



AGENDA

Theme: “Economic Prospects of the CAMCA Region”

All times are Eastern Standard Time.

MONDAY, JUNE 21st

9:45-10:00 AM **“New Opportunities Across CAMCA” - Welcome & Remarks by Dr. Svante Cornell**

Director, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, American Foreign Policy Council

(Prerecorded – Tune in on the [CAMCA Forum Facebook page](#))

10:00-11:00 AM **Panel Discussion - “New Regionalism in Central Asia and Its Challenges”**

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

Speakers: **Dennis de Tray**, Board Member and Adviser to the President, Nazarbayev University

Dr. Subir Lall, Deputy Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, IMF

Dr. Eldor Aripov, Director, Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Dr. Taleh Ziyadov, Director General, Baku International Sea Trade Port, Azerbaijan

Aziza Umarova, Co-Founder, SmartGov Consulting; CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83142962691>

TUESDAY, JUNE 22nd

9:00-9:45 AM **Keynote Interview with Dr. Sergei Guriev**

Professor of Economics & Scientific Director of the Master and PhD programmes in Economics, Sciences Po

Interviewer: **Rakhim Oshakbayev**, Director, Center of Applied Research “TALAP”; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98475433073>

10:00-11:00 AM **Panel Discussion - “U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan: What Does it Mean for Political and Economic Alignments in the Region?”**

Moderator: **Michael Doran**, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute

Speakers: **Dr. Omar Sharifi**, Country Director, American Institute of Afghanistan Studies; Assistant Professor of Social Sciences, American University of Afghanistan; CAMCA Network Member

Ikram Sehgal, Chairman, Pathfinder Group; Chairman, Karachi Council on Foreign Relations
Amb. Gautam Mukhopadhyaya, Senior Visiting Fellow, Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi; former Ambassador of India to Afghanistan (2010-2013)

Alex Vatanka, Director of Iran Program and Senior Fellow, Frontier Europe Initiative, Middle East Institute

Iskander Akylbayev, Executive Director, Kazakhstan Council on International Relations; CAMCA Network Member

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88325819542>

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23rd

9:00-9:45 AM

Keynote Interview with Secretary Carlos Gutierrez

Chairman & CEO, EmPath; Former U.S. Secretary of Commerce

Interviewer: **Samiullah Mahdi**, Award-winning journalist and lecturer at Kabul University; CAMCA Network Member, Afghanistan

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92505117195>

10:00-11:00 AM

Panel Discussion - “Impediments to Foreign Investments in CAMCA: Real or Imaginary?”

Moderator:

Gaukhar Nurgalieva, Senior Advisor, FMA; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan

Speakers:

Yernar Zharkeshov, Principal and Head of Eurasia, Whiteshield Partners; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan

Laziz Kudratov, First Deputy Minister of Investment and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan; CAMCA Network Member

Yusif Abdullayev, Acting President, Azerbaijan Export and Investment Promotion Foundation (AZPROMO)

Dulguun Baasandavaa, Deputy Chairman, National Development Agency of Mongolia; CAMCA Network Member

Baurzhan Kankin, Chairman, Social Entrepreneurship Corporation “Shymkent”

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88489212118>

THURSDAY, JUNE 24th

9:00-9:45 AM

Keynote Interview with Saad Mohseni

Chairman & CEO, MOBY Group, Afghanistan

Interviewer: **Ali Aslan**, International TV Presenter & Journalist

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96987446471>

10:00-11:00 AM

Panel Discussion - “Will a New Entrepreneurial Class Drive CAMCA Economies?”

Moderator:

Zabihullah Ziarnal, Director General, Afghanistan National Standard Authority; Chairman, World Trade Centre Kabul Afghanistan; CAMCA Network Member

Speakers:

Valeri Chekheria, Serial entrepreneur and hotelier; Founder and CEO of Hospitality Projects; Adviser to the Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

Abdullo Kurbanov, Co-founder and CEO, Alif Bank; CAMCA Network Member, Tajikistan

Khulan Davaadorj, Founder, Director and Chief Technologist, LHAMOUR LLC; CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia

Aziz Soltobaev, Founder, KG Labs Public Foundation; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyzstan

Abdulahad Badghisi, General Manager, Samarkand Bukhara Silk Carpet JV

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83235996831>

FRIDAY, JUNE 25th

9:00-9:45 AM **Keynote Interview with Douglas Becker**
Founder & Chairman, CINTANA Education; Board Chair, International Youth Foundation

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

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99436734464>

10:00-11:00 AM **Panel Discussion - “Can Education Systems of CAMCA Countries Adjust to New Labor Market Demands?”**

Moderator: **Yernar Zharkeshov**, Principal and Head of Eurasia, Whiteshield Partners; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan

Speakers: **Dr. Shamsh Kassim-Lakha**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, University of Central Asia
Fariz Ismailzade, Executive Vice Rector, ADA University, Azerbaijan
Hikmat Abdurahmanov, Co-founder and CEO, TEAM University;
Co-founder, HMPARTNERS; CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan
Talant Sultanov, Co-founder and Chair, Kyrgyz Chapter of the Internet Society;
CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyzstan
Dr. Irakli Laitadze, Chief Financial Officer, GMT Mtatsminda; Lecturer at Ilya State University in Tbilisi; CAMCA Network Member, Georgia

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