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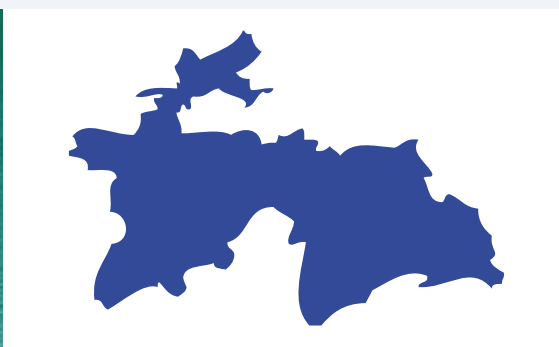


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Program and Speakers (Internal & Provisional)

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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, Emomalii RAHMON
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	Opening Session: TAJIKISTAN – ROADMAP FOR STRENGTHENING BUSINESS, INVESTMENT AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tajikistan's business and investment outlook – prospects & opportunities• Regional cooperation and connectivity• Key Government priorities to create an attractive investment climate. Policy and regulatory key reforms positively affecting foreign investments• Implementation of Public-Private Partnership mechanism for development of public services' sectors• Simplification of procedures for investors• Elimination of international trade development barriers for small and medium business, including issues relating to customs and WTO accession• Innovative methods of business regulations by tax authorities
	<div><div><p>Minister of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan</p><p>A Senior Representative from State Unitary Enterprise "Tajikinvest"</p><p>Ben ARIS Editor-in-chief, Business New Europe (BNE), Russia</p></div><div><p>Nazir SHARIPOV Chairman, The American Chamber of Commerce in Tajikistan</p><p>A Senior Representative from Standard & Poor's, Russia</p><p>Aidyn BIBOLOV Resident Representative, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Tajikistan</p></div></div>
11:00 – 11:45	Coffee break & networking
11:45 – 13:15	Panel Session 1A: DEVELOPMENT OF THE BANKING, LEASING AND INSURANCE SECTORS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building confidence in the country's banking system. Operational priorities in crediting the private sector and improving public services• Strengthening the banking legal framework, regulation and supervision• Implementation of Islamic Banking• Financial leasing opportunities.



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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