technology Center "Parasat";
 International Secretariat “G-Global”.

Key questions:
• Discussion of the scientific and technical bases to maximize the Eurasian transit, including water transport transit through the territory of Kazakhstan;
• Discussion of the scientific bases of rational use of surface and groundwater in Kazakhstan.

Moderator:
Nurtay Abykayev, Chairman, International Programme Committee WSEC – 2017, President, Kazakhstan National Academy of Natural Sciences

Welcome speech:
Erlan Sagadiev, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Lida Ivanitskaya, First Vice-President, Russian Academy of Natural Sciences

Speakers
Anatoly Spitsyn, Professor, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Director, Institute of Strategic Research of Integration Problems EurAsEC, Vice President, Russian Academy of Natural Sciences
Cui Weihong, Secretary-General, China Science Center of International Eurasian Academy of Sciences, Head of the Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth, CAS
Viktor Koksharov, Rector, Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russian Federation B.N.Yeltsin (Russia).
Nuraly Bekturganov, First Vice President of the Kazakhstan National Academy of Natural Sciences
Wang Zhong Pan, Director General, Kazakhstan branch, Sinohydro Corporation Limited
Farida Akiyanova, Director, Branch of Geography Institute in Astana
Arasha Bolaev, Senior Consultant Analyst for infrastructure projects, Non-profit Partnership “Association of Professional Hydrotechnicians” (Russia)
Damir Ryskulov, member of International Informatization Academy, author of project “Trans-Asian Corridor of Development”
Akhmetkal Medeu, Director, Institute of Geography of the Republic of Kazakhstan
26 May  
09:30-13:00  

KAZAKHSTAN PRIVATIZATION FORUM  

Organized by:  
Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan;  
The Financial Times;  
JSC NWF “Samruk-Kazyna”  

Key questions:  
• How will the privatizations happen in practice and under what conditions?  
• What is the outlook for growth and development in Kazakhstan’s energy sector – how influenced is it by global commodity and currency developments?  
• Analyzing and evaluating the organizations in the privatization plan – performance and prospects  
• What are the routes to investment and ownership for local, regional and international investors? Assessing Government support and incentives  
• Trends and developments in financial acquisitions in this sector.  

09:30-09:35 Opening Remarks from the Hosts:  
Moderator:  
Jack Farchy, Moscow and Central Asia Correspondent, Financial Times  

09:35-10:00 Welcome Keynote Address of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan Karim Massimov  

10:00-10:15 Address of the Minister of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan Bakhyt Sultanov: Progress update on the strategy and implementation of Kazakhstan’s privatization programme  

10:15-10:40 Interview: The drivers for privatization in Kazakhstan  

Correspondent:  
Jack Farchy, Moscow and Central Asia Correspondent, Financial Times  

Speakers:  
Umirzak Shukeyev, CEO, Samruk-Kazyna  
Erbolat Dossaev, Chairman of Management Board, Baiterek  
Nurlybek Malelov, Chairman of Executive Board, KazAgro  

10:40-11:30 Panel: Reviewing the investment opportunities in Kazakhstan’s natural resources  

Moderator:  
Jack Farchy, Moscow and Central Asia Correspondent, Financial Times  

Speakers:  
Berik Beisengaliyev, Managing Director of Asset Optimization, Samruk Kazyna  
Almassadam Satkaliyev, Chairman of the Board, Samruk-Energy  
Moazzam Mekan, IFC Regional Manager  
Daniyar Berlibayev, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Corporate Development, KazMunayGaz
11:50-12:50  Panel: Finding value in infrastructure in Kazakhstan

Moderator:
Jack Farchy, Moscow and Central Asia Correspondent, Financial Times

Speakers:
Baljeet Kaur Grewal, Managing Director of Strategy and Portfolio Investment, Samruk Kazyna
Klaus Mangold, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Rothschild GmbH
Askar Mamin, President, Kazakhstan Temir Zholy
Richard Tollis, Partner of Transaction Advisory Services EMEIA Infrastructure EY
Ekaterina Miroshnik, Director for Infrastructure, Russia, Central Asia and Mongolia, EBRD
26 May
09:00-12:15

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND PEOPLE

Organized by:
- Ministry of Information and Communication of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- “National Infocommunication Holding “Zerde” JSC
- United Nations Department of Social and Economic Affairs, Division for Public Administration and Development Management

Key questions:
- Digital Economy;
- Digital Infrastructure;
- Custom-oriented Country;
- Creative Society;
- Digital Industry.

