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**Regional Forum**  
#CAMCA2025MONGOLIA

**REPORT**

**JUNE 19-20, 2025**  
**ULAANBAATAR,**  
**MONGOLIA**

## ABOUT THE FORUM

The Forum is a premier annual convening of key leaders and influencers from the CAMCA (Central Asia – Mongolia – Caucasus – Afghanistan) region, as well as top professionals and stakeholders from the broader international community. The Forum was founded and is organized by the CAMCA Network, the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and the Rumsfeld Foundation, with the support of regional partners and sponsors.

The Forum's mission is to serve as a platform to connect professionals across all sectors for region-wide discussions on means of advancing economic growth and social development in the CAMCA region.

- Established in 2014, there have been **11 CAMCA Regional Forums**.
- Attendance for all Forums totals more than **2,000 participants**.
- Attendees have represented **40+ countries** from around the world.
- Over **560 speakers** have contributed to Forum conversations.
- The Forum location travels each year across the CAMCA region.

## 2025 FORUM HIGHLIGHTS

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

**SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS:** A diverse group of leaders and professionals from all sectors including Deputy Prime Ministers, CEOs, Ambassadors, Chairpersons, Executive Directors, founders, entrepreneurs, investors, C-suite executives, university administrators, and more from the 10 CAMCA countries and across the globe

**FOCUS AREAS:** Regional cooperation across geopolitics and geoeconomics, entrepreneurship, critical minerals, green finance, trade and transport, regional tourism, women empowerment, education, media and journalism, AI, fintech, venture and investment opportunities, and more

**350+**

Attendees

**20**

Countries

**20**

Sessions

**75+**

Speakers





# FORUM SESSIONS

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

- H.E. Dorjkhand Togmid, Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia
- Javkhlantugs Ganbaatar, Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia
- Dr. Oyun Sanjaasuren, Director of External Affairs, Green Climate Fund
- H.E. Richard L. Buangan, U.S. Ambassador to Mongolia

## FORUM SESSIONS:

- CAMCA's Investment Imperative: A Regional Strategy for a Role in the Global Economy
- Entrepreneurship in CAMCA: Scaling Regional Success
- The Role of Green Finance in Building Resilience Across CAMCA
- Women Driving Impact: How Big Ideas Become Real Change
- Geopolitical Implications of AI Models in the CAMCA Region
- Institutionalizing CAMCA
- CAMCA's Geopolitical Future: A New Force on the World Stage
- Harnessing Fintech for CAMCA's Markets
- CAMCA Rising: Investing in the Next Frontier of Tech and Innovation
- Regional News: Filling the Void
- Lessons from Mongolia's Economic Transition for the CAMCA Region
- Voices in Focus: Meet the CAMCA Network
- Trade and Transport: Unlocking CAMCA's Capacity
- Shaping Regional Tourism Through Connected Innovation
- Disconnected Talent, Disconnected Region: A CAMCA-wide Education Agenda
- Critical Minerals: CAMCA's Strategic Advantage

## FIND SESSION RECORDINGS ON OUR YOUTUBE PAGE.

**"This Forum is a powerful platform for dialogue and collaboration, and I am confident that it will yield meaningful outcomes."**

- U.S. Ambassador to Mongolia

**"The energy in the room was unforgettable. The Forum created space for honest conversations, ambitious ideas, and collaborative spirit. This wasn't just another Forum - it was a catalyst. The ideas, the openness, the sense of regional belonging - they'll stay with us."**

- COO, TIDAM Communications Agency

## SIDELINE EVENTS

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** - The CAMCA Academic Consortium hosted the 2025 CAMCA Education, Science & Technology Conference (ESTEC) at the National University of Mongolia. *With sponsorship support from Nippon Koei Ltd., this dynamic half day of roundtable discussions and presentations focused on shared regional priorities: climate resilience, sustainable innovation, and next-generation talent development.*

## June 18<sup>th</sup>

- CAMCA and ASEAN B2B Forum co-organized by the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Asia Small Business Federation and BizNetwork. *More than 35 companies from CAMCA and ASEAN countries fostered commercial linkages and shared growth ambitions.*
- CAMCA Network Annual Meeting. *CAMCA Network members gathered to share updates on the network's development and exciting new initiatives as well as to learn more about Mongolia.*
- The Forum Welcoming Reception was generously hosted by ARD Financial Group, Mongolia's leading fintech company.

