



**November 27, 2017**

**08:00-23:59**     **Registration**     **The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi**  
Please bring your ID     29 Shota Rustaveli Ave.

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)*

Address:     Mtatsminda Plateau, Tbilisi  
Dress code:     Business  
Transport:     Busses from Hotel & Preference Huailng Tbilisi depart at **17:30**  
Buses from Event Official Hotels depart at **17:45**

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**November 28, 2017**

**00:00-22:00**     **Registration**     **The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi**  
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Buses from Events Official Hotels depart at **07:15**

07:30-09:00     Entrance time     **Tbilisi Opera and Ballet State Theatre**  
25 Shota Rustaveli Ave.

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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     Tbilisi Opera and Ballet State Theatre  
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  
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*

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

- *Ensuring stability-directions and priorities of future cooperation*
- *Challenges ahead*
- **H.E. Erbolat Dossaev**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- **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

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

11:45-12:55 Panel discussion: **Trade Facilitation along the Belt and Road Initiative** Tbilisi Opera and Ballet State Theatre

Session I – **Trade Facilitation**

- *WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and its impact on trade development within Belt and Road initiative*
- *Regional and Bilateral Free Trade Agreements - a solid basis for regional trade development and removal of trade barriers*
- *Increasing private sector competitiveness through integration into global supply chains*
- *Challenges and opportunities of trade facilitation in the region*

Panel moderator:

**Mr. Aaron Heslehurst**, BBC World News presenter

Panel members:

- **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. Nataliya Mykolska**, Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Ukraine
- **Ms. Dana Meager**, Deputy Minister of Finance of the Slovak Republic
- **Dr. Abdel Aziz Hamad Aluwaisheg**, Assistant Secretary-General for Political and Negotiation Affairs, Gulf Cooperation Council
- **Mr. Yi Xiaozhun**, Deputy Director - General, WTO

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12:55-13:55 Panel discussion: **Trade Facilitation along the Belt and Road Initiative** Tbilisi Opera and Ballet State Theatre

Session II - **E-commerce**

- *E-Commerce opportunities for Development of trade*
- *Engagement of SMEs in e-commerce*

Panel moderator:

**Mr. Aaron Heslehurst**, BBC World News presenter

Panel members:

- *E-Commerce and trade logistics: new challenges and opportunities for international transport and trade facilitation*
- **Mr. George Melashvili**, Executive Director, National Bank of Georgia
- **Mr. Andriy Shcherbina**, Visa Digital Solutions Director for South East Europe, CIS and Georgia, Visa
- **Ms. Ana Hinojosa**, Director, Compliance and Facilitation, WCO
- **Mr. Mutua Muthusi**, Director of the Executive Office of UPU – Universal Postal Union
- **Mr. Francois Davenne**, Secretary General, OTIF
- **Dr. Weijiang Feng**, Senior Fellow and Director of the Department of International Political Economy, IWEPP, CASS

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14:00-15:15 Lunch MOMA - The Museum Of Modern Art

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Address: 27 Shota Rustaveli Ave. (2Min. walk from Tbilisi Opera and Ballet State Theatre)

15:30-16:30 Panel discussion: **Transport Infrastructure** The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi, Ballroom

- *Increasing role of transport in ensuring market access and boosting economic ties between countries*
- *Need of coordinated activities for increasing freight volumes among the Belt and Road countries*
