



November 27, 2017

24 Hours Registration The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi

19:00-21:30 On the Occasion of Tbilisi Belt & Road Forum 2017 Welcome Reception hosted by the First Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia – **Dimitry Kumsishvili** Funicular Restaurant
(by invitation only)

November 28, 2017

07:00-22:00 Registration The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi

07:30-09:00 Entrance time Tbilisi Opera and Ballet State Theatre

09:00-09:10 Family Photo for Heads of Delegations Tbilisi Opera and Ballet State Theatre

09:30-11:15 Opening Remarks by **H.E. Giorgi Kvirikashvili**, Prime Minister of Georgia
Addresses by: **Mr. Qian Keming**, Deputy Minister of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China
Mr. Henrik Hololei, Director-General for Transport and Mobility, European Commission Tbilisi Opera and Ballet State Theatre
Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Anil K. Gupta**, Michael Digman Chair & Professor, The University of Maryland at College Park, USA

Welcoming Panel: **High Level Dialogue on Belt and Road Connectivity for Stability**

- *Economic potential of Belt and Road Initiative and perspectives of implementation*
- *“Belt and Road” - hub for attracting investments*
- *Belt and Road Connectivity-role of participating countries and international organizations*
- *Ensuring stability-directions and priorities of future cooperation*
- *Challenges ahead*

Panel members:

- **H.E. Giorgi Kvirikashvili**, Prime Minister of Georgia
- **H.E. Pavel Filip**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova
- **H.E. Volodymyr Groysman**, Prime Minister of Ukraine
- **H.E. Karl Erjavec**, Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia
- **H.E. Sheikh Nahayan**, Cabinet Member and Minister of Tolerance of UAE
- **Mr. Wencai Zhang**, Vice President, ADB
- **Mr. Alain Pilloux**, Vice President, EBRD

11:15 - 11:45 Coffee Break Tbilisi Opera and Ballet State Theatre

11:45-12:55	<p>Panel discussion: Trade Facilitation along the Belt and Road Initiative</p> <p>Session I – Trade Facilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and its impact on trade development within Belt and Road initiative</i>• <i>Regional and Bilateral Free Trade Agreements - a solid basis for regional trade development and removal of trade barriers</i>• <i>Increasing private sector competitiveness through integration into global supply chains</i>• <i>Challenges and opportunities of trade facilitation in the region</i>	<p>Tbilisi Opera and Ballet State Theatre</p> <p>Panel moderator: Mr. Aaron Heslehurst, BBC World News presenter</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Genadi Arveladze, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia• Mr. Qian Keming, Deputy Minister of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China• Ms. Dana Meager, Deputy Minister of Finance of the Slovak Republic• Ms. Nataliya Mykolska, Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Ukraine• Mr. Yi Xiaozhun, Deputy Director - General, WTO• Dr. Abdel Aziz Hamad Aluwaisheg, Assistant Secretary-General for Political and Negotiation Affairs, Gulf Cooperation Council• Mr. Zang Jianjun, Executive Director, CEFC China Energy Company Limited
12:55-13:55	<p>Panel discussion: Trade Facilitation along the Belt and Road Initiative</p> <p>Session II - E-commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>E-Commerce opportunities for Development of trade</i>• <i>Engagement of SMEs in e-commerce</i>• <i>E-Commerce and trade logistics: new challenges and opportunities for international transport and trade facilitation</i>	<p>Tbilisi Opera and Ballet State Theatre</p> <p>Panel moderator: Mr. Aaron Heslehurst, BBC World News presenter</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. George Melashvili, Executive Director, National Bank of Georgia• Mr. Francois Davenne, Secretary General, OTIF• Ms. Ana Hinojosa, Director, Compliance and Facilitation, WCO• Mr. Bishar Abdirahman Hussein, General Director of UPU-Universal Postal Union• Mr. Andriy Shcherbina, Visa Digital Solutions Director for South East Europe, CIS and Georgia, Visa• Dr. Weijiang Feng, Senior Fellow and Director of the Department of International Political Economy, IWEP, CASS