09:00-09:05 Welcome speech:
Dauren Abayev, Minister of Information and Communication of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Vincenzo Aquaro, Chief of E-Government Branch, DPADM/UNDESA

Moderator:
Huan Navas-Sabater, Senior Telecom Specialist, World Bank

09:05-10:30 Session 1. Building a Smart Society: Digital Future for All

 Speakers:
- Karine Minasyan, Member of the Board – Minister in charge of Internal Markets, Information Support, Information and Communication Technologies
- Richard Soley, Executive Director, Industrial Internet Consortium, USA
- Richard Kerby, Senior Inter-Regional Adviser, eGB/DPADM/UNDESA
- Laura Manley, Center for Open Data Enterprise
- Yann Bonnet, General Secretary, French Digital Council

10:45-12:15 Session 2. Improving People’s Life through Digital Dividends

Moderator:
Theresa Pardo, Director, Center for Technology in Government, Albany State University, USA

Speakers:
- Alejandro Rios Dieguez, Deputy General Director, E-Government, Ministry of Public Administration of Mexico
- Hans Timmer, Chief Economist, Europe and Central Asia, World Bank
- Isabella Groegor-Cechowics, SAP SE Global General Manager, Public Service
- Cathy Mwangi, CEO and Chief Research, mHealth Kenya
- Shahid Uddin Akbar, CEO, Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development
- Jacob Poushter, Senior Researcher at Pew Research Center, USA
- Anir Chowdhury, Access to Information (a2i) Programme, Prime Minister’s Office, Bangladesh

Closing remark:
Saken Sarsenov, Vice Minister of Investment and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Key questions:

- What can be done to connect Eurasian countries in terms of infrastructure?
- In terms of “soft” infrastructure (customs clearance, concerted transportation arrangements, etc.), what has been done in connectivity and what can be done from now?
- How can Eurasian countries work together in getting their economies digitalized?

09:00-10:30 Session 1. Europe-Asia Infrastructure Connectivity

Moderator:
Grigory Rubin, Partner and Managing Director, The Boston Consulting Group

Speakers:
Askar Mamin, President, Kazakhstan Temir Zholy
Joachim von Amsberg, Vice President, Policy and Strategy, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
H.M. Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Group Chairman and CEO, Dubai Port World
Taleh Ziyadov, Director-General, Baku International Sea Trade Port
Kaido Zimmermann, Director, Railways Logistics, Latvian Railways
Nataliya Khanjenkova, Managing Director for Turkey and Central Asia, EBRD
Liu Yuting, Vice Minister, State Administration For Industry and Commerce, People’s Republic of China
Li Changjin, Chairman, China Railway Engineering Corporation
Michael Christidis, Secretary General, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation
10:45-12:15  
**Session 2. Europe-Asia Economic Cooperation and Trade**

**Key questions:**
- Financial cooperation between Eurasian countries is still in its infancy. Much can be done in terms of currency swap, mutual opening of financial markets, trade settlements in local currency.
- To what extent are these economies mutually complimentary? Where can they cooperate?
- The role of SMEs in economic cooperation and trade.

