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## EVENT AGENDA

**November 6-7, 2024 | Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

**Day 1 | November 6, 2024**

**Venue:** Hilton Tashkent City, Ballroom

### The schedule of the event

**8:30 AM - 9:00 AM: Registration and Welcome Coffee**

**9:00 AM - 09:30 AM: Opening Ceremony (Ballroom)**

- Ravshan Gulyamov - Adviser to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Economic Development, reading the message of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
- Laziz Kudratov - Minister of investments, industry and trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- Video Message of the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, for the 30th Anniversary of EU-Uzbekistan diplomatic relations
- Paul Bourdillon—CEO of SUEZ—Europe & Central Asia and Member of the EUROUZ Director's Board—conf.
- Henrik Hololei - Hors Classe Adviser, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission - conf.

**09:30 AM - 09:50 AM: Keynote address: The State & Perspective of the EU-Uzbekistan Relations (Ballroom)**

- H.E. Toivo Klaar - Ambassador of the European Union to Uzbekistan - conf.
- Pierre-Paul Antheunissens - General Director EDF Central Asia and Member of the EUROUZ Director's Board - conf.

**09:50 AM - 10:30 AM: Panel Discussion - Uzbekistan's WTO Accession, Current Reforms, and Central Asia's Role in the Global Economy (Ballroom)**

- Azizbek Urunov - Special Representative of the President of Uzbekistan on WTO issues and the Chief Negotiator at the Administration of the President of Uzbekistan - inv.
- Peter Kovacs - Head of Unit, Industry, Goods, Energy, Customs and Origin, DG Trade, European Commission - conf.
- H.E. Toivo Klaar - Ambassador of the European Union to Uzbekistan - conf.
- Kazumasa Mukae - General Director, Coca-Cola CA Services Fe LLC
- Abdulkhamid Muminov, PwC Eurasia Tax, Legal & People Services Leader, PwC Uzbekistan Managing Partner and Member of the EUROUZ Director's Board - conf.
- Moderator: Chahine Boutouila - Development Director for Central Asia, Veolia and Member of EUROUZ Board of Directors - conf.

**10:30 AM - 11:30 AM: Integration of Uzbekistan into Global Supply Chains and State Support for Export Opportunities (Ballroom)**

- Rasulov Dilshod Ozodovich - Deputy Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of Uzbekistan - inv.
- Aziz Akhrarov - General Representative YOUNGONE UZBEKISTAN, Samarkand Apparel & Buka Sportswear
- Sarah Rinaldi, Head of Unit, Middle East, Central Asia, DG International Partnerships, European Commission - conf.
- Sirojiddin Saliev - Head of Department of Strategic Transformation and Global Reporting at AKFA Group - conf.
- Thomas Mundry - Partner of Schneider Group - conf.
- Moderator: Vera Bell - Managing Partner, Crowe TAC Uzbekistan- conf.

**11:30 AM - 11:50 AM: Coffee Break**

**11:50 AM - 12:30 PM: Breakout Session 1A: Critical Raw Materials: Shaping the Future of EU-Central Asia Cooperation (Ballroom)**

- Ural Yusupov - Deputy Minister of Mining Industry and Geology of the Republic of Uzbekistan - conf.
- Henrik Hololei - Hors Classe Adviser, Directorate-General for International Partnerships - conf.
- Peter Kovacs - Head of Unit, Industry, Goods, Energy, Customs and Origin, European Commission - conf.
- Benoit Lemonne - General Director, NurlikumMining (Orano Group) - conf.
- Evgeny Antonov - First Deputy General Director, Chief Transformation Officer, member of the Management Board of “Navoi Mining and Metallurgical Company” Joint-Stock Company - conf.
- Moderator: Enrico Pinali - Regional Head, Private Sector Development, ADB Central and West Asia Department - conf.

**11:50 AM - 12:30 PM: Breakout Session 1B: Water for Growth: Uzbekistan's Path to Sustainable Economic Development (Tashkent 1-2, large U-shape). Session is sponsored by SUEZ**

- Jasur Karshibayev - Deputy Minister of Economy and Finance
- Rakhmatullayev Khurshid Khotamjonovich - Deputy Chairman of the Board, Uzsvtaminot JSC
- Paul Bourdillon - CEO SUEZ - Europe & Central Asia - conf.
- Olivier Grandvoinet - head of AFD Uzbekistan - conf.
- Pierre Casabonnet - Senior Operations Officer - MCT Waste & Water Sector at IFC – conf.
- Oybek Yuldashev - Public Sector, Infrastructure & Utilities Director at PwC Central Asia and Caucasus
- Moderator - Joanna Golas, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of the France-Uzbekistan Economic Chamber (CCIFO)

**12:30 PM - 1:30 PM: Networking Lunch, sponsored by COCA-COLA**

**1:30 PM - 2:15 PM: Thematic Sessions  
(Ballroom & Tashkent rooms)**

**1. 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM Breakout Session 2A:: The Role of European Companies & Technologies (Ballroom)**

- Umid Mamadaminov - Deputy Minister of Energy of Uzbekistan - conf.
- Carole Pontais - Country Manager of Voltalia - conf.
- Andi Aranitasi, Director and head of Uzbekistan for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) - conf.
- Pierre-Paul Antheunissens - General Director EDF Central Asia-conf. Member of the EUROUZ Director's Board - conf.
- Louis Skyner - Honorary Board Member at EUROUZ and Partner at Dentons-conf.
- Moderator: Anton Calin, Managing Director at Greystar Real Estate Partners SRL-conf.

