

PROGRAMME

OF THE FOURTH TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT FORUM

June 10-12, 2025 | Tashkent, Uzbekistan

DAY 0 | June 9, 2025

Side event

14:00 – 16:00

► Uzbekistan–Slovakia Business Forum

A vital platform to deepen bilateral economic ties, promote mutual investment opportunities, and foster strategic partnerships between the two countries. The forum brings together high-level government officials, business leaders, and industry experts to explore areas of collaboration in key sectors such as energy, manufacturing, agriculture, infrastructure, and information technology.

DAY 1 | June 10, 2025

Exhibition opening

10:00

*Exhibition Hours:

10:00 – 18:00

► Discover Uzbekistan's Industrial and Investment Potential

Covering an area of approximately 6,000 square meters, the exhibition will bring together around 90 companies from over 10 key sectors of the national economy, including petrochemicals, retail, engineering, electrical equipment, construction materials, metallurgy, pharmaceuticals, food processing, and more.

Panel sessions

10:00 – 11:00

(simultaneously)

► Panel session:

International Dispute Resolution in Uzbekistan: The Tashkent International Commercial Court

The Tashkent International Commercial Court (TICC) is being established to provide international investors access to an international court process that is based on common law principles and practices. This session will explain the structure of the TICC and how, together with the Tashkent International Arbitration Center, the TICC will support the creation of an international dispute resolution hub for investor disputes in the Region.

Moderator:

Marie-Anne Birken, International Legal Expert

Speakers:

Diana Bayzakova, Director, Tashkent International Arbitration Centre

Herta Däubler-Gmelin, Advisory Board Member, Global Neighbors, former German Minister of Justice

Islambek Rustambekov, Acting Rector of Tashkent University of Law

Jon Zaidi, Country General Manager, ACWA Power

Jamshid Urunov, Deputy Commissioner for Protection of Rights and Legitimate Interests of Entrepreneurs under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

► *Panel session:*

Creative Economy: From Cultural Heritage to an Investment Future

The creative industries are becoming a new global economic currency. They drive income diversification, employment, sustainable development, and enhance a country's international image. With its rich cultural heritage and a rapidly growing creative ecosystem, Uzbekistan offers fresh investment horizons – from craftsmanship and cultural tourism to contemporary art centers and international festivals.

Speakers:

Gayane Umerova, Chairperson of the Art and Culture Development Foundation of Uzbekistan

Sara Raza, Curator and Artistic Director of the Center for Contemporary Arts, Tashkent

Panel sessions

11:00 – 12:00

(simultaneously)

► *Panel Session:*

Textile Production and Investment in the Clothing Industry and Supply Chain

Textile production has century-long traditions in Uzbekistan and is currently experiencing a renaissance, driven in part by foreign investments. How will the sector build on its powerful heritage to ensure it meets its significant opportunity?

Moderator:

Jamil Maksudi, Director of Business Development, Oqsaroy Group

Speakers:

Peter Sachse, Vice President, CIS, John Deere

JaeYong Park, President, Youngone Corporation

Muzaffar Razakov, CEO Global Textile

Akmal Primkulov, Chief Executive Officer, Wildberries Uzbekistan

Humoyun Nurullaev, Business Development Manager, HAJTEX Group

► *Panel session:*

“Green” Development Model of New Uzbekistan: The Role of Renewable Energy in Addressing Environmental Challenges

New Uzbekistan aims to achieve environmental sustainability and economic growth through a resource-efficient, "green" development model. The country is open

to foreign investment and partnerships to bring in innovative solutions. Over the past five years, Uzbekistan has attracted nearly \$20 billion in foreign investment in the energy sector, commissioning modern energy facilities with a total capacity of 9.6 GW, including solar and wind power plants and energy storage systems. This marks the beginning of Uzbekistan's journey toward a sustainable future. How can renewable energy contribute to addressing global and regional environmental challenges?

Moderator:

Igor Alekseev, Managing Partner, BCG

Speakers:

Mohamed Jameel Al Ramahi, Chief Executive Officer, Masdar

Wu Gang, Chairman, Goldwind

Hussain AlNowais, Chairman, AMEA Power

Cedric Le Bousse, Executive Vice President International Operations, EDF Renewables

Tom Teerlynck, Founding Partner, iACTa

Yoni Ammar, Vice President, Voltalia

► *Panel session:*

Next-generation Pharmaceuticals: Investing in Future Technologies

Uzbekistan has adopted a strategy for the development of its pharmaceutical sector, with a firm commitment from the government to establish a globally competitive pharmaceutical industry.

