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Regional Forum

Ulaanbaatar
June 19-20, 2025

2025 CAMCA Regional Forum Agenda June 19-20, 2025, Shangri-La Hotel Ulaanbaatar

Envisioning a Regional Future: Business, Society and Governance in CAMCA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

1900-2100 **Welcoming Reception - Sponsored by ARD Financial Group**
Kryptos Restaurant and Bar, Central Tower, 17th floor

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

0830-0930 **Registration, Shangri-La Hotel Ulaanbaatar**
Shangri-La Ballroom Foyer

0930-0945 **Welcoming Remarks**
Shangri-La Ballroom

- **Laura Linderman** | *Director of Programs, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, American Foreign Policy Council*
- **Sarah Tonucci** | *Executive Director, Rumsfeld Foundation*
- **Tamar Kekenadze** | *Managing Director, CAMCA Forum*
- **Gereltuya Orgil** | *Chairperson of the Board of Directors, CAMCA Network; CAMCA Network National Coordinator for Mongolia*

0945-0955 **Welcoming Remarks**

- **H.E. Richard L. Buangan** | *U.S. Ambassador to Mongolia*

0955-1015 **Keynote Address**

- **H.E. Dorjkhand Togmid** | *Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia*

1015-1100 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

1100-1130 **Keynote Interview**
Shangri-La Ballroom

SPEAKER: [Javkhlantugs Ganbaatar](#) | *Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia*
INTERVIEWER: [Lkhagva Erdene](#) | *Deputy Head of the Secretariat of the State Great Hural, Parliament of Mongolia; CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia*

1130-1230 **Plenary Session – "CAMCA's Investment Imperative: A Regional Strategy for a Role in the Global Economy"**
Shangri-La Ballroom

MODERATOR: [Saule Imanova](#) | *IFC Transaction Advisory, Asia; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan*

SPEAKERS:

- [Umud Aripdjanov](#) | *Partner, Centil Law; CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan*
- [Randolph Koppa](#) | *Chairman of the Board, AmCham Mongolia; Chairman, Trade and Development Bank of Mongolia*
- [Mikheil Nibladze](#) | *Managing Director, Cerberus Frontier*
- [Dulguun Baasandavaa](#) | *CEO, Mongolian Stock Exchange; CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia*

1230-1400 **LUNCHEON – Connect with the CAMCA Network**
Café Park Buffet Restaurant

Join a sector-based lunch to connect with regional leaders of the CAMCA Network within the following Working Groups:

- *Connect with CAMCA Business and Tech/AI*
- *Connect with CAMCA Education*
- *Connect with CAMCA Think Tanks and Media*

1400-1500 **CAMCA Conversation – "Entrepreneurship in CAMCA: Scaling Regional Success"**
Shangri-La Ballroom

MODERATOR: [Saintulga Munkhgerel](#) | *Senior Manager Decarbonization Strategy, Oyu Tolgoi; CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia*

SPEAKERS:

- [Ruslan Karabukaev](#) | *Managing Partner, Dodo Pizza Mongolia; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyz Republic*
- [Emin Vali](#) | *Co-Founder and CEO, Keepface; CAMCA Network Member, Azerbaijan*
- [Rati Golijashvili](#) | *Managing Director, BioChimPharm; CAMCA Network Member, Georgia*
- [Anand Khurelbaatar](#) | *CEO, Monos Group, Mongolia*
- [Ganhuyag Chuluun Hutagt](#) | *Executive Chairman, ARD Financial Group*

1400-1500 **CAMCA Conversation – "The Role of Green Finance in Building Resilience Across CAMCA"**
New York

MODERATOR: **Samir Mammadov** | *Azerbaijan Country Representative, United Nations Global Compact; CAMCA Network Member, Azerbaijan*

SPEAKERS:

- **Nomindari Enkhtur** | *CEO, Mongolian Nature Legacy Foundation (MNLF)*
- **Shobana Venkataraman** | *Chief Investment Officer and Anchor for Mongolia, International Finance Corporation, World Bank Group*
- **Hannes Takacs** | *Head of EBRD Mongolia; The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)*
- **Matthieu Le Blan** | *Resident Representative in Mongolia, International Finance Corporation, World Bank Group*

1400-1500 **CAMCA Roundtable – "Women Driving Impact: How Big Ideas Become Real Change"**
Paris & Beijing

MODERATOR: **Lotfullah Najafizada** | *CEO of AMU TV; CAMCA Network Member, Afghanistan*

SPEAKERS:

- **Zolzaya Batkhuyag** | *Executive Director, Women for Change NGO*
- **Farida Asgarzade** | *Founder of Human Foundation, Tech Entrepreneur; CAMCA Network Member, Azerbaijan*
- **Jenny Jenish kyzy** | *Founder, IMPACT DESIGN; Venture Partner, Big Sky Capital VC; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyz Republic*
- **Dinara Gaplan** | *Chairman of the Board of Trustees, "Bolashak" Corporate Foundation; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan*
- **Saruul Bulgan** | *CEO, Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industries (MNCCI)*

