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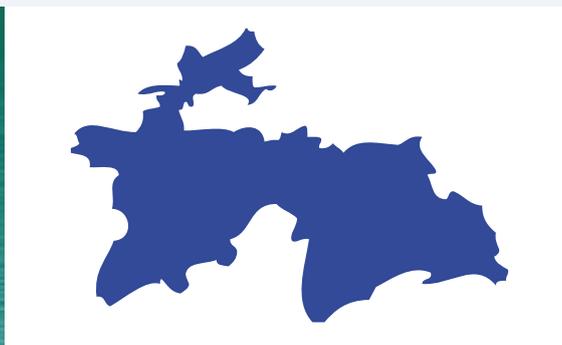


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## Program and Speakers (Internal & Provisional)

Dushanbe, National Library of Tajikistan | October 15, 2014

08:00 – 09:00	Registration of Participants, Welcome Coffee and Networking Presentation of Tajikistan: Video Rollick "Tajikistan's Investment Opportunities" Exhibition of Entrepreneurs and Investors' Achievements						
09:00 – 09:20	OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS – The President of the Republic of Tajikistan, <b>Emomalii RAHMON</b>						
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome Speech from Development Partners						
09:30 – 09:45	Final Speech - End of Plenary Session - Seeing the President of the Republic of Tajikistan						
09:45 – 11:00	<b>Opening Session: TAJIKISTAN – ROADMAP FOR STRENGTHENING BUSINESS, INVESTMENT AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tajikistan's business and investment outlook – prospects &amp; opportunities</li><li>• Regional cooperation and connectivity</li><li>• Key Government priorities to create an attractive investment climate. Policy and regulatory key reforms positively affecting foreign investments</li><li>• Implementation of Public-Private Partnership mechanism for development of public services' sectors</li><li>• Simplification of procedures for investors</li><li>• Elimination of international trade development barriers for small and medium business, including issues relating to customs and WTO accession</li><li>• Innovative methods of business regulations by tax authorities</li></ul>						
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11:00 – 11:45	Coffee break & networking						
11:45 – 13:15	<b>Panel Session 1A: DEVELOPMENT OF THE BANKING, LEASING AND INSURANCE SECTORS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building confidence in the country's banking system. Operational priorities in crediting the private sector and improving public services</li><li>• Strengthening the banking legal framework, regulation and supervision</li><li>• Implementation of Islamic Banking</li><li>• Financial leasing opportunities.</li></ul>						



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- Increase contribution of the insurance sector in the development of business and investment
- Modernization of banking and financial services infrastructure
- Key role of International Financial Institutions' (IFI's), inflow of foreign capitals and opportunities for international banks
- Regional and international perspectives for the Tajikistan's financial sector
- Secondary market for securities and a stock exchange market as a reliable source of long-term investment
- Panel Discussion and Q&A

A **Senior Representative** from  
Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Tajikistan

**Samir TAGHIYEV**  
Regional Manager, Islamic Development Bank

**Iskandar NAVLATOV**  
Director of Banking Supervision Dept.,  
National Bank of Tajikistan

**Marsha MacGRAW OLIVE**  
Country Manager for Tajikistan, Europe and Central  
Asia,  
World Bank, Washington D.C./Tajikistan

**Gulanor ATOBEK**  
General Director, DELOITTE, Tajikistan

## 11:45 – 13:15 Panel Session 1B: **INVESTING IN ENERGY**

- Realizing Tajikistan's strategic energy advantage
- Investing in security of supply
- Cross-border connectivity
- Using environmentally friendly sources of energy for sustainable development. Opportunities in development of hydro energy

A **Senior Representative** from  
Ministry of Energy and Industry of the Republic  
of Tajikistan

A **Senior Representative** from  
General Electric

**Asliddin NAZAROV**  
Chairman, Stock Holding Company «Barki Tojik»  
(National Power Company of Tajikistan)

**Aida SITDIKOVA**  
Director – Energy, Russia & Central Asia,  
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
(EBRD), United Kingdom/Russia