Moderator:

Alireza Haghghi, Founding Director and Chief Executive, International Center for Genetic Disease, Harvard Medical School

Speakers:

Abdulla Azizov, Chairman, Pharmaceutical Industry Development Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Anastasia Kruglova, General Director, IQVIA Eurasia Cluster

Che Sooik, Director, Unimed Pharmaceutocals

Mehmet Berat Battal, Chairman, Battal Holding

Panel sessions

12:00 – 13:00

(simultaneously)

► *Panel session:*

EU-Central Asia Partnership: - The Road from Samarkand Summit

During the first EU-Central Asia Summit held in Samarkand in April 2025, the European Union and Central Asia decided to elevate their ties to Strategic Partnership. The European Union has pledged additional funds to strengthen its partnership with Central Asia. This panel will explore how these long-term investments are being translated into concrete action across strategic sectors. Senior representatives from the European institutions and companies and Uzbek government will discuss the priorities, challenges, and opportunities shaping the next phase of EU-Central Asia cooperation, with a focus on Uzbekistan, looking beyond 2025 towards a new era of sustainable growth and partnership.

Moderator:

Oybek Shaykhov, Secretary General, Europe-Uzbekistan Association for Economic Cooperation (EUROUZ)

Speakers:

Beatrice Buffon, Member of the Executive Board, EDF Group

Steffen Richter, President Europe East, Linde Group

Andrea Clerici, Director of Department Corporate Finance and Global Activities, the European Investment Bank (EIB)

Hüseyin Özhan, Managing Director, EBRD

Paul Bourdillon, CEO Europe & Central Asia, Suez

Toivo Klaar, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Uzbekistan

► *Panel session:*

Catalyzing Innovation: Venture Capital in Central Eurasia's Digital Transformation

How Venture Capital (VC) is driving digital innovation, startup growth, and regional economic integration across Central Eurasia, with a special focus on unlocking cross-border potential and enabling the next wave of tech founders, funds and angel investors in Era of AI

Moderator:

Sardor Mukhamedaliev, Founder, Biz Network

Speakers:

Ramadan Ameen, Counselor to the President, FutureMed Ventures

Omeed Mehrinfar, Managing Partner, Plug and Play Tech Center

Robin Butler, Partner, Sturgeon Capital

► *Panel session:*

Industry: Unlocking New Potential

Automotive manufacturing, electrical and industrial engineering are emerging industries for Uzbekistan. As a regional leader in automotive production, the country is determined to develop new high-tech sectors

Moderator:

Elena Son, Executive Director, The American-Uzbekistan Chamber of Commerce

Speakers:

Steffen Richter, President Europe East, Linde Group

Jovanka Porsche, Chairman, Global Neighbours

Ivan Cao, Managing Director, BYD Central Asia

Klaus Mangold, Chairman, Mangold Consulting

Natasha Khanjenkova, Managing Director, EBRD

13:00 – 14:00

Grand opening

16:00 – 18:00

Congress Hall

► *Lunch*

► **OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FORUM**

Presidential speech and panel discussion

(by invitation)

The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan will deliver a speech, and other high-level speakers will also be given the floor.

Reception from TIIIF Partners (18.30-21.00, side event, by invitation)

Side Events

18:30 – 21:00

► **European Business Evening at the TIIIF: Connecting European Excellence with Uzbekistan's Investment Future**

(hosted by EuroUz)

The event will feature a networking reception, providing direct access to decision-makers, investors, and policy influencers in an engaging and high-impact setting. Strategically positioned as the opening social highlight of the Tashkent International Investment Forum, the reception ensures strong visibility through targeted media outreach and prominent branding opportunities for partners and sponsors. Additionally, the event holds significant diplomatic importance, underscoring the commitment to strengthening EU-Uzbek economic cooperation

► **Digital Community Gathering**

(hosted by Data Volt)

Co-hosted by the Ministry of Digital Technologies and IT Park Uzbekistan, this gathering will bring together key policymakers, industry leaders, and innovators shaping the digital future of Uzbekistan. It will serve as a platform to exchange insights, foster collaboration, and explore emerging opportunities in the ICT sector—both within Uzbekistan and on a global scale.

► **Exclusive networking reception by the American Chamber of Commerce and the French Chamber of Commerce**

(hosted by AmCham and CCIFO)

An elegant evening of curated networking, fine cuisine, and cocktails to welcome the business delegation from France and the United States in the framework of the TIIF 2025.

DAY 2 | June 11, 2025

*Exhibition works all day long

Panel sessions

10:00 – 11:00

(simultaneously)

► *Panel session:*

Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs): The Foundation of Economic Growth

SMEs contribute 53,8% of Uzbekistan's GDP. Entrepreneurship is deeply ingrained in the culture. What is the hidden potential of this sector, what strategies are driving SME development, and why does it hold great appeal for foreign investors?