1500-1530 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

1530-1630 **Plenary Session – "Geopolitical Implications of AI Models in the CAMCA Region"**
Shangri-La Ballroom

MODERATOR: **Aziz Soltobaev** | *Serial Entrepreneur and IT/AI expert, Internet Society Kyrgyz Chapter KG Labs Public Foundation; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyz Republic*

SPEAKERS:

- **Julian Mueller-Kaler** | *Director of the Strategic Foresight Hub in the Executive Office at the Stimson Center and Chief of Staff to the President and CEO of the Stimson Center*
- **Eric Brown** | *Senior Research Scientist, Global Research Institute, William & Mary; Faculty Director, Geopolitics of Technology Initiative*
- **Bolor-Erdene Battengel** | *Founder and CEO, AI Academy Asia*

1630-1715 **Plenary Session – "Institutionalizing CAMCA"**

Shangri-La Ballroom

MODERATOR: **Laura Linderman** | *Director of Programs, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, American Foreign Policy Council*

SPEAKERS:

- **Dr. Sanat Kushkumbayev** | *Chief Research Fellow, Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies*
- **Ambassador Chinguundari Navaan-Yunden** | *Ambassador-at-Large, Director of the Preparatory Office of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) COP17, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia*

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

0800-0900 **Registration, Shangri-La Hotel Ulaanbaatar**

Shangri-La Ballroom Foyer

0900-0930 **Keynote Interview**

Shangri-La Ballroom

SPEAKER: **Dr. Oyun Sanjaasuren** | *Director of External Affairs, Green Climate Fund*

INTERVIEWER: **Ambassador Chinguundari Navaan-Yunden** | *Ambassador-at-Large, Director of the Preparatory Office of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) COP17, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia*

0930-1030 **Plenary Session – "CAMCA's Geopolitical Future: A New Force on the World Stage"**

Shangri-La Ballroom

MODERATOR: **Zafar Hashemi** | *Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Department of State; CAMCA Network Member, Afghanistan*

SPEAKERS:

- **Brianne Todd** | *Professor of Practice at the Department of Defense's Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University*
- **Iskander Akylbayev** | *Chief Executive Office, Xander Group; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan*
- **Tuvshinzaya Gantulga** | *Indo-Pacific Research Fellow, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada; CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia*
- **Jonathan Elkind** | *Senior Research Scholar, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University*

1030-1100 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK ***Sponsored by Xsolla***

1100-1200 **CAMCA Conversation – "Harnessing Fintech for CAMCA's Markets"**

Shangri-La Ballroom

MODERATOR: **Dr. Fuad Karimov, ACCA, CPA** | *Regional Managing Director of Xsolla USA Inc., University Professor, National Coordinator for CAMCA; CAMCA Network Member, Azerbaijan*

SPEAKERS:

- **Nargis Dustmatova** | *Chairwomen, FinTech Association of Uzbekistan; Board Member of JSC PAYNET, Uzbekistan; CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan*
- **Byambasuren Myagmartseren** | *CEO, Mongolian Fintech Association*
- **Nuriddin Lafizov** | *CEO, Alif Uzbekistan; CAMCA Network Member, Tajikistan*

1100-1200 **CAMCA Conversation – "CAMCA Rising: Investing in the Next Frontier of Tech and Innovation"**

Paris & Beijing

MODERATOR: **Jenny Jenish kyzy** | *Founder, IMPACT DESIGN; Venture Partner, Big Sky Capital VC; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyz Republic*

SPEAKERS:

- **Jamoliddin Shaykhov** | *Venture Investments Relations Associate, IT PARK Uzbekistan*
- **Azbayar Altangerel** | *Managing Partner, Exponential Zaisan Partners (XZP), Mongolia*
- **Daniel Abdylдаev** | *Chief Investment Officer, Accelerate Prosperity; Co-Founder, chANGELS; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyz Republic*
- **Bolormaa Luvsandorj** | *Chairperson of Golomt Asset Management SC LLC; Founder of KITE MONGOLIA LLC*

1100-1200 **CAMCA Roundtable – "Regional News: Filling the Void"**

New York

MODERATOR: **Lotfullah Najafizada** | *CEO, AMU TV; CAMCA Network Member, Afghanistan*

SPEAKERS:

- **Justin Burke** | *Publisher, Eurasianet*
- **Joanna Lillis** | *Freelance Journalist and Author with bylines in The Economist, Guardian, Independent, Foreign Policy, POLITICO, Eurasianet.org*
- **Ainura Umaeva** | *CEO, TIDAM*
- **Aigerim Turgunbaeva** | *Freelance Journalist covering Central Asia; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyz Republic*
- **Undral Amarsaikhan** | *CEO and Co-Founder of TenGer TV and Unread Media; CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia*