**2. 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM Breakout Session 2B: Empowering Uzbekistan's Future: A Roundtable on Education and Capacity Building between Institutions and Industry (Tashkent 1&2, roundtable large U-shape).**

- Temurjon Komilov - Deputy Minister of Preschool and School Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan - conf.
- Makhliyo Muksinova - Services Export Development Director, IT Park - conf.
- Gulnora Urmanova - Executive Director of Association of Employers of Uzbekistan - conf.
- Filippo Fontanesi - Fersol, Country Manager - conf.
- Elizaveta Raitina - Regional Manager at LavoroSolutions - conf.

- Kamron Gulyamov - President of Central Asia University - conf
- Alimardon Abdulkarimov - CEO at ACWA Power Riverside Solar & CEO at UK2 Green H2- conf.
- Julia Beskorsaya - Project Manager Skills Expert Program, AHK Central Asia-conf.
- Moderator: Venera Erzina - Head of Human Resources Directorate, IpotekaBank-conf.

**2:15 PM - 2:30 PM: Coffee Break**

**2:30 PM - 4:30 PM: Afternoon Session**

**2:30PM - 3:10 PM / Session 3A: Digital Infrastructure Development: Creating Capacity for Technological Progress to Ensure Economic Growth (Ballroom). The session is sponsored by IT PARK.**

- Umarov Olimjon - First Deputy Minister of Digital Technologies - conf.
- Peteris Ustubs - Director for Asia, Central Asia, Pacific, and Middle East, Directorate General for International Partnerships, European Commission -conf.
- Oksana Borisova - Partner, Technology Consulting Group KPMG Caucasus and Central Asia - conf.
- Asset Kasymbalinov - Strategy& Advisory Technology Director, Head of Telecom and Media in PwC Eurasia - conf.
- Sherzod Abdulkasimov - Managing Director, PraelLegal Uzbekistan - conf.
- Moderator: Altynay Estebesova - Partner at Forvis Mazars in Central Asia-conf.

**03:15 PM - 04:30 PM / Session 4A: Privatization and infrastructure financing, the potential for partnership in the banking sector between the EU and Uzbekistan (Ballroom)**

- Ketevan Antidze - Head of the Representative Office of Commerzbank AG - conf.

- George Paresishvili - Chairman of the Board of the Tashkent Republican Stock Exchange - conf.
- Enrico Pinali - Regional Head, Private Sector Development, ADB Central and West Asia Department - conf.
- Iroda Urinova - International Projects Advisor, Way II Investment Management-conf.
- Saltanat Sandykbayeva - Partner, Deal Advisory KPMG Uzbekistan - conf.
- Djafar Saidov - Chief Operating Officer, Asaka Bank-conf.
- Natalya Lim - Strategy & Partner and PwC Advisory Leader of Eurasia Region - conf.
- Anvar Samiev - Head of Investments, Enera Group - conf
- Moderator: Karen Srapionov - Managing partner of Avesta Investment Group-conf.

**2:30 PM - 4:30 PM / Breakout Session 3B: Enhancing the Competitiveness of the Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor in Central Asia – Focus on Uzbekistan (roundtable, large U-shape, Tashkent 1&2) Session is sponsored by OECD**

**OECD-led session in the context of the new EU Prosperity Programme in Central Asia**

**Translation - interpretation - Uzbek / English**

- **Topics:** Infrastructure development, logistics solutions, trade routes & cooperation
- **Speakers:**
  - Laziz Kudratov, Minister of Investments, Industry and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan
  - Mamanbiy Omarov - First deputy minister of Transport - inv.
  - Henrik Hololei - Hors Classe Adviser, Directorate-General for International Partnerships - confirmed.
  - Grégory Lecomte, Senior Policy Analyst and Head of the Central Asia Unit, OECD Eurasia Division
  - Céleste Laporte Talamon, Policy Analyst, OECD Eurasia Division

- Davron Dekhkanov - Head of the Transport Corridors Department, Ministry of Investments, Industry and Trade
- Vasilisa Dzehtsiarenka, Chairperson of the Board, Clever Logistics
- Khurshidbek Murodov, Officer, Transport Operations, ADB
- Moderator: William Tompson - Head of the OECD Eurasia Division - conf

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**4:30 PM- 4:50 PM : Coffee-break**