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14:00-15:15	Lunch	MOMA - The Museum Of Modern Art
15:30-16:30	Panel discussion: Transport Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Increasing role of transport in ensuring market access and boosting economic ties between countries</i> • <i>Need of coordinated activities for increasing freight volumes among the Belt and Road countries</i> • <i>Existing challenges and transport facilitation perspectives</i> • <i>Transport infrastructure development as a key for unlocking trade potential</i> • <i>Reliability and efficiency of logistical systems for increasing cargo flows</i> • <i>Need to invest in transport infrastructure</i> • <i>Assessing existing financial instruments and mobilizing international financial instruments for improving connectivity</i> 	<p>The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi, Ballroom</p> <p>Panel moderator: Ms. Melinda Crane, Chief Political Correspondent, Deutsche Welle TV</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Dimitry Kumsishvili, First Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia • Mr. Henrik Hololei, Director-General for Transport and Mobility, European Commission • H.E. Ahmet Arslan, Minister of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communication of Turkey • H.E. Ramin Guluzade, Minister of Transport, Communications and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan • H.E. Andrzej Adamczyk, Minister of Infrastructure and Construction of the Republic of Poland • Dr. Peter Gaspersic, Minister of Infrastructure of the Republic of Slovenia
15:30-16:30	Panel discussion: Energy – Transregional Opportunities (Oil, Gas and Electricity) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the new trends in energy industry: increasing reliance on energy corridors (oil and gas pipelines, electricity transmission lines) for energy supply, greater role of renewable energy and cross-border electricity trading</i> • <i>What are the significant existing and under development projects in the sector that could connect the energy sectors of regional countries</i> • <i>Can increased supply of electricity incentivize investments in energy intensive sectors</i> 	<p>The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi, Amphitheatre</p> <p>Panel moderator: Ms. Eithne Treanor, Managing Director, E.Treanor Media</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. George Chikovani, Deputy Minister of Energy of Georgia • Mr. Francis Malige, Managing Director for Eastern Europe and the Caucasus, EBRD • Mr. Gary Jones, Regional President of BP • Mr. Bjorn Brandtzaeg, CEO, Clean Energy Group Georgia
16:30-16:45	Coffee Break	The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi
16:45-17:45	Panel discussion: Digital Connectivity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Belt and Road broadband connection - Gateway for Development</i> • <i>Trends of digital age and Global Internet Policy</i> 	<p>The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi, Amphitheatre</p> <p>Panel moderator: Mr. Axel Threlfall, Editor-at-Large, Reuters</p> <p>Panel members:</p>

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- *Contribute to an open, safe and secure cyberspace for smooth functioning of the digital infrastructure*
 - *Investing in digital infrastructure to accelerate development of the digital economy and bridge the digital divide*
 - *Future perspectives of Belt and Road multilateral cooperation in ICTs*
- **Mr. Giorgi Cherkezishvili**, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia.
 - **Mr. Vahan Martirosyan**, Minister of Transport, Communication and IT of the Republic of Armenia
 - **Mr. Istvan Lepsenyi**, State Secretary for Economic Development and Regulations, Ministry for National Economy of Hungary
 - **Mr. Lawrence Meredith**, Director for Neighborhood East, DG NEAR, European Commission
 - **Mr. Brahim Sanou**, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (ITU-D)
 - **Dr. Stefka Slavova**, Lead Economist, The World Bank
 - **Mr. Deng Xiao Feng**, CEO, China Telecom Global Limited

16:45-17:45	<p>Panel discussion: New Gateway for Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Georgia as a new transshipment center bringing goods across Europe and Asia through a vast transportation network</i> • <i>Anaklia as a new logistics hub for road, rail, and sea transportation, as well as a center for manufacturing and commercial services.</i> • <i>Advances in efficiently moving goods across borders on multiple modes of transportation.</i> • <i>Rapid progress in making it easier, faster, and less expensive for goods to travel from manufacturer to customer.</i> • <i>The availability of private sector trade finance to support this new transshipment corridor.</i> 	<p>The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi, Ballroom</p> <p>Panel moderator: Mr. Matthew Oresman, Counsel of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mamuka Bakhtadze, Minister of Finance of Georgia • Mr. Levan Akhvediani, CEO, Anaklia Development Consortium • Mr. Kanat Alpysbayev Kaliyevich, Chairperson, Management Board – President, JSC. NC Kazakhstan Temir Zholy • Mr. Andre Hempel, General Manager, Trans-Eurasia Logistics GmbH. • Mr. Zhang Hailin, Executive Director, Rewin Finance
19:30-23:00	<p>Gala Dinner hosted by the Prime Minister of Georgia <i>(by invitation only)</i></p>	<p>Republic Events Hall</p>