**Pavel LAVROV**  
General Manager,  
Sangtuda 1 Hydroelectric Power Plant, Tajikistan

**Ahat MAHMOUDOV**  
Energy & Environmental Programme Manager, UNDP,  
Tajikistan

## 13:15 – 14:15 Lunch & networking

## 14:15 – 16:00 Panel Session 2A: **GROWTH OF INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

- Modernization and innovative development of industrial sectors. From an agricultural to an industrial economy
- Opportunities and advantages in manufacturing industries of Tajikistan
- Free Economic Zones – innovative ways of development
- Opportunities of Tourism development. Eco-tourism, community based tourisms and revival fold handicraft



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- Textiles
- ICT

A **Senior Representative** from  
Ministry of Tourism of the Republic of Tajikistan

**Sharif SAID**  
Chairman, Chamber of Commerce and Industry,  
Tajikistan

**Marat USUPOV**  
Country Head, UNIDO Kyrgyzstan

**Firdavs ALIMOV**  
Head of Administration,  
Free Economic Zone "Sughd"

Ismatullo HAYOEV  
General Director, Hima Textile

A **Senior Representative** from  
(Microsoft, IBM, or Cisco)

## 14:15 – 16:00 Panel Session 2B: **INFRASTRUCTURE & LOGISTICS - INVESTING IN TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY**

- Infrastructure financing – new opportunities for Public-Private Partnerships
- Role of donors, bilateral and multilateral organizations, private sector involvement
- Strategies for developing regional trade logistic system and transport network in accordance with international standards' requirements
- Establishment of multi-model logistic services – capacity of Tajikistan`s transit corridors
- Urban infrastructure development
- Modernization, growth and connectivity of the current rail transport system
- Potential for logistic service providers
- Tajikistan on the road between Indian Ocean ports (Port of Karachi, Bandar Abbas) and Central Asia
- Cross-border infrastructure modernization and development, as key factor for trade growth

A **Senior Representative** from  
Ministry Transport and Communications of the  
Republic of Tajikistan

**Christopher David MILLER**  
Country Officer, International Finance  
Corporation (IFC), Tajikistan

**C.C. YU**  
Country Director, Asian Development Bank

A **Senior Representative** from  
A+S Russia

A **Senior Representative** from  
Alstom

**Borja CARSI**  
Transport Leader Operations, European Bank for  
Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Russia/UK

## 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break & networking

## 16:30 – 17:30 Panel Session 3A: **OPPORTUNITIES IN MINING**

- Legal and Regulatory environment for investments in mining
- Opportunities in gold and silver
- Opportunities in semi- precious stones
- Coal
- Panel Discussion and Q&A

**Bahtiyor SHARIPOV**  
Director, Mining and Precious Stones  
Department , Ministry of Energy & Industry of  
the Republic of Tajikistan

A **Senior Representative** from  
Zeravshan Gold Company



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**Azim IBRAHIM**

Director, Geological Administration, Tajikistan

**A Senior Representative** from

International Legal Consulting Firm

16:30 – 17:30

## Panel Session 3B: **OPPORTUNITIES AND COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES IN AGRIBUSINESS**

- Enhancing the Tajik's agro-food value chain and competitiveness of private enterprises
- National strategies for development of agriculture and agri-business
- Identifying and support for new investment opportunities in the Agribusiness's value added chain of Tajikistan
- Trade promotion programs
- Investment support in processors, technical assistance, marketing of agricultural products
- Access to funding – short and long terms credit lines for agribusiness producers
- Developing agricultural value-added chains - establishing and supporting links to international markets
- Identifying and establishing new Agricultural Extension Services - farm management, technical assistance, promotion of innovations
- Highlights and lessons learned by completed and ongoing donor funded projects in Tajikistan
- Public-private partnership approach to food standardization, product branding and image promotion for boosting investment in the sector
- Panel Discussion and Q&A

**A Senior Representative** from

Ministry Agriculture of the Republic of  
Tajikistan

**Jens ELSNER**

Country Director, GIZ, Tajikistan

**Alisher MARUFI**

Investment Manager, Kazakhstan-Tajikistan  
Private Equity Fund

**A Senior Representative** from

Eurasian Development Bank, Tajikistan

**Kristin LAABS**

Country Director, KfW, Tajikistan

17:30 – 18:00

Summing Up the Forum, Adoption of Resolution.

18:00

End of the Summit, Farewell Dinner