Moderator:

Wiebke Schloemer, Director, Türkiye and Central Asia Department, IFC

Speakers:

Vakhtang Butskhrikidze, CEO, TBC Bank

Kenneth Agnell, Managing Director, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation

Marife Apilado, Director - Portfolio Management, PSOD, ADB

Simone Zeh Atanasovski, Regional Associate Director, SME Finance and Development, EBRD

Roman Lavrentev, Chief Operating Officer, Uzum

► *Panel session:*

Investor Targeting and Proactive Investment Attraction Strategies to Increase FDI into Central Asia and beyond

Central Asia is shifting from passive facilitation to proactive investment attraction. With global competition intensifying, the region is adopting smarter, targeted strategies to bring in quality FDI. What tools are working? How can regional collaboration enhance results? This panel gathers leading experts to explore how data-driven, investor-focused approaches are reshaping the region's investment landscape.

Moderator:

Heather Taylor-Strauss, Head of FDI Programmes, UN ESCAP

Speakers:

Sheikh Ali Alwaleed Al-Thani, Chief Executive Officer,
Investment Promotion Agency Qatar

Yerzhan Yelyekeyev, Chairman of the Management Board of the
National Company Kazakh Invest JSC of the Republic of
Kazakhstan

Yusif Abdullayev, Executive Director of the Export and
Investment Promotion Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan
(AZPROMO)

Farkhat Iminov, Director of the National Investment Agency
under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic

Konstantin Polunin, Partner and Director, The Boston Consulting
Group

Juan Pablo, Senior Emerging Markets Analyst, StoneX

Mariam Koyava, Managing Partner, SavvY

► *Panel session:*

**Investor Protection: The New Investment Law,
International Arbitration, and Domestic Court
System**

Uzbekistan has adopted a new investment law and is working to improve mechanisms for protecting investor rights, both through international arbitration and the country's judicial system. What is the government's strategy for implementing an effective system to safeguard investors' interests?

Moderator:

Diana Bayzakova, Director, Tashkent International Arbitration
Centre

Speakers:

Carolyn Lamm, Partner, White and Case

Lucy M. Winnington-Ingram, Partner of ReedSmith

Tarik Sahovic, Advisory Program Lead for Turkiye and Central
Asia, IFC

William Tompson, Head of the Eurasia Division, OECD

**Panel session,
Investor Sessions
and Business
Forum**

11:00 – 12:00

(simultaneously)

► *Investor session:*

Global Brands as Catalysts: Enhancing National Investment Appeal through Luxury and Innovation

The panel session will delve into the strategic influence of global luxury and heritage brands in shaping a country's investment narrative. It will highlight how their international presence can elevate a nation's image, attract foreign direct investment and tourism, and foster sustainable, innovation-driven growth in emerging markets.

Speaker:

Bertrand Stalla-Boudillon, Group Vice President Retail Development, LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE

► *Panel session:*

Azerbaijan – Uzbekistan: Vector of Economic Partnership

The event will bring together government officials and business leaders from both countries to strengthen bilateral trade, promote joint investment projects, and explore cooperation in sectors such as energy, transport, agriculture, industry, and digital technologies. The forum will also highlight regional connectivity initiatives, including the Middle Corridor, and showcase new opportunities for sustainable economic collaboration.

► *Panel session:*

Ceasing Water Resources: Solutions, Strategies, and state Priorities

The shrinking water resources pose a critical challenge for the region, with severe consequences. What is the state's strategy to address this issue, and how can international businesses and development institutions contribute to Uzbekistan's efforts to solve this issue?

Moderator:

Shea Flynn, Sustainability Senior Director, The Coca-Cola Company

Speakers:

Rami Moussilli, CEO, Alkhорайф Water and Power Technologies

Awaadh Al Otaibi, Chief Executive Officer, Miahona

Chetan Kapoor, Partner, Synergy Consulting

Abdulwahab Sharif, Chief Business Development Officer, TAQA Water Solutions

Silvère Delaunay, Senior Vice-President and Chief Executive Officer for Central Asia & Caucasus, Suez

Ali Muhammad Khan, Acting Head of the Regional Office in Almaty, Islamic Development Bank

Odete Duarte Muximpua, Senior Water Supply and Sanitation Specialist, World Bank

► *Investor session*

Story of Uzum Advancing E-banking into Uzbekistan's Retail Market

Banking sector reforms coupled with the Government's vision to modernize the sector attracted several international financial institutions to invest in Uzbekistan. This process not only changed national landscape, but also triggered a wide array of reforms across sectors. How international investor managed the journey and what remains to be accomplished – a story from sector leader.