**Moderator:**
*Agris Preimanis*, Lead Economist for Central Asia, EBRD

**Speakers:**
- **Zhang Xiaqiang**, Vice-Minister, NDRC China (2003-2014)
- **Cheng Fude**, CFO, China Datang Corporation
- **Han Wenke**, Director General, Energy Research Institute, NDRC, China
- **Denis Boroditsch**, Chair, Committee of the Transit and the logistics of Estonian Parliament, MP
- **Evgeny Vinokurov**, Director, Centre for Integration Studies, Eurasian Development Bank
- **Lu Zushan**, Vice Chairman, NPC Financial and Economic Committee, China
- **Ariel Cohen**, Director of The Center for Energy, Natural Resources and Geopolitics at the Institute for Analysis of Global Security
- **Yerzhan Tutkushev**, Co-Managing Director: Development of New Industries, Samruk-Kazyna
- **Erhat Iskaliev**, Member of the Trustee Board of International Institute of Logistics and Business “Silk Way”, Member of the Board of Directors of PJSC “TransContainer”, Member of Presidium of Transport workers union of Kazakhstan “KAZLOGISTICS”
REGIONAL THINK TANK SUMMIT

Organized by:
JSC “Economic Research Institute”;
University of Pennsylvania.

Key questions:
• What strategies decision makers of the region can use to overcome the challenge of low commodity prices and weak growth in trading partners?
• What is the appropriate policy response for the regional decision makers to navigate in the geopolitical standoff between the West and Russia?
• Lessons learned and success stories from advising the decision makers over the past decade. Can we develop common solutions for the regional problems?

09:00-09:05 Opening remarks
Aset Irgaliyev, Chairman of the Board of JSC “Economic Research Institute”

09:05-09:30 Keynote Address: Global and Regional Trends in Think Tanks and Policy Advice: Rise of Think Tanks in Central Asia
Speaker:
James G. McGann, Senior Lecturer, Lauder Institute, Wharton Business School at University of Pennsylvania

09:30-10:30 Panel Session: Building capacity of regional think tanks and networking
Moderator:
James G. McGann, Senior Lecturer, Lauder Institute, Wharton Business School at University of Pennsylvania

Speakers:
Naoyuki Youshino, Dean of the Asian Development Bank Institute
Erik Berglof, Director, Institute for Global Affairs, London School of Economics and Political Science
Ariel Cohen, Director of The Center for Energy, Natural Resources and Geopolitics at the Institute for Analysis of Global Security
Richard Dobbs, Director, McKinsey Global Institute
Jessica Brandt, Deputy Chief of Staff and Associated Fellow at Brookings Institution
10:45-12:15 Open discussion: The role of think tanks in the age of New Economic and Geopolitical Reality

Moderator:
Andrey Bystritsky, Chairman of the Board of Valdai International Discussion Club

Speakers:
Matthew P. Goodman, Senior Adviser for Asian Economics, Center For Strategic and International Studies
Erlan Karin, Director of Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan
William Tompson, Head of Division, Eurasia, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD
Vugar Bayramov, Chairman of Center for Economic and Social Development, Azerbaijan
Alexander Gabuev, Chair of the Russia in the Asia-Pacific Program at the Carnegie Moscow Center
26 May  
09:00-11:00

ASTANA ECONOMIC FORUM  

HIGHER EDUCATION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE ECONOMY: INNOVATIVE AND ENTREPRENEURIAL UNIVERSITIES

Nazarbayev University,  
53 Kabanbay Batyr Ave.

Organized by:  
Nazarbayev University;  
L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University

Key questions:
• Entrepreneurial Universities;
• The Role of Higher Education in the Modernization of the Economy;
• The Future of Universities;
• Graduate Employment and the Needs of the Economy.

Moderator:  
Shigeo Katsu, President, Nazarbayev University

Speakers:  
Joseph Klafter, President, Tel Aviv University  
Christopher Pissarides, 2010 Nobel Prize laureate in Economics for contribution to the search and matching theory, for studying the interaction between the labour market and the macro-economy  
Nunzio Quacquarelli, Founder of QS  
Erlan Sydykov, Rector, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Doctor of Historic Sciences, Professor, member of National Academy of Science
26 May
10:00-13:00

Ramada Plaza
Astana,
47 Abay Ave.

