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AGENDA

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08:30 REGISTRATION

09:00 WELCOME ADDRESS

WELCOME

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Miguel Berger**

State Secretary, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Michael Harms**

Chairman of the Board, German Eastern Business Association, Berlin

Dr. Volker Treier**

Chief Executive of Foreign Trade and Member of the Executive Board, Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK), Berlin

09:30 SESSION 1

THE CASPIAN REGION AND ITS ROLE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Beibut Atankulov**

Minister of Industry and Infrastructural Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nur-Sultan

Parviz Shahbazov**

Minister of Energy of Azerbaijan, Baku

Reza Ardekanian**

Minister of Energy of Iran, Tehran

Chingiz Aidarbekov**

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek

MODERATION

Prof. Dr. Rainer Lindner**

President, Caspian Europe Forum, Frankfurt
CEO, Heine + Beisswenger Group, Stuttgart

10:30 INTRODUCTION

THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE CASPIAN SEA

Dr. iur. Barbara Janusz-Pawletta**

Prorector on International Cooperation at Kazakh-German University, Almaty

10:40 NETWORKING BREAK

INVESTMENT PRIORITIES IN THE CASPIAN REGION

Wiebke Schloemer**
Director Europe and Central Asia, IFC, Vienna

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Amir Alizadeh**
Managing Director, Caspian Europe Forum, Frankfurt am Main
Member of Management, Maleki Corporate Group, Frankfurt am Main

11:30 SESSION 2

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW IN THE CASPIAN REGION

- The current economic situation in the Caspian region
- How have the states in the region reacted on the Covid-19 pandemic
- The importance of the Sea for the regional economy
- Will the convention on the legal status of the sea pave the way for foreign trade and investment?
- Opportunities for European SMEs

KEYNOTE

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DISCUSSION

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Managing Director, German-Azerbaijani Chamber of Commerce (AHK Azerbaijan), Baku

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Partner, Schneider Group, Moscow

Bill Tompson**
Head of the Eurasia Division of the Global Relations Secretariat, OECD, Paris

Klaus-Jürgen Hedrich**
Chairman, German-Turkmen Forum, former Secretary of State, Cologne

MODERATION

Ulf Schneider**
Publisher, OWC Foreign Trade Publishing House, Berlin

12:30 NETWORKING BREAK

ENERGY AT THE CASPIAN SEA; THE CENTER OF 'STRATEGIC ENERGY ELLIPSE'

DISCUSSION

- Challenges of the agreement between the neighboring states on dividing the oil and gas resources
- Current impact of price developments on the oil and gas industry in the region
- Role of the Caspian region in the European energy security
- Perspectives of the Trans-Caspian Gas Pipeline

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Board Member, Berlin Center for Caspian Region and Eurasian Studies e.V., Berlin

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President, Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tbilisi

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Eduard Kinsbruner**

Regional Director, German Eastern Business Association, Berlin

PERSPECTIVES FOR SUSTAINIBILITY IN THE CASPIAN REGION

- Water management challenges and opportunities at the Caspian Sea
- Impact of climate change on the Caspian Region
- Cooperation between EU and Central Asia for sustainable development
- Sustainable financing in Central Asia and South Caucasus
- Green Cities and Sustainable Future in Caucasus

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Director Green Finance Intelligence Department, AIFC Green Finance Centre, Nur-Sultan

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THE CASPIAN REGION AS A LOGISTIC HUB**KEYNOTE****Jeroen Willems****

Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission, Brussels

DISCUSSION

- Bridge between Europe and Middle and Far East
- The importance of the Caspian Region in the European connectivity strategy
- In the centre of infrastructure projects and economic zones: One Belt One Road, EEU, North-South Corridor, BSCS and Ashgabat agreement
- Ports and Connectivity in the Caspian Region

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