1200-1300 FORUM LUNCHEON - *Café Park Buffet Restaurant*

By Invitation (Paris & Beijing): "Lessons from Mongolia's Economic Transition for the CAMCA Region" with **Bill Bikales** | *Principal at Bikales Advisors*

Introduction by **Irmuun Demberel** | *Economic Adviser to the Prime-Minister of Mongolia; CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia*

1300-1345 **Plenary Session – "Voices in Focus: Meet the CAMCA Network"**

Shangri-La Ballroom

MODERATOR: **Tamar Kekenadze** | *Managing Director, CAMCA Forum; CAMCA Network Member, Georgia*

SPEAKERS:

- **Khulan Davaadorj** | *International Award-Winning Social Entrepreneur; Founder and Chief Technologist, Lhamour; CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia*
- **Parwiz Kawa** | *Award-winning journalist, Founding Member and Executive Director of 8AM MEDIA; CAMCA Network Member, Afghanistan*
- **Rufat Hasanov** | *Award-winning film director, producer and lecturer, Bazelevs Company; CAMCA Network Member, Azerbaijan*
- **Daniel Abdylidaev** | *Chief Investment Officer, Accelerate Prosperity; Co-Founder, chANGELS; CAMCA Network Member, Kyrgyz Republic*

1345-1445 **Plenary Session – "Trade and Transport: Unlocking CAMCA's Capacity"**

Shangri-La Ballroom

MODERATOR: **Dr. Kaush Arha** | *President of the Free & Open Indo-Pacific Forum, Senior Fellow at the Krach Institute for Tech Diplomacy at Purdue University and Non-resident Senior Fellow at Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, Atlantic Council*

SPEAKERS:

- **Emil Majidov** | *Managing Partner, Narchin Transport Co.; CAMCA Network Member, Azerbaijan*
- **Asset Yerali** | *Senior Director, Private Markets, Kinetic Asset Management; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan*
- **Sanjar Valiev** | *Director, Information and Analytical Center for International Relations under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan*
- **H.E. Ina Marciulionyte** | *Ambassador of the European Union to Mongolia*

1445-1515 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

1515-1615 **CAMCA Conversation – "Shaping Regional Tourism Through Connected Innovation"**

Shangri-La Ballroom

MODERATOR: **Farrukh Irnazarov** | *Co-Founder and Country Director at the Central Asian Development Institute of Tashkent, CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan*

SPEAKERS:

- **Gantemur Damba** | *The Cultural Envoy of Mongolia, President, of Mongolian Tourism Association, Vice Chair of Asian Ecotourism Network*
- **Maia Omiadze** | *Head, Tourism Administration of Georgia; CAMCA Network Member, Georgia (VIRTUAL)*
- **Alexandra Tosun** | *Co-Founder, INDY GUIDE GmbH, Switzerland*
- **Haena Seongsin Kim** | *Director of WildChina's Education & CEO of Beyond Classrooms*

1515-1615 **CAMCA Roundtable – "Disconnected Talent, Disconnected Region: A CAMCA-wide Education Agenda"** (Co-organized with the CAMCA Academic Consortium/CAMCA Academy)
Paris & Beijing

MODERATOR: **Tamar Kekenadze** | *Managing Director, CAMCA Forum; CAMCA Network Member, Georgia*

SPEAKERS:

- **David Sedney** | *Senior Associate (nonresident) Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS); Former President of American University of Afghanistan*
- **Dr. Murod Ismailov** | *Associate Professor at University of Tsukuba, Japan; President, CAMCA Academic Consortium/CAMCA Academy; CAMCA Network Member, Uzbekistan*
- **Ruslan Kozhakhmetov** | *Vice-Rector for Corporate Development, Almaty Management University; CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan*
- **Ganzorig Ulziibayar** | *Chairman, Mandal Financial Group LLC*

1615-1620 BREAK

1620-1720 **Plenary Session – "Critical Minerals: CAMCA's Strategic Advantage"**
Shangri-La Ballroom

MODERATOR: **Manduul Altangerel** | *Legal Advisor to the Minister of Mongolia and Chief Cabinet Secretary; CAMCA Network Member, Mongolia*

SPEAKERS:

- **Jonathan Elkind** | *Fellow and Adjunct Senior Research Scholar at the Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University*
- **Tsolmon Adiya** | *Chief Executive Officer, Mongolian National Rare Earth Corp*
- **Ainur Kapparova** | *Head of Mining Project Management Office, Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC), CAMCA Network Member, Kazakhstan*
- **Marc Meleard** | *CEO, Badrakh Energy*

1720-1730 **Closing Remarks**
Shangri-La Ballroom

1900-2200 **Farewell Reception**
Il Fiore Restaurant, Eco International Tower – Floor 25, SBD - 1 khoroo, UB