KAZAKHSTAN WOMEN’S CONTRIBUTION TO HOSTING EXPO-2017

Organized by:
EXPO&WOMEN International Organization;
International Secretariat G-Global;
Coalition for Green Economy and Development of G-Global;
PO “Kazakhstan Women Association”

Key questions:
• Women’s contribution to science and innovation in support of sustainable development, green economy and energy;
• About the projects of “green” innovators of Kazakhstan, participants of republican competition “Online Expo-2017”;
• Initiative of creation of women’s green innovation pavilion at Expo-2017;
• Propagandistic and educational role of Expo for innovation and international scientific and technological cooperation;
• Opportunities to ensure comfortable stay for EXPO-2017 visitors and enhancing services quality;
• Creating positive attitude towards the tourists;
• Prospects for rural ecotourism development;
• First republican competition - National Tourism Award;
• Prospects of new types of tourism, based on green technologies – water rafting, caravannings, mobile hotels, electric bicycles and off-road rollers with folding solar panel battery;
• About the republican contest on the best souvenir product with the quality of product determined and the logo Astana Expo 2017 awarded;
• Organization of fairs, exhibitions, contests among craftsmen at the local level;
• Conducting annual events dedicated to selection and promotion of local craftsmen’ products to get the UNESCO Seal of Excellence.

Moderators:
Saltanat Rakhimbekova, Chairman of the Presidium, Expo & Women

Welcome Speech:
Maira Aisina, Deputy of the Majilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Aigul Solovyeva, Member of the Presidium, Atameken, Deputy of IV, V convocations of the Majilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Yelena Tarasenko, Deputy Chairman, National Commission for Women, Family and Demographic Policy under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Session 1. Kazakhstan women’s contribution to Environmental Innovation and Green Economy

Speakers:
Mariyam Abisheva, Chairman, Education Invest
Tatyana Nemcan, Director, Akbota
Fabrizio Sersante, Director, Archenergy Group, Energy Services Company
Dina Nusupbekova, Professor, Kazakh National Technical University named after K. Satpayev, member, International Informatization Academy
Almira Zhilkashinova, Physician, Scientist

Session 2. Women’s initiatives for tourism and service development

Speakers:
Shynarbek Batyrkanov, Head, Department of Tourism of Akmola Region
Inna Rey, Chairman of the Presidium, National Union of Travel Industry of Kazakhstan
Gaukhar Zhenisbek, Chairman of the Board, EXPO & WOMEN
Maya Agadilova, Head, Committee on Astana EXPO development, Council of Business Women “Atameken”, Karaganda Region
Maira Karsakbayeva, Chairman, Committee on International Cooperation, EXPO&WOMEN
Session 3. Development of Folk Crafts and Applied Art of Kazakhstan

Speakers:
Irina Nechayeva, Head, Committee on Culture, Council of Business Women, Atameken, Karaganda Region
Zhanar Baibolova, Director, Baibolova IE, production of eco bags
Didarkul Shuzhen, Director, ShozhenD IE (sewing shop)

Session 4. Women-entrepreneurs contribution to EXPO-2017

Speakers:
Yelena Ozhgo, Director, Social Dynamics
Aliya Sydyrbayeva, Chairman of the Regional Council of Business Women, Atameken, Karaganda Region
Yrza Tursynzada, Director, Altyn Orda, winner of “Altyn Sapa” Prize
Gulnar Baiymbetova, President, Kazakhstan Women Association
GENERAL MEDIA PARTNERS

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA PARTNERS

OFFICIAL MEDIA PARTNERS

MEDIA PARTNERS

SPECIAL PROJECTS
ҚАЗАҚ РÁДИОСЫ

Шалқар
ұлттық арнасы

АСТАНА РÁДИОСЫ
FM 101.4
KAZAKHSTAN’S FIRST SATELLITE TV CHANNEL
The latest news, analytical programs, documentaries, entertainment content

ON AIR 24/7
BROADCAST IN 3 LANGUAGES (Kazakh/Russian/English)
300 MILLIONS OF VIEWERS AROUND THE WORLD

AVAILABLE IN 118 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE

For Business Enquiries:
+7 7172 553 554 / sale@khabar.kz

www.kazakh-tv.kz
«Это не просто работа, это и хобби, и любовь. В самом начале было сложно вообразить, как вести такое количество прямых эфиров подряд, а сегодня без этого невозможно представить свою жизнь».