## FORUM EXPO

Representatives of 16 innovative companies and organizations participated in our 2025 Forum Expo, showcasing some of their unique products and initiatives across the CAMCA region. Learn more about our Expo participants here.

### **Expo Spotlight >>**

Among our exhibitors was Japanese company **Nippon Koei**, a valued sponsor of the 2025 Forum and ESTEC 2025. *Nippon Koei representatives showcased their company's unique green technologies for restoring degraded lands.*



# SPEAKERS

**Daniel Abdylidaev**, Chief Investment Officer, Accelerate Prosperity; Co-Founder, chANGELS\*

**Iskander Akylbayev**, Chief Executive Office, Xander Group\*

**Azbayar Altangerel**, Managing Partner, Exponential Zaisan Partners (XZP)

**Manduul Altangerel**, Legal Advisor to the Minister of Mongolia and Chief Cabinet Secretary\*

**Undral Amarsaikhan**, CEO and Co-Founder, TenGer TV and Unread Media\*

**Dr. Kaush Arha**, President, Free & Open Indo-Pacific Forum

**Umid Aripjanov**, Partner, Energy and Infrastructure, Centil Law\*

**Farida Asgarzade**, Founder, Human Foundation\*

**Dulguun Baasandavaa**, CEO, Mongolian Stock Exchange\*

**Zolzaya Batkhuyag**, Executive Director, Women for Change

**Bolor-Erdene Battengel**, Founder and CEO, AI Academy Asia

**Bill Bikales**, Principal at Bikales Advisors

**Eric Brown**, Senior Research Scientist, Global Research Institute, William & Mary

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

**Saruul Bulgan**, CEO, Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industries

**Justin Burke**, Publisher, *Eurasianet*

**Gantemur Damba**, President, Mongolian Tourism Association

**Khulan Davaadorj**, Founder and Chief Technologist, Lhamour\*

**Irmuun Demberel**, Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister of Mongolia\*

**Nargis Dustmatova**, Chairwoman, FinTech Association of Uzbekistan\*

**Jonathan Elkind**, Senior Research Scholar, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University

**Nomindari Enkhtur**, CEO, Mongolian Nature Legacy Foundation

**Lkhagva Erdene**, Deputy Head of the Secretariat of the State Great Hural, Parliament of Mongolia\*

**Javkhlantugs Ganbaatar**, Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia

**Tuvshinzaya Gantulga**, Indo-Pacific Research Fellow, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada\*

**Rati Golijashvili**, Managing Director, BioChimPharm\*

**Rufat Hasanov**, Award-winning film director, producer and lecturer, Bazelevs Company\*

**Zafar Hashemi**, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Department of State\*

**Ganhuyag Chuluun Hutagt**, Executive Chairman, ARD Financial Group

**Saule Imanova**, IFC Transaction Advisory, Asia\*

**Farrukh Ilnazarov**, Co-Founder and Country Director, Central Asian Development Institute of Tashkent\*

**Dr. Murod Ismailov**, Associate Professor, University of Tsukuba, Japan; President, CAMCA Academic Consortium/CAMCA Academy\*

**Jenny Jenish kyzy**, Founder, IMPACT DESIGN; Venture Partner, Big Sky Capital VC\*

**Ainur Kapparova**, Head of Mining Project Management Office, Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC)\*

**Ruslan Karabukaev**, Managing Partner, Dodo Pizza Mongolia\*

**Dr. Fuad Karimov**, Regional Managing Director, Xsolla USA Inc.\*

**Parwiz Kawa**, Founding Member and Executive Director of 8AM MEDIA\*

**Tamar Kekenadze**, Managing Director, CAMCA Forum\*

**Anand Khurelbaatar**, CEO, Monos Group, Mongolia

**Haena Seongsin Kim**, Director, WildChina Education; CEO, Beyond Classrooms

**Randolph Koppa**, Chairman of the Board, AmCham Mongolia; Chairman, Trade and Development Bank of Mongolia

**Ruslan Kozhakhmetov**, Vice-Rector for Corporate Development, Almaty Management University\*

**Dr. Sanat Kushkumbayev**, Chief Research Fellow, Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies

**Nuriddin Lafizov**, CEO, Alif Uzbekistan\*

**Matthieu Le Blan**, Resident Representative in Mongolia, International Finance Corporation, World Bank Group

**Laura Linderman**, Director of Programs, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute

**Joanna Lillis**, Freelance Journalist and author with bylines in *The Economist*, *Guardian*, *Independent*, *Foreign Policy*, *POLITICO*, *Eurasianet.org*

