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AGENDA DAY 1

5 October 2021 – 08:30 am – 5:00 pm (CET)

08:30 am **REGISTRATION**

09:00 am **WELCOME ADDRESS**

WELCOME

Dr. Nader Maleki

CEO & Chairman, MALEKI CORPORATE GROUP, Frankfurt am Main
Vice Chairman, Caspian Europe Forum, Frankfurt am Main

Michael Harms

Executive Director, German Eastern Business Association, Berlin

Prof. Dr. Rainer Lindner

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

OPENING KEYNOTE

Wiebke Schloemer

Director Europe and Central Asia, IFC, Vienna

MINISTER PANEL

MODERATION

Prof. Dr. Rainer Lindner

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

COOPERATION IN CENTRAL ASIA ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

Aktoty Raimkulova

Ministry of Culture and Sport of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nur-Sultan

Ilkhom Makhkamov

Minister of Transport of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Tashkent

AZERBAIJAN IN GLOBAL ENERGY LANDSCAPE - LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

Elnur Soltanov

Deputy Minister of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Baku

10:10 am **NETWORKING BREAK**



10:40 am INTRODUCTION

LEGAL IMPORTANCE OF THE CASPIAN SEA CONVENTION ON LOGISTICS AND ENERGY SECTOR

Development and legal challenges of the Convention on the Legal Regime of the Caspian Sea particularly on submarine oil and gas pipelines projects in the sea

Farshad Kashani

International Law Expert & Legal Affairs Analyst, University of London (Birkbeck, School of Law)

11:00 am SESSION 1

LOGISTICS AND INFRASTRUCTURE: HUB AT THE HEART OF EURASIA

DISCUSSION

Nicholas Cendrowicz

Deputy Head of Unit in DG NEAR C1, European Commission, Brussels

Dr. Jens Gräfer

Head of International Affairs, Deutsche Bahn AG, Berlin

Anar Gasimov

Head of Strategic Planning and Economic Analysis, Department of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Baku

Mirco Nowak

Chairman, BVL Chapter Russia, Hamburg

Abay Turikpenbayev

Chairman of the Executive Board, Aktau International Commercial Sea Port, Aktau

MODERATION

Amir Alizadeh

Head of International, Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Ulm



12:00 am

SESSION 2

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY: THE PATH FROM FOSSIL ENERGY RESOURCES TO A CLIMATE-NEUTRAL ECONOMY

KEYNOTE

Dr. Jürgen Friedrich

Chief Executive Officer, Germany Trade & Invest, Berlin

DISCUSSION

Tobias Baumann

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

Dr. Jürgen Friedrich

Chief Executive Officer, Germany Trade & Invest, Berlin

Dr. Klaus Hachmeier

Senior Director, Siemens Energy, Berlin

Cheryl Edleson Hanway

Regional Head of Industry Infrastructure, Europe and Central Asia, IFC, Wien

Anna Kim

Delegate of German Economy in Central Asia, Almaty

Dr. Majid Raoufi

Senior Research fellow on Asian and Eurasian Energy, Center for Energy Policy Making, Sharif University, Tehran

MODERATION

Eduard Kinsbruner

Regional Director, German Eastern Business Association, Berlin



1:15 pm

LUNCH & NETWORKING BREAK

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2:00 pm

SESSION 3

DIGITAL ECONOMY: STARTUP ECOSYSTEM IN THE CASPIAN REGION

Andrej Bievetski

Managing Director, SAP Labs CIS, Moscow

Karsten Heinz

Hon. Prof. State University Uljanowsk,

High-Level Adviser, Ministry of Innovative Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Tashkent

Daniel Zurfluh

Member of the Board, Deutscher Wirtschaftsverband Armenien

Business Development Executive Europe, Volo Global

MODERATION

Stefan Kaegebein

Regional Director, German Eastern Business Association, Berlin

3:00 pm

SESSION 4

TRAINING MADE IN GERMANY IN THE CASPIAN REGION

Michael Dietrich

Chief Sales Officer, leXsolar GmbH, Dresden

Andreas Hurst

VP Europe, Festo Didactic, Denkendorf

Prof. Dr. Bertram Lohmüller

CEO & Partner, Export-Akademie Baden-Württemberg GmbH, Tübingen

Christian Schöldgen

Member of domestic sales team, project business, LD Didactic GmbH, Hürth

Katrin Trushevskyy

Senior Project Manager, Manager Training Programme of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Bonn

MODERATION

Peter Pfaffe

Regional Manager Central Asia,

iMOVE at the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), Bonn



4:00 pm SESSION 5

**HEALTH ECONOMY: PHARMACEUTICAL AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
MARKETS IN THE CASPIAN REGION**

Farnaz Almasi

Head of Market Access & Governmental Affairs, Bayer Parsian, Tehran

Dr. Bernt Bieber

Head of Direct Export Sales, Siemens Healthineers, President COCIR, Erlangen

Umut Gokalp

Head of Middle East, Turkey+, Africa, Sysmex Europe GmbH, Istanbul

Thomas Kimmeswenger

Executive Director, German Business Association (DWW), Tbilisi

MODERATION

Martina Unseld

Senior Director International Affairs EMEA at Siemens Healthineers
Spokeswoman for Eastern Europe at German Health Alliance