ДОСТОВЕРНЫЕ, АКТУАЛЬНЫЕ, ОПЕРАТИВНЫЕ НОВОСТИ КАЖДЫЕ ПОЛЧАСА

Алмас Ашим / Динара Саду / Жамбыл Зейнолла
Joint-Stock Company “Sovereign Wealth Fund “Samruk-Kazyna” was established by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan on October 13, 2008 by the merger of Sustainable Development Fund “Kazyna JSC and Kazakhstan Holding for Management of State Assets “Samruk” JSC.

Joint-Stock Company “Sovereign Wealth Fund “Samruk-Kazyna” was created to enhance the competitiveness and sustainability of the national economy.

The main objective of the Fund is to manage shares (interest) owned by it on the right of property or trust management in the national companies and other legal entities to maximize their long-term value and increase their competitiveness in the world markets.

The main objectives of the Fund are as follows:
1. Development and implementation of investment projects of regional, national and international scale;
2. Support and modernization of the existing assets of the group companies of the Fund;
3. Assistance in the development of regions and implementation of social projects;
4. Support for domestic producers, domestic goods and services.

At the moment the Fund is managing about 600 companies. The Fund's Group of Companies employs 360 thousand people.

Effective diversification and modernization of the national economy is carried out through active investment in priority sectors of the economy, such as:
- Oil and gas sector;
- Power industry;
- Metallurgy;
- Chemistry, petrochemistry;
- Infrastructure.

Currently, the Fund's investment portfolio includes 104 projects for the total amount of $109 billion.
JSC “Baiterek National Management Holding”

JSC “Baiterek National Management Holding” was established on May 22nd 2013.

The Holding was established with the purpose of optimization in the management system of development institutions, financial organizations and development of the national economy. One of the key tasks of the Holding is ensuring effective and mutually complementary operation of the group of companies included in it.

Strategic directions of the Holding’s development are as follows:

Support of sustainable development of the economy in the Republic of Kazakhstan by financial support to priority economy sectors:

• Support of small and medium enterprises
• Support of new modern economy sectors and innovation development
• Support of Kazakhstani companies' export activity
• Assistance in solution of social-oriented tasks of the country

The Holding’s structure includes 11 subsidiaries:


- Institutions providing support to the development of innovative activity, small and medium enterprises and implementing “Road Map of Business 2020” program: National Agency for Technological Development JSC and Damu Entrepreneurship Development Fund JSC.

- Financial organizations and national companies involved in the implementation of projects in the sphere of real estate, housing construction savings and implementation of the Program for Development of the Regions till 2020: Housing Construction Savings Bank of Kazakhstan JSC, Kazakhstan Mortgage Company JSC, Baiterek Development JSC, Kazakhstan Mortgage Guarantee Fund JSC.
“Kazakhtelecom” JSC is the leading operator in the Republic of Kazakhstan providing a wide range of info-communication services through the country. 51 per cent of shares in “Kazakhtelecom” JSC belong to “Samruk-Kazyna” JSC. The big portfolio of services rendered on the whole territory of the country was enabled by a wide-scale program for modernization and development of the telecommunications infrastructure and networks. At present “Kazakhtelecom” provides landline telephony, broadband access, digital television, IT services and others.
**KAZ Minerals PLC** (“KAZ Minerals” or “the Group”) is a high growth copper company focused on large scale, low cost, open pit mining in Kazakhstan. It operates the Bozshakol mine, oxide operations at Aktogay, four mines and three concentrators in the East Region of Kazakhstan and the Bozymchak copper-gold mine in Kyrgyzstan. In 2015, total copper cathode output from the East Region and Bozymchak was 81 kt with by-products of 94 kt of zinc in concentrate, 3,135 koz of silver granule and 35 koz of gold bar.