**Enkhtur Lkhagvajav**, Director of Energy, Renewables and Projects, MCS Investment LLC\*

**Bolormaa Luvsandorj**, Chairperson, Golomt Asset Management SC LLC; Founder, KITE MONGOLIA LLC

**Emil Majidov**, Managing Partner, Narchin Transport Co.\*

**Samir Mammadov**, Azerbaijan Country Representative, United Nations Global Compact\*

**H.E. Ina Marciulionyte**, Ambassador of the European Union to Mongolia

**Marc Meleard**, CEO, Badrakh Energy

**Julian Mueller-Kaler**, Director of the Strategic Foresight Hub in the Executive Office, Stimson Center and Chief of Staff to the President and CEO of the Stimson Center

**Saintulga Munkhgerel**, Senior Manager Decarbonization Strategy, Oyu Tolgoi\*

**Byambasuren Myagmartseren**, CEO, Mongolian Fintech Association

**Lotfullah Najafizada**, CEO, AMU TV\*

**Amb. 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\*

**Mikheil Nibladze**, Managing Director, Cerberus Frontier

**Maia Omiadze**, Head, Tourism Administration of Georgia\*

**Gereltuya Orgil**, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, CAMCA Network\*

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

**David Sedney**, Senior Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS); Former President of American University of Afghanistan

**Jamoliddin Shaykhov**, Venture Investments Relations Associate, IT PARK Uzbekistan

**Aziz Soltobaev**, Serial Entrepreneur and IT/AI expert, Internet Society Kyrgyz Chapter KG Labs Public Foundation\*

**Hannes Takacs**, Head of EBRD Mongolia, The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

**Brianne Todd**, Professor of Practice, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University

**H.E. Dorjkhand Togmid**, Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia

**Sarah Tonucci**, Executive Director, Rumsfeld Foundation

**Alexandra Tosun**, Co-Founder, INDY GUIDE, Switzerland

**Aigerim Turgunbaeva**, Freelance journalist covering Central Asia\*

**Ganzorig Ulziibayar**, Chairman, Mandal Financial Group LLC

**Ainura Umaeva**, CEO, TIDAM

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**Sanjar Valiev**, Director, Information and Analytical Center for International Relations under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan

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# INSIGHTS & COVERAGE

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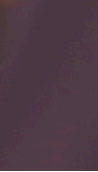
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## U.S. AMBASSADOR TO MONGOLIA

"This gathering is a testament to our shared commitment to fostering regional cooperation and collaboration across all sectors...As you know, the CAMCA region, the heart of Asia, is a vibrant tapestry of cultures, histories, and economies. Regional cooperation is not just a strategic choice; it is a necessity for long-term development and prosperity. By leveraging our collective strengths, we can address shared challenges and seize opportunities that benefit all our nations. Collaboration across business, society, and governance is essential for the region's future. Regardless of the sector, the simple truth is that, rather than struggling alone in isolation, we are stronger and better when we cooperate and work together to address common challenges and work toward shared goals. In this spirit, I salute the organizers of this year's event and believe this year's theme focusing on a regional future is a particularly relevant and timely one."

## THE TIMES OF CENTRAL ASIA

"As Greater Central Asia moves to reclaim its voice, the future of the region will depend on whether its leaders can turn shared vision into shared infrastructure. CAMCA is not yet a finished structure, but it is one of the first forums to be built from within. Its strength lies not in replacing existing ties, but in deepening regional confidence—and showing that cooperation on Central Asia's terms is not only possible, but long overdue."

## UZ DAILY

"On June 19-20, 2025, Ulaanbaatar became a strategic platform for dialogue among leaders from Central Asia, the Caucasus, Mongolia, and Afghanistan. The capital of Mongolia hosted the CAMCA Regional Forum—one of the few events capable of bringing together such a diverse array of countries and societies within a unified space for dialogue."