Moderator:

Jonathan Charles, Communications Consultant, Office of the Adviser to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Speaker:

Djasur Djumaev, Founder and CEO, Uzum

Investor sessions and panel session

12:00 – 13:00

(simultaneously)

► *Investor session:*

Platform Employment – Effective Staffing as a Key Success Factor for Investors

The gig economy and platform-based employment are reshaping the modern labor market, offering flexibility and efficiency for businesses and workers alike. As digital platforms continue to evolve, what opportunities arise for investors in this sector? How can effective workforce management enhance business productivity and drive investment success? This session will explore market trends, regulatory aspects, and best practices in platform employment, highlighting its role in creating a dynamic and investor-friendly ecosystem

Moderator:

Natalia Moskvitina, Director of Platform Employment and Driver Partnership, Yandex Go

Speakers:

Daniil Shuleyko, CEO, Yandex

Khalilillo Khamidov, Deputy Director, Institute for Macroeconomic and Regional Studies

Oksana Sinyavskaya, Deputy Director, Institute for Social Policy

Dr. Gobinda Roy, Associate Professor of Marketing at International Management Institute, Kolkata

► Panel session:

IT Sector and AI: Empowering Youth to Drive Innovation and Develop World-Class Solutions

The IT sector presents transformative opportunities for harnessing the potential of youth, fostering innovation, and creating high-quality products that meet global standards. By integrating artificial intelligence with emerging technologies, Uzbekistan can position itself as a leader in digital innovation, attracting international partnerships and investment. This approach will not only advance technological progress but also equip the youth workforce with the skills necessary to thrive in the evolving digital economy. How IT is helping to transform national economy and what challenges/opportunities presents widespread adoption of AI solutions?

Moderator:

Vladimir Norov, Chairman, Central Asian Association of Artificial Intelligence, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Speakers:

Sherzod Shermatov, Minister of Digital Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Simon Milner, Vice President, Public Policy, Meta

Nika Kurdiani, CEO, TBC Bank Uzbekistan

Mehdi Paryani, Chairman, President and CEO, IDCA

Rajit Nanda, Chief Executive Officer, Data Volt

Kevin Khanda, Chief Technology Officer, Uzum

13:00 – 14:00

► **Lunch**

Panel sessions

14:00 – 15:00

(simultaneously)

► *Panel Session:*

Global Trade Fragmentation and Neo-Protectionism: Lessons from the Past, Current Challenges and Implications for Central Asia's Regional and Global Value Chain Integration Efforts

As global trade grows more fragmented, Central Asian countries are seeking new ways to adapt. This session will explore regional strategies for advancing trade facilitation, attracting investment, and boosting institutional capacity to strengthen integration into global value chains.

Moderator:

Suvra Chakraborty, Managing Partner, Rishi Partners

Speakers:

Khurram Teshabayev, Deputy Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Dmitry Volvach, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Jean Sébastien Roura, Head of Trade & Investment Policy Unit at International Trade Centre UN/WTO

Andrea Clerici, Director of Department Corporate Finance and Global Activities, the European Investment Bank (EIB)

Céleste Laporte Talamon, Policy Analyst, OECD Eurasia

Xiangliang Hu, President, ZTO CWST Group

► *Panel session:*

Uzbekistan as a Strategic Hub for Critical Raw Materials: Investment Opportunities Across the Value Chain

Uzbekistan's rich mineral base and strategic location make it a rising hub for critical raw materials. From mining to manufacturing, the country offers growing investment opportunities across the value chain. This panel explores how Uzbekistan can strengthen its role in global supply chains.

Moderator:

John Mann, Director, Montfort Eurasia

Speakers:

Paul Moffatt, Associate Director, Senior Counsel, Legal Transition, EBRD

Pini Althaus, Managing Partner, Cove Capital

Mateo Goldman, Senior Vice President for Investments at the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation

Han Ilkhan, Advisor to Chairman, TMK

Steve Powell, Managing Director, SinoPowell Capital LLC & STeVO Energy LLC

Omonullo Nasritdinkhodjaev, First Deputy Minister of Mining Industry and Geology Republic of Uzbekistan

► *Panel session:*

Transportation Infrastructure: Today's Silk Road Pathways

The country's transportation infrastructure (auto, rail, and air) is actively advancing, though requiring investment and new development strategies. What opportunities are emerging for foreign investors for the development of the railway sector, road infrastructure, and aviation sector? How are these sectors evolving, what are the conditions and market dynamics that can attract investment?