The Group commenced production from Bozshakol, its first large scale open pit project, in February 2016. The Group has a second major project, Aktogay, with sulphide processing facilities currently under construction. These projects are expected to deliver one of the highest growth rates in the industry and transform KAZ Minerals into a company dominated by world class open pit copper mines.

Bozshakol will have an annual ore processing capacity of 30 million tonnes when fully ramped up, a mine life of 40 years at a copper grade of 0.36% and is a first quartile asset on the global cost curve. The mine and processing facilities will produce 100 kt of copper cathode equivalent and 120 koz of gold in concentrate per year over the first 10 years of operations.

The Aktogay project in the East of Kazakhstan is the Group's second copper mining asset under construction. Aktogay commenced production of copper cathode from oxide ore in December 2015, and the production of copper in concentrate from sulphide ore is expected to begin in 2017. The sulphide concentrator will have an annual ore processing capacity of 25 million tonnes when fully ramped up. The deposit has a mine life of more than 50 years with average copper grades of 0.33% (sulphide) and 0.37% (oxide). Aktogay is competitively positioned on the global cost curve and will produce an average of 90 kt of copper cathode equivalent from sulphide ore and 15 kt of copper cathode from oxide ore per year over the first 10 years of operations.

KAZ Minerals is listed on the London Stock Exchange, the Kazakhstan Stock Exchange and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and employs around 11,000 people, principally in Kazakhstan.
“KazAgro” National management holding JSC (hereinafter – the Holding) was established in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated December 11, 2006 No. 220 “On some issues of agribusiness complex development” and the Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated December 23, 2006 No. 1247 “On measures for implementation of the Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated December 11, 2006 No. 220”.


Goal of the Holding establishment is implementation of the state policy to stimulate development of agribusiness complex of the Republic of Kazakhstan through ensuring effective management of investment assets and development of corporate culture of joint stock companies implementing their activities in agribusiness complex, which shares are given to it for payment of placed shares.

The Holding mission is implementation of the state policy to stimulate industrial development of agribusiness complex on the principles of effectiveness, transparency and effective corporate management of the Holding structures.

The Holding, being an operator of the most important strategic projects of agriculture development, will provide available, targeted and effective use of the state and attracted resources, implementing further development of productive, information and service infrastructure of agribusiness complex.
Development Bank of Kazakhstan

Development Bank of Kazakhstan Joint Stock Company (being a member of Baiterek National Management Holding, hereinafter referred to as the Bank, DBK) was established in 2001 as a financial institution of the state on infrastructure and non-resource industrial sectors development.

The Bank specializes in big business funding and development which is large-scale infrastructure and industrial projects in Kazakhstan.

DBK Projects are of multiplier effect promoting establishment of associate small and medium-sized enterprises, new workplaces, increase of tax assignments to the budget and export development.

During 15 years of activity, the Bank invested about KZT 1.7 tln. to national economy. 79 investment projects were put into operation funded with DBK, and about 20.4 thou. of permanent jobs were created.

The Bank remains one of the key operators of the State Program on Industrial-Innovative Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan: 68 % of current Bank loans fall within the projects of industrial-innovative development. At financial support from DBK, 25 SPFIID-1 Projects were put into operation with total cost of more than KZT 963 bln.

About 73 % of all loans serviced by DBK are projects in the area of petroleum chemistry, oil refining and metallurgy. By regions the maximum volume of DBK loans falls within Atyrau region (35%), Pavlodar region (17%) and Aktobe region (13%).

Sectoral Priorities.

The main sectoral priorities of DBK are projects in non-resource economic sectors such as metallurgy, chemistry and petroleum chemistry, machine engineering, agriproduct processing, as well as in production infrastructure (energetics, transport, telecommunications and objects in service industry).

DBK Services.