**5:00 PM - 5:20 PM: Closing Remarks (Ballroom)**

- Laziz Kudratov - Minister of investments, industry and trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan - conf.
- Muzaffar Madrakhimov - Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- Henrik Hololei - Hors Classe Adviser, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission - conf.
- Chahine Boutouila - Development Director for Central Asia, Veolia and Member of EUROUZ Board of Directors

**05:20 PM - 6:00 PM: Signing ceremonies (Ballroom)**

1. Folder Exchange: Roadmap on CRM
2. The grand opening of the BeNeLux Chamber of Commerce in Uzbekistan. With the participation of the ambassadors of the three countries
3. Folder Exchange Ceremony: Nestle Uzbekistan & Ministry of Ecology & Ministry of Education
4. Folder Exchange Ceremony: Roche Diagnostics & Agency for Pharmaceutical Sector Development of Uzbekistan
5. Photo-taking on stage EUROUZ members only

**6:30 PM - 08:30 PM: Gala dinner from the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan in honor of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations with the European Union (Venue: Hilton, 21st floor)**



- Networking opportunities with delegates, speakers, and official

## [ End of First Day ]

### Day 2 | November 7, 2024

**Venue:** Hilton Tashkent City (Tashkent conference rooms, 2nd floor)

#### 08:30 - 09:30 AM: Morning Coffee

#### 9:30 AM - 11:10 AM: Roundtable 1A - Healthcare & Life Sciences (Tashkent 1&2, u-shape)

- Davron Sultanov - Acting First Deputy Minister of Healthcare of Uzbekistan-conf.
- Nozim Berdiev - Deputy Director of the Center for Pharmaceutical Safety
- Abdulla Azizov - Director of the Agency for Pharmaceutical Sector Development of Uzbekistan-conf.
- Zohid Ermatov - Executive Director of the State Medical Insurance Fund-conf.
- Tadzio Schilling - CEO of the Association of European Businesses (AEB) - conf.
- Olzhas Satybaldin - Head of Government Affairs in AstraZeneca
- Moderator: Zafar Vakhidov - EUROUZ Board Member & Head of Healthcare & Life Sciences Committee, Partner at "Vakhidov & Partners" -conf.
- 10+ European pharmaceutical companies - EUROUZ Committee members

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#### 09:30 AM - 11:10 AM Roundtable 1B: Navigating Compliance & Transparency in a Shifting Global Economy (Tashkent 3&4, u-shape)

- Khurram Teshabaev - Deputy Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- Vyacheslav Pak - First Deputy Director of the National agency of prospective projects of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- Abrorkhuja Turdaliev - Deputy Chairman of the Central Bank - ШТМ

- Farrukh Karabaev - Farrukh Abdullakhanov
- Nika Kurdiani - Supervisory board chairman of TBC Bank Uzbekistan
- Vitaly Falin - PwC Director, Head of Forensic and FCC in PwC Eurasia
- Arne Taube - Regional Sales Manager, Solar Turbines
- Daria Karman - Programme Officer at International Trade Centre
- Moderator: Farrukh Abdullakhanov - Partner, Head of Forensic KPMG Caucasus and Central Asia - conf.

**11:10 AM - 11:30 AM: Coffee Break**

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM: Roundtable 2A: Building a Sustainable Future for Central Asia: ESG, Critical Resources & Climate Resilience (Tashkent 1&2, u-shape)**

- Jusipbek Kazbekov - Deputy Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan - conf.
- Davlatjon Rasulov - Head of ESG, MTO Gas Chemical Complex - conf.
- Ollivier Ramus - COO for Central Asia Suez - conf.
- Jon Zaidi - Country Head at ACWA Power Uzbekistan - conf.
- Tatiana Miroshnichenko - Senior Manager, ESG Advisory KPMG Caucasus and Central Asia - conf.
- Wim Riepma - Head of Cooperation Section of the EU Delegation to Uzbekistan - inv.
- Moderator: Eleanor Kramers - Managing Director, Montfort Eurasia

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM: Workshop 2B: “Government Relations & Advocacy Activities in the Interests of the State and Society” / Session is sponsored by Edward’s East Strategies (Tashkent 3&4, panel discussion)**

- Golib Kholjigitov - Advisor, head of the working group on digital technologies of the Committee for the Development of Competition and Consumer Protection of

the Republic of Uzbekistan - conf.

- Julie Kussidi - CEO of EUROBAK (European Business Association of Kazakhstan) - conf.
- Niholbek Ganiev - Head of Legal and Risk Management Department, Summit Motors Central Asia - conf.
- Saidamirkhon Rakhimov - Director of Government Relations, Beeline Uzbekistan - conf.
- Mirshohid Aslanov - CEO of Center for Progressive Reforms - conf.
- Sergey Krassovski - Director of the department of legal and corporate affairs of JSC JV "UzBAT A.O" - conf.
- Moderator: Odiljon Azimov - Partner - conf.

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**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Networking Lunch**

**02:00 PM - 5:00 PM Site Visits / A. Industrial Production / B. Mining / C. IT Park**