Moderator:

Innokentiy Belyakov-Zagumennov, Executive Director
Uzbekistan, DB Engineering & Consulting

Speakers:

Abdul Aleem Khan, Federal Minister for Communications of
Pakistan

Johan Pelissier, President for Europe and Central Asia region,
Airbus

Davide Monguzzi, Senior Loan Officer, European Investment
Bank

Mario Antonio Ebcim, Director, Commercial Sales Eurasia,
Boeing

Kadriye Baysal, Commercial Director, Egis

Mayank Choudhary, Director, Private Sector Infrastructure
Division, ADB

Investor session:

Journey of TBC as a Market Disruptor Shaping Online Banking in Uzbekistan

From early-stage investment to market disruption, panelists will explore key milestones in TBC's journey, the regulatory enablers that supported its growth, and investor perspectives that fueled its rapid ascent. The discussion will provide broader insights into the evolving fintech ecosystem in Uzbekistan and highlight the investment potential of the region.

Moderator:

Jonathan Charles, Communications Consultant at the Office of the Adviser to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Speaker:

Oliver Hughes, Head of International Business, TBC Bank Group PLC

Panel sessions

15:00 – 16:00

(simultaneously)

- ▶ *Special panel session:*

Attracting Sustainable Investment: from Reform to Success (OECD-led session)

This session will present a roadmap for sustainable investment policy reforms in Uzbekistan, based on a joint OECD-ADB-EU project assessing the country's policies and regulations to attract sustainable investment and finance the green and digital transition. The session will highlight Uzbekistan's progress since 2017 in liberalising its economy, fostering private sector growth, and promoting sustainability, while also addressing ongoing challenges and the reforms needed to achieve upper middle-income status by 2030. Panelists will discuss strategies, policy tools, and international lessons for creating a more effective investment climate and supporting sustainable, inclusive development.

Moderator:

William Tompson, Head of the Eurasia Division, OECD

Speakers:

Toivo Klaar, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Uzbekistan

Kanokpan Lao-Araya, Country Director, ADB

Fares Al-Hussami, Head of FDI Qualities and Impact, Investment Division, OECD

Aziz Gafurov, Head of the Secretariat. Foreign Investors Council under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

- ▶ *Panel session:*

Privatization: Plans, Approaches, and Achievements

Since 2017, Uzbekistan has implemented a privatization program aimed at attracting investment, strong progress has been made. What is the country's future strategy for privatization, and what are the government's priorities?

Moderator:

Andrew Hayes, Managing Partner, Hudson Sandler

Speakers:

Giovanni Salvetti, Partner, Head of the CIS region, Rothschild&Co

Tariq Ahmed Nizami, Founder & CEO, CEO Clubs Network Worldwide

Enrico Pinali, Regional Head, Private Sector Development, ADB

David Gottlieb, Partner, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton

Ortikov Akmalkhon, Director of the State Assets Management Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Alaun Nounke, Manager for Financial Institutions Group in Central Asia and Turkiye, IFC

Panel sessions

16:00 – 17:00

(simultaneously)

► *Panel session:*

Karakalpakstan's Economic Development Strategy: Present Realities, Growth Dimensions, and Future Opportunities

The session will explore the current socio-economic landscape of the region, identify key growth drivers, and outline strategic priorities aimed at unlocking Karakalpakstan's economic potential.

Moderator:

Richard Quest, Anchor and Correspondent, CNN Business

Speakers:

Amanbay Orinbaev, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan

Mohammad Abunayyan, Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors, ACWA Power

Sherzod Niyazimbetov, CEO, Biogumus Farm

Tian Sheng Zhang, Deputy General Director, Ji An Tai International

Otabek Suleimanov, Chief Executive Officer, Stihia Festival

Rza Nuriyev, Senior Partner and Managing Director, BCG

► *Panel session:*

Chemical Industry: Ambitions and Growth of the Chemical Cluster

Uzbekistan's chemical industry has long held significant potential. In recent years, it has entered a new phase of development, marking the beginning of a transformational journey. The country is open to investors from the global chemical sector and innovative technologies.

Moderator:

Shelisa Ussene Samgy, IFC Manager for Upstream Projects in Manufacturing, Agrobusiness, and Services

Speakers:

Giorgio Veronesi, Advisor to Chairman, Uzkomysanoat JSC

Yamasaka Tetsuro, President, Balcom Co. Ltd.

Amit Lohia, Vice-Chairman, Indorama

Abid Malik, President, ACWA Power Central Asia

Vaclav Harant, Vice President, Central Europe and Central Asia, Air Products

Jamshid Shakirov, Founder, Uzbekistan Hydrogen Peroxide

Signing ceremony

17:00 – 18:00

► **Signing ceremony of the documents**

A formal signing of bilateral and multilateral agreements, as well as investment contracts, symbolizing a shared commitment to fostering sustainable economic cooperation and long-term investment partnerships.