The 2025 CAMCA Forum demonstrated that the desire for coordination and a shared future is becoming a key unifying factor for the region. Despite their differences, forum participants—from state leaders to young scholars—engaged on equal footing, exchanging experiences, ideas, and strategies.

As it concluded, the forum left behind not only a rich program and a set of agreed approaches, but also the momentum for new initiatives that will strengthen cooperation, sustainability, and prosperity across the CAMCA region."

## THE ASTANA TIMES

"The second pillar is soft-power networking through the Central Asia-Mongolia-Caucasus-Afghanistan (CAMCA) Forum...CAMCA has become the region's main gathering for next-generation policymakers, entrepreneurs and scholars. Its rotating meetings champion ideas such as a regional travel visa, digital customs systems and shared green finance schemes – reframing Mongolia not as a peripheral bystander but as an essential tenth stakeholder alongside its Central Asian and Caucasus peers."

## FOUNDER, INDY GUIDE

"Grateful for the inspiring conversations with changemakers from across Central Asia, the Caucasus, and Mongolia. From women-led entrepreneurship to rural tourism development, the region is full of energy, ideas, and untapped potential. A big thank you to the organizers and to everyone who shared their vision and passion. Let's keep building bridges and creating opportunities."

## CEO, TIDAM COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY

"One of the greatest strengths of CAMCA is its ability to bridge regional fragmentation...Initiatives like the CAMCA Forum are essential because they foster not just dialogue, but a sense of common regional identity."

I see CAMCA as a platform to meet fellow entrepreneurs, potential partners, and peers from across Central Asia and the Caucasus. This Forum creates the kind of setting that fosters long-term partnerships. It's not just about attending sessions – it's about building trust, finding shared interests, and laying the foundation for future projects together. In that sense, CAMCA plays a vital role in knitting our region more tightly – one relationship at a time."

## GENERAL DIRECTOR, BIOCHIMPHARM

"The Forum is all about bridging countries, cultures, and ideas within the CAMCA region. What stood out to me most is the incredible untapped potential of our region, rooted in deep historical, economic, and cultural ties that go back to the Silk Road. That legacy still lives on and can be a powerful foundation for new cooperation, innovation, and growth."

## HEAD OF THE SECRETARIAT, INVESTMENT COUNCIL UNDER THE CABINET OF MINISTERS OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

"CAMCA has grown into more than just a regional acronym. It now represents a strategic, forward-looking platform for dialogue, connection, and cooperation. I was gratified to learn about joint ventures, business partnerships, and collaborative initiatives taking shape between Fellows from different CAMCA countries. These real-world outcomes prove that regional integration is happening."

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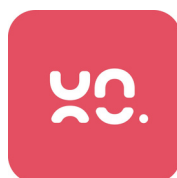
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## CAMCA NETWORK

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The CAMCA Network is a collection of professionals committed to sharing ideas, knowledge, expertise, experience and inspiration across the 10 countries of Central Asia, Mongolia, the Caucasus and Afghanistan (CAMCA). This new generation of regional leaders values free market economic systems, good governance, the rule of law and basic human freedoms; supports the sovereignty of their countries and traditional national values; and acknowledges the importance of regional and global cooperation. As an initiative of the alumni of the CAMCA Fellowship Program, members of the CAMCA Network believe in the value of a connected region and are passionate to contribute to the development, prosperity and cooperation of the CAMCA region through joint activities and projects.



## CENTRAL ASIA-CAUCASUS INSTITUTE

[www.silkroadstudies.org](http://www.silkroadstudies.org)

The Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and the Silk Road Studies Program constitute a joint Transatlantic Research and Policy Center. The Center is independent and privately funded, and has offices in Washington, D.C., and Stockholm, Sweden. The Center is affiliated with the American Foreign Policy Council and with the Stockholm-based Institute for Security and Development Policy. It is the first Center of its kind in both Europe and North America, and is firmly established as a leading focus of research and policy worldwide, serving a large and diverse community of analysts, scholars, policy-watchers, business leaders, journalists and students.



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The Rumsfeld Foundation encourages leadership, public service and free political and economic systems in the U.S. and abroad. The Foundation is committed to providing opportunities for rising leaders, honoring service to nation and to promoting liberty.



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