The Bank renders the following services:

- medium- and long-term crediting of investment projects;
- crediting of export (pre-export) operations;
- mezzanine, lease, syndicated and project financing;
- current activity crediting;
- interbank lending;
- granting of guarantees,
- equity participation.
Kazakhmys Corporation - a leading company in the extraction and processing of natural resources, the largest copper producer in Kazakhstan. A company have eleven mines, five dressing mills, two copper smelting plants and two coal mines. Kazakhmys operates with production facilities extracting ore and its processing into commodity metal. In the past year from own ore was produced 224,9 tons of copper in cathode equivalent, 3,388 kg of gold bars. Kazakhmys is one of the largest silver producers in the world – in the last year was produced 277,7 tons of refined silver.

The Corporation has a domestic power plants that provide electricity to enterprises and regions. The total number of employees of the corporation is about 38,730 people.
SB Sberbank JSC - subsidiary bank of Sberbank in Kazakhstan is a part of Sberbank international group which operates in 21 countries, serves 137 million retail clients and more than one million companies in Europe, Turkey and the CIS countries.

Sberbank has nine-year successful experience in the financial market of Kazakhstan. Sberbank takes the 4th place in terms of assets among STB. Since 2007 the Bank’s assets increased by more than 25 times and today exceed KZT 1,5 trillion.

The equity of Sberbank amounts to KZT 142 billion, and deposits of clients - approximately KZT 1,2 trillion. The loan portfolio of Sberbank has approached to the mark of KZT 1 trillion. Today, 47 thousand companies and more than one million retail clients trust Sberbank.

Sberbank is a key investor in the Republic economy. SB Sberbank JSC in partnership with Sberbank of Russia JSC invested KZT 2,2 trillion in economy of Kazakhstan. The companies of the leading branches of economy and large-scale transactions with the largest corporate customers of the international level are presented in the portfolio of Sberbank.

Sberbank is one of leaders of state programs for business support. We are the first among the Kazakhstan banks in terms of subsidizing and volume of fund guarantees. Sberbank is repeatedly noted by awards of Damu Entrepreneurship Development Fund.

International Desk special subdivisions are created at Sberbank group for complex service of international companies. International Desk offices are operating in Almaty, Istanbul, Astana, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Kazan, and Rostov – on – Don. More than 600 companies with foreign capital are served at SB Sberbank JSC.

Sberbank operates over the whole territory of the Republic. Sberbank in Kazakhstan has 91 outlets, 16 out of which are branches. The central office of Sberbank is located in Almaty.
Kaspi Bank is the largest bank of Kazakhstan by sizes of retail loan portfolio and is the third bank by the amount of individuals’ deposits.

Kaspi Bank has over 3 million customers and one of the most extensive multichannel sales networks which includes over 1,000 sales outlets, 4,000 payment kiosks, the largest contact center in the region, and online platform for regular payments.

Kaspi Bank actively develops innovative products and services. One of the most popular services of the Bank is the online platform kaspi.kz through which Kazakhstanies do online shopping in the Kaspi Shop, make commission-free payments of their bills, manage their personal finances, and accumulate bonuses.

About 1 million people have already registered on www.kaspi.kz and made over 14 million online payments. Also Kazakhstanies can pay for mobile phone and other popular services through 4,000 self-service terminals of Kaspi Bank throughout the country.

Kaspi Joint Stock Company is the indirect owner (about 90% shares) of Kaspi Bank. In turn, shareholders and investors of the Kaspi JSC are Vyacheslav Kim, Kairat Satybaldyuly, Mikhail Lomtadze, and foundations managed by Baring Vostok Capital Partners, the leading international equity firm.
Air Astana commenced regular flight operations on 15 May, 2002 and currently operates a network of over 60 international and domestic destinations. Air Astana operates a fleet of 30 aircrafts including Boeing 767-300ER, Boeing 757-200, Airbus A320 family aircraft and Embraer E190. Air Astana became the first carrier from Russia, the Commonwealth of Independent States (the CIS) and Eastern Europe to be awarded the prestigious 4-Star rating by Skytrax in its World Airline Awards 2012 and was named The Best Airline in Central Asia and India. Both accolades were repeated in 2013, 2014 and 2015. In February 2015, Air Astana received the prestigious Air Transport World Market Leader Award.
As a market leader in enterprise application software, **SAP (NYSE: SAP)** helps companies of all sizes and industries innovate through simplification. From back office to boardroom, warehouse to storefront, on premise to cloud, desktop to mobile device – SAP empowers people and organizations to work together more efficiently and use business insight more effectively to stay ahead of the competition.