Reception from TIIIF Partners (18.30-21.00, side event, by invitation)

Signing ceremony

18:30 – 21:00

► **Ecosystem as a Work of Art** (hosted by Uzum):

Uzum is Uzbekistan's leading digital ecosystem providing services spanning e-commerce, express delivery, banking and fintech, and business development. An evening dedicated to highlighting Uzbekistan's dynamic evolution — where ancient heritage intersects with bold digital ambition. The event will bring together industry leaders, innovators, and policymakers to reflect on the nation's remarkable progress and to explore emerging opportunities in digital finance and e-commerce across the region.

► **Sky party** (hosted by SQB bank):

This special evening brings together key players from across the investment, technology, and public sectors to connect, collaborate, and celebrate Uzbekistan's ongoing transformation. From high-level networking

to cultural experiences and open-air celebration, the agenda is crafted to inspire meaningful dialogue and lasting partnerships.

DAY 3 | June 12, 2025.

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Panel sessions

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(simultaneously)

► *Panel session:*

Fintech and E-commerce: Creating a New Economy

Fintech is already reshaping daily life and creating new business opportunities for millions. How are fintech companies transforming Uzbekistan's business environment, and what new opportunities are they offering investors?

Moderator:

Oleg Abdurashitov, Former Head of Global Public Affairs and CEO Office Kasperskiy, Chief Policy Advisor, Outpost Eurasia

Speakers:

Maxim Reshetnikov, Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Nikolay Seleznev, Chief Strategy and Business Development Officer, Uzum

Mehdi Paryavi, Founder & Chairman, International Data Center Authority (IDCA)

Artem Feoktistov, Director of Payment Gateway and Loyalty Programs, Wildberries&Russ

Stanislav Skvirsky, CEO, Payme

► *Panel session:*

Tashkent International Financial Centre: What Key Investor Needs Can Be Addressed Through This Project?

Uzbekistan has significant potential to expand foreign investment by attracting new investors and diversifying investment types. Recent reforms have improved the

country's investment policy, with a key step being the establishment of the Tashkent International Financial Centre (TIFC). TIFC aims to create a comprehensive ecosystem for investors while strengthening Uzbekistan's institutional environment for sustainable, long-term investment.

Moderator:

Alena Dolgova, International Financial Centres Advisor, UNDP

Speakers:

Saif Malik, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered

Hubertus Vaeth, Managing Director, Frankfurt Main Finance

Marius Dan, CEO, Central Asia - Templeton Global Investments, Franklin Templeton

Arielle Malard de Rothschild, Partner, Rothschild&Co

Hugh Morshead, Vice Chairman, Henley&Partners Holdings

Denis Spirin, Corporate Governance Director, Prosperity Capital Management

► *Panel session:*

Digitalization of Public Services: Enhancing Governance Efficiency

Uzbekistan has made significant progress in digitalizing public services. This session will focus on the next steps for integrating digital tools into public administration. It will also explore global trends in digital government innovation, best practices, and investment opportunities in Uzbekistan.

Moderator:

Nazim Turdumambetov, Chief Executive Officer, Outpost Eurasia, Former GR Director Philips and Apple

Speakers:

Oleg Pekos, First Deputy Minister of Digital Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Manal Bin Salem, Director of Government Experience Exchange Programs, UAE Ministry of Cabinet Affairs

Michael Samuel, Founder, President, and CEO, Nobel Systems

Sanzhar Suleimanov, Vice President, Country Manager for Central Asia, Visa

Intergovernmental Commission and round table

10:00 – 11:30

► Side event:

**Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission
Between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the
Sultanate of Oman**

and

**Round Table of the Uzbek-Omani Business
Communities**

Participants:

Laziz Kudratov, Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion of the Sultanate of Oman

Panel sessions

11:00 – 12:00

(simultaneously)

► Panel session:

Creating a Favorable Investment Environment in Uzbekistan through PPP

The Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model plays a vital role in enhancing the investment climate in Uzbekistan. By fostering collaboration between the government and private investors, the country aims to drive infrastructure development, improve public services, and attract foreign investments. Through PPPs, Uzbekistan can address critical projects across various sectors, ensuring mutual benefits and long-term economic growth. Strengthening legal frameworks, offering incentives, and ensuring transparency will further establish Uzbekistan as an attractive destination for investment.

Moderator:

Laura Vecvagare, Regional Head of Infrastructure and Natural Resources, IFC

Speakers:

Hayashi Nobumitsu, Governor, Japan Bank for International Cooperation

Moustafa Fahour, Chief Operating Officer, Plenary in the Middle East

Ilhom Umrzakov, Deputy Minister Economy and Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Ahmed Al Shamsi, CEO, TAQA Water Solutions

Anand Rohatgi, Chief Operating Officer, Synergy Consulting

Nasser Fares Massoud, Senior Adviser to CEO, InterHealth Canada

Enrico Pinali, Regional Head, Private Sector Development, ADB

Ekaterina Miroshnik, Director of the Infrastructure Department for Eurasia, EBRD

► *Panel session:*

Urban Development and Construction: Modernizing Infrastructure for Sustainable and Comfortable Growth

With rapid population growth, a significant portion of which consists of young and educated individuals, there is a strong focus on creating modern and comfortable urban environments. Accelerating urbanization and infrastructure development present vast opportunities for introducing innovative construction technologies and enhancing quality standards. In this context, international cooperation plays a pivotal role in advancing sustainable solutions that support long-term socio-economic development and modernization.

