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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

OPENING KEYNOTE

Wiebke Schloemer

Director Europe and Central Asia, IFC, Vienna

MINISTER PANEL

COOPERATION IN CENTRAL ASIA ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

Aktoty Raimkulova

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

Ruslan Kazakbayev

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek

Ilkhom Makhkamov

Minister of Transport of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Tashkent

Moderation

Prof. Dr. Rainer Lindner

CEO, Heine + Beisswenger Group, Stuttgart

President, Caspian Europe Forum, Frankfurt

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

KEYNOTE

Dr. Ali Osat Akbari Moghadam*

CEO, Anzali Free Economic Zone, Tehran

DISCUSSION

Nicholas Cendrowicz*

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

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Dr. Jens Gräfer

Head of International Affairs, Deutsche Bahn AG, Berlin

Daniel Kroos

Senior Advisor on Energy Security, OSCE, Vienna

Arif Mammadov

Head of Transport Policy Department of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Baku

Mirco Nowak

Chairman, BVL Chapter Russia, Hamburg

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 of Germany Trade & Invest, Berlin

DISCUSSION

Tobias Baumann

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

Dr. Jürgen Friedrich

Chief Executive Officer of 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, Washington D.C.

Dr. Majid Raoufi

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

Hovsep Voskanyan

Delegate of German Economy in Central Asia, Almaty

MODERATION

Eduard Kinsbruner

Regional Director, German Eastern Business Association, Berlin

1:00 pm

LUNCH & NETWORKING BREAK

2:00 pm

SESSION 3

DIGITAL ECONOMY: STARTUP ECOSYSTEM IN THE CASPIAN REGION

Nazanin Daneshvar

CEO/Co-Founder, Takhfifan, Tehran

Karsten Heinz

Ehrenprofessor der Staatlichen Universität Uljanowsk,

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

Artashes Margaryan

German Business Association Armenia (DWV)

MODERATION

Stefan Kaegebein

Regional Director, German Eastern Business Association, Berlin

3:00 pm

SESSION 4

TRAINING MADE IN GERMANY IN THE CASPIAN REGION

Yıldız Götze

Head of Division Manager Training Programme,
Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi), Berlin

Andreas Hurst

VP Europe, Festo Didactic

Prof. Dr. Bertram Lohmüller

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

MODERATION

Peter Pfaffe

Regional Manager Sub-Saharan Africa and Central Asia; Russia, Turkey, iMove, 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

Thomas Kimmeswenger

Executive Director, German Business Association (DWV), Tbilisi

Oliver Zimmermann*

Geschäftsleiter / Prokurist, Nickl & Partner Architekten

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



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

Cassandra Colbert

Regional Manager Central Asia, IFC, Almaty

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

MODERATION

Karsten Fuelster

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

10:30 am **NETWORKING BREAK**

11:00 am

SESSION 2

SUCCESSFULLY INVEST IN THE CASPIAN REGION

KEYNOTE

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 the International School of Economics at Tbilisi State
University (ISET)

Herwig Maaßen

Senior Manager, PwC, Hamburg

Margarita Vasilyeva

Executive Director & Member of Supervisory Board, Russian Investment Agency, Moscow

MODERATION

Andreas Jahn

Chairman, German-Turkmen Forum, Köln

12:00 am

SESSION 3

CAREC: VISION OF THE “CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION” PROGRAM

OPENING REMARKS

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

Alibek Kuantyrov

Vice-Minister of National Economy and CAREC National Focal Point, Kazakhstan

Zsuzsanna Hargitai

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

Mahmadali Shokirov

President of Association of Road Transport Operators of the Republic of Tajikistan,
Chairman of CAREC Federation of Carrier and Forwarder Associations

MODERATION

Johannes F. Linn

Consultant, ADB

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

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 Khajepour

Managing Partner, Eurasian Nexus Partners – EUNEP, Vienna

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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