5:00 pm END OF CONFERENCE DAY 1

7:00 pm DINNER

by invitation only



AGENDA DAY 2

6 October 2021 – 08:30 am – 4:00 pm (CET)

CASPIAN INVESTMENT DAY

08:30 am **REGISTRATION**

09:00 am **WELCOME ADDRESSES**

Dr. Nader Maleki

CEO & Chairman, MALEKI CORPORATE GROUP, Frankfurt am Main
Vice Chairman, Caspian Europe Forum, Frankfurt am Main

Dr. Volker Treier

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

Michael Schumann

Chairman, Federal Association for Economic Development and Foreign Trade, Berlin

09:15 am **INTRODUCTION**

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND PROSPECTS IN THE CASPIAN REGION

- Recent Economic Developments and Short-Term Prospects
- Medium-term Growth Prospects
- Financial Sector Prospects and Challenges

Reiner Martin

Lead Economist, Joint Vienna Institute, Vienna

09:40 am **SESSION 1**

FINANCING: THE ROLE OF DEVELOPMENT BANKS IN THE CASPIAN REGION

Thomas Baum

Executive - Head of Division Underwriting & Risk Management, Euler Hermes, Hamburg

Clemens Finger

Vice President, Country Director CIS, KfW-DEG, Moscow

Heike Freimuth

Head of the EIB Group Office in Germany, European Investment Bank, Berlin

Catarina Bjorlin Hansen

Regional Director Caucasus, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Tbilisi

Robert Schoellhammer

Representative European Office, Asian Development Bank, Frankfurt am Main

Jan van Bilsen

Country Manager, Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Switzerland, IFC,
Frankfurt a.Main

MODERATION

Karsten Fuelster

Managing Director, Polaris Consulting & Invest GmbH, Frankfurt am Main



10:30 am NETWORKING BREAK

11:00 am SESSION 2

KEYNOTE

SUCCESSFULLY INVEST IN THE CASPIAN REGION

Valeh Alasgarov

Chairman, Alat Free Economic Zone Authority (AFEZA), Baku

DISCUSSION

Oybek Elmuratov

Deputy Director, Investment Promotion Agency
under the Ministry of Investments and Foreign Trade of Uzbekistan, Tashkent

Dr. Elguja Khokrishvili

International Fellow at the Friedrich Schiller University of Jena
Non-Resident Senior Research Fellow at the International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University (ISET)

Herwig Maaßen

Senior Manager, PwC, Hamburg

Giorgi Pertaia

President of Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCl), Tbilisi

MODERATION

Andreas Jahn

Chairman, German-Turkmen Forum, Köln

12:00 am SESSION 3

OPENING REMARKS

CAREC: CONNECTING EAST AND WEST: ROLE OF THE CAREC PROGRAM IN PROMOTING COOPERATION FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE

Yevgeniy Zhukov

Director General, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD),
Asian Development Bank (ADB)

DISCUSSION

Rovshan Najaf

Deputy Minister of Economy and CAREC National Focal Point, Azerbaijan

Zsuzsanna Hargitai

Managing Director for Central Asia, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Siyovush Shokirov

Vice President of Association of Road Transport Operators of the Republic of Tajikistan

MODERATION

Johannes F. Linn

Consultant, Asian Development Bank



1:00 pm **LUNCH & NETWORKING**

2:00 pm **SESSION 4**

AGRIBUSINESS AND FOOD INDUSTRY IN CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA

Laura Cross

Director of Market Intelligence,
International Fertilizer Association (IFA), Paris

Thomas Mundry

Partner, Schneider Group, Moscow

Jürgen Leitzke

Business Unit Head, KWS Group, Einbeck

Mustafa Sahin

CEO, Eurasia Group AG, Schaffhausen/Nur-Sultan

MODERATION

Dr. Per Brodersen

Director, German Agribusiness Alliance, Berlin

3:00 pm **SESSION 5**

THE CRISIS IN AFGHANISTAN: GEOPOLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS IN THE CASPIAN REGION

Akramjon Nematov

Deputy Director, Institute for Strategic and Interregional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Tashkent

Dr. Bijan Khajehpour

Managing Partner, Eurasian Nexus Partners – EUNEP, Vienna

Jamshid Rahimi

Former head of Economic Section of Afghanistan embassy in Beijing

Edda Schlager

Journalist, Almaty

MODERATION

Urs Unkauf

Director Government Relations, Federal Association for Economic Development and Foreign Trade, Berlin

4:00 pm **END OF CONFERENCE CONFERENCE DAY 2**

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