Moderator:

Pavel Zolotarev, Project Leader, BCG

Speakers:

Sacha Parneix, Vice-President Sales & Marketing, Alstom

Manuela Gatto, Director, Zaha Hadid Architects

Hakan Agca, Founder, Managing Director, Cross Works

Varun Dave, Associate Director, Synergy Consulting

Maksim Popov, Chief Business Development Officer (CBDO) of Anhor Evolution Ltd.

Ömer Sarıkoc, Vice President, KOC Construction

Panel sessions

12:00 – 13:00

(simultaneously)

► *Panel session:*

From Ownership to Opportunity: Unlocking Potential Through the National Investment Fund of Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan is accelerating its economic modernization through the transformation of major State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs), aiming to boost efficiency, transparency, and market performance. A key driver of this agenda is the newly established National Investment Fund of Uzbekistan (UzNIF), designed to centralize the management of state assets and unlock their long-term value.

Moderator:

Charlie Jack, Partner, Hudson Sandler

Speakers:

Veronica Garcia del Arco, Director Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, KfW Group

Esra Turk, Managing Director, Head of CEEMEA and Chairman of Middle East, Deutsche Bank

Marius Dan, CEO, Central Asia - Templeton Global Investments, Franklin Templeton

Neil McKain, Manager for Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, IFC

Timur Kunanbaev, Head of Investment Banking, CIS, JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.

Alex Metherell, Managing Director, Oman Investment Bank

► *Panel session:*

Enhancing Corporate Governance as a Key Condition for Attracting Foreign Investors

Transparency, predictability, and efficient governance are essential for the success of privatization programs, attracting foreign direct investment, and securing equity and debt financing. Uzbek companies have made significant progress in improving corporate governance. What further steps are needed to achieve world-class best practice results?

Moderator:

Ayuna Nечаева, Head of Europe, Primary Markets, London Stock Exchange Group

Speakers:

Ahmet Atay, Senior Director of Public Policy, Eurasia and Middle East, The Coca-Cola Company

Philip Gudgeon, Senior Associate, Independent Audit Ltd

Darina Kogan Bellamy, Partner, Squire Patton Boggs

Dmitry Zelentsov, Sales & Solution Director, Nasdaq Nasdaq

Murat Koshenov, Deputy CEO, Halyk Bank

Kadirov Ravshanbek, First Deputy Chairman of the Management Board, JSCB "InFinBank"

► *Panel session:*

Sustainable Mining: New Opportunities for Investors

Uzbekistan is rich in natural resources, including those that are critical in advancing modern high-tech industries. How is the country balancing resource extraction with sustainable development? What does it offer to foreign

investors, and what approaches does Uzbekistan expect from investors?

Moderator:

Han Ilkhan, Advisor to Chairman, TMK

Speakers:

Bobir Islamov, Minister of Mining Industry and Geology of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Eugene Antonov, First Deputy General Director, Chief Transformation Officer NMMC

Benoit Lemonne, General Director, Nurlikum Mining

Ross Alister, Managing Director, Peel Hunt

Peter Flanagan, SVP, Head of Capital Sales and Key Accounts, FLSmidth

Akop Kagramanyan, Principal Banker, Natural Resources, EBRD

► *Panel session:*

Investing in Earth: Harnessing British Expertise and Capital for Soil Health and Aral Sea Restoration

This panel aims to explore how British financial institutions, development finance bodies, and sustainability innovators can support the ecological restoration of the Aral Sea region and drive regenerative agricultural practices across Central Asia. With a specific focus on soil health, climate-smart investment, and cross-border collaboration, the session will spotlight the role of the UK as a partner in delivering nature-based, finance-backed solutions to one of the most urgent environmental crises in the region.