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08:00-14:00	<p>Registration</p>	<p>The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi</p>
08:30-10:00	<p>Welcome coffee</p>	<p>The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi</p>

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10:00-10:15	Welcome speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Giorgi Kvirikashvili, Prime Minister of Georgia • Mr. Vazil Hudak, Vice President, EIB • Mr. Lu Jianzhong, Chairman, SRCIC
10:15-11:15	<p>Panel discussion: Capture the Investment Opportunities</p> <p>Session I – Investing and Trading Opportunities in Georgia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Georgia as an attractive investment destination due to liberal and favorable business environment (easiness of doing business, corruption-free, preferential trade agreements, low taxes, etc.)</i> • <i>Highly accessible and service-oriented border control for international travelers and products.</i> • <i>Strong government support in attracting foreign direct investment.</i> • <i>Diversified investment sectors.</i> 	<p>The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi, Ballroom</p> <p>Panel moderator: Mr. Ian Burrell, Media Consultant</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Dimitry Kumsishvili, First Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia • Mr. David Saganelidze, CEO, Partnership Fund • Mr. Irakli Gilauri, Group CEO, BGEO Group • Mr. Zurab Gelenidze, CEO, CFO, Georgian Industrial Group • Mr. Taekwon Seo, Vice CEO, JSC Nenskra Hydro • Mr. George Ramishvili, Founder and the Chairman, Silk Road Group • Mr. Valery Vavilov, Founder and CEO, Director of the board, The Bitfury Group
11:15 – 12:15	<p>Panel discussion: Capture the Investment Opportunities</p> <p>Session II – Georgia – Regional Frontier for Global Investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Georgia having fundamentally grown stable market for regional investments</i> • <i>Georgia – natural Hub for economic links due to its strategic location</i> • <i>Georgia as a transit corridor – Attracting investments in developing infrastructure</i> • <i>Environment for business in Georgia and the opportunities it offers as a regional hub connecting Europe, the middle East and Asia</i> • <i>Georgia – Natural hub for economic links due to its strategic location.</i> 	<p>The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi, Ballroom</p> <p>Panel moderator: Mr. Ian Burrell, Media Consultant</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ketii Bochorishvili, CEO, JSC Anaklia City • Mrs. Flavia Palanza, Director, Lending Operations in EU Neighboring Countries, EIB • Mr. Pankaj Birla, Area Vice President – Eastern Europe, Marriott Holding Paragraph • Mr. Prashant Joshi, CEO, Adjaristsqali Georgia LLC, joint venture: Tata Group, Clean Energy Invest, IFC • Mr. Richard Tollis, Partner, Head of Project Finance and Infrastructure Group in EMEIA, EY • Mr. Bruno Balvanera, Director for Caucasus Moldova and Belarus, EBRD
10:15-12:00	Panel discussion: CAREC 2030: Connecting the Region for Shared and Sustainable Development	The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi, Amphitheatre

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- *Presentation of the new CAREC 2030 Long-term Strategic Framework as endorsed during the 16th Ministerial Conference in Dushanbe, Tajikistan in October 2017.*
- *Discussion*

Panel moderator: **Mr. Safdar Parvez**,
Director of Regional Cooperation and
Operation Division of the Central Asia
Department, ADB

Panel members:

- **Dr. Mustafa Mastoor**, Acting Minister of Economy, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- **Mr. Genadi Arveladze**, CAREC National Focal Point in Georgia, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
- **Mr. Wencai Zhang**, Vice President, ADB
- **Mr. Alain Pilloux**, Vice President, EBRD
- **Mr. Stefanos Fotiou**, Director, Environment and Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

12:30-14:00 Lunch

MOMA - The Museum Of Modern Art

Parallel activities

14:00-18:00 B2B Meetings: one-on-one meetings between companies

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