SAP serves more than 310,000 customers in 190 countries. SAP applications and services enable customers to operate profitably, adapt continuously, and grow sustainably.

Established in 1972, SAP has offices in 130 countries with 78,230 employees. SAP headquarters located in Germany, Waldorf. SAP is present in Kazakhstan since 1997 and has offices in Almaty and Astana.

«SAMRUK-KAZYNA TRUST» - Social Development Foundation under the group of JSC «Samruk-Kazyna» companies, which implements charitable and socially important projects and programs in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

WE HELP PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES IN SOCIAL AND MEDICAL SECTORS
We support medical, children's and social institutions as well as contribute to the protection of health. We also promote professional development and image of social workers, healthcare and education.

WE DEVELOP MEDIA, CULTURAL COMMUNITY AND HUMAN POTENTIAL
We create good conditions to support talented youth from socially-vulnerable segments of the population. We also support projects in the domain of science, education, culture, art and sport. We contribute to the formation of an active civil society; we are dedicated to help the people with disabilities in their search for jobs.

WE STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIAL GROUPS
We promote the reinforcement of peace, friendship and harmony among nations; develop positive inter-ethnic, intercultural and interconfessional relations. We also support socially important initiatives, publishing activities as well as organization of conferences and forums.

WE SUPPORT REGIONAL AND BUSINESS INITIATIVES
We create start-up platforms for research and implementation of innovative projects, which allow to create added value to portfolio companies. These companies therefore contribute to the strategic tasks that Kazakhstan’s economy faces today. We support projects aiming at the development of the regions of Kazakhstan.

For any questions please contact:
Republic of Kazakhstan Astana, 010000 8 D. Kunaev street, Block B BC «Emerald quarter» Floor 32, Office 3257
Call-center:
+ 7 (7172) 248 013, 576 659
Для Прессы:
+ 7 (7172) 576 602, 576 937
www.sk-trust.kz
Eurasian Resources Group (ERG) is a leading diversified natural resources producer with integrated mining, processing, energy, logistics and marketing operations. It has a portfolio of production assets and development projects in 14 countries, crossing four continents, being a major employer in the industry. In 2014 the Group has celebrated its 20-year anniversary. ERG S.à.r.l., the Group management company, has its headquarters in Luxembourg.

Today ERG is the world’s largest ferrochrome producer on a chrome content basis and a key supplier of iron ore. The Group is also among the global top-10 alumina producers and a principal copper and cobalt manufacturer.

In the Republic of Kazakhstan ERG represents about one third of the country’s metals & mining industry. It is also a key power supplier and a large railway operator in Central Asia. Kazchrome, SSGPO, Aluminum of Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan Aluminum Smelter (KAS), Eurasian Energy Corporation (EEC), Shubarkol Komir and Transportation Group TransCom LLP are among the Group’s major assets located in Kazakhstan. ERG employs more than 61,000 people in the Republic.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo ERG mines copper and cobalt and processes the ore at Boss Mining, Frontier and Comide. A number of other development and near-production assets, including the Metalkol Roan Tailings Reclamation (RTR) Project, are also located in the DRC.

ERG’s copper smelter, Chambishi Metals PLC, is a major enterprise in Zambia and a large producer of copper metal. The Group also has a number of projects in coal, manganese, platinum, bauxite and fluor spar across the African continent, embracing the Republic of South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mali and Mozambique.

In Brazil ERG continues development of Pedra de Ferro project, a 20mtpa iron ore production complex.