Moderator:

Eve Novikova, Director, British Uzbek Society

Speakers:

Lord Waverley, Crossbench Peer, UK House of Lords

Aziz Abdukhakimov, Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan

Timothy Smart, British Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan

Lucy Rahal, Executive Director, Public Sector, Standard Chartered Bank

Sevara Madgazieva, Deputy Head, UK Export Finance

Save Soil Global Initiative Representative

13:00 – 14:00

► *Lunch*

Panel session and round table

14:00 – 15:00

(simultaneously)

► *Round table:*

Meeting of the Heads of Investment Promotion Agencies of the Turkic World for Networking and Collaboration

Moderator:

Ramil Babayev, General Director of the Turkic Investment Fund

Speakers:

Farid Mammadov, Project Director of the Organization of Turkic States

Baghdad Amreyev, President of the Turkic Investment Fund

Yusif Abdullayev, Executive Director of the Export and Investment Promotion Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Yerzhan Yelekeyev, Chairman of the Management Board of the National Company Kazakh Invest JSC of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Farkhad Iminov, Director of the National Investment Agency under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic

Burak Dağlıoğlu, President of the Investment and Finance Office of the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye

Erhan Türbedar, Senior Advisor for Economic Affairs of the Turkic Investment Fund

Mansurjon Rasulev, Acting Director Investment Promotion Agency under the Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan

► *Round table*

Uzbekistan and Germany Investors and Business Council

This event will provide an in-depth discussion on the expanding economic ties between Uzbekistan and Germany, facilitated by the Investors and Business Council. Key stakeholders will share insights on successful collaborations, emerging investment opportunities, and the strategic initiatives enhancing bilateral trade and development, while exploring future avenues for deeper economic cooperation.

Moderator:

Eduard Kinsbruner, Head of the Delegation of German Economy in Central Asia, AHK Zentralasien/GFCC Central Asia

Speakers:

Abdulla Khursanov, Chairman of the board of "Almalyk MMC" JSC

Michael Beier, Vice-president, Claas

Ekaterina Galitsyna, Director Business Development Origination, KfW IPEX-Bank

► *Round table:*

From the Cradle of Renaissance to the Future of Construction

The panel will be about how the experience of the monuments of WoW-World of Wonders stimulate us to build differently, establish industrial facilities for smart buildings and create the guide line for the new city of Tashkent. The New WoW can be such a holy view of architectural creation and engineering constructability.

Speakers:

David Fisher, Founder of Dynamic Architecture, Hon. Chairman Dynamic Alliance JV

Philippe Dessoix, General Manager BESIX Group, President of CICA - Confederation of International Contractors Association

Turgay Karaagac, Chief Country Executive, Bureau Veritas Tashkent

Panel sessions and round table

15:00 – 16:00

(simultaneously)

► *Panel session:*

Bridging the Gap: Building Inclusive Ecosystems for Women Entrepreneurs

This event will serve as a platform to exchange ideas, development of the ecosystem that eliminates the barriers and provides opportunities and discuss policy actions that advance women's entrepreneurship as a pillar of inclusive economic growth.

Moderator:

Malika Sharipova, Founder and Director of Care CSR Ltd

Speakers:

Nozimakhon Davletova, Head of Foreign Policy Analysis and Economic Cooperation Division, Presidential Administration, Republic of Uzbekistan

Akiko Fujii, Resident Representative, UNDP in Uzbekistan
European Bank of Reconstruction and Development

► *Side event:*

Uzbekistan–UAE: Strategic Partnership in Investments and Innovation

Deep Investment cooperation between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the United Arab Emirates by facilitating direct dialogue between government representatives and the private sector, identifying promising joint projects across key sectors and showcasing investment opportunities to new companies—addressing all their questions and providing expert guidance

Participants:

Shokhrukh Gulamov, Deputy Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Mohammad Alhawi, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Investment of United Arab Emirates

Hussain Alnowais, Chairman, AMEA Power

Mohamed Jameel Al Ramahi, CEO, Masdar

► *Panel session:*

Shariah-Compliant SME On-Funding via Approved Financial Instruments: Catalyzing Growth in Uzbekistan

As Uzbekistan accelerates its economic transformation, empowering small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) through ethical, innovative, and Shariah-compliant financing solutions has become a national priority. This panel explores the unique model developed under the Economic Empowerment Fund for Uzbekistan (EEFU), a USD 100 million investment platform managed by SEAF with backing from international partners such as the Islamic Development Bank Group, the Saudi Fund for Development, and Uzbekistan's Fund for Reconstruction and Development.

Moderator:

Bahrom Numonov, Council Chairman of Association of Islamic Finance, Uzbekistan

Speakers:

Jan Cherim, Managing Director, GIC member, SEAF

Bert van der Vaart, CIO, SEAF

Gary Dodge, Managing Director, GIC member, SEAF

Nikolay Yarmov, Founder & CEO, CEED

Ali Khan, Country Operations Manager, ISDB Regional Hub, Kazakhstan

Signing ceremony

16:00 – 17:00

► **Signing ceremony of the documents**

A formal signing of bilateral and multilateral agreements, as well as investment contracts, symbolizing a shared commitment to fostering sustainable economic cooperation and long-term investment partnerships.

17:00

► **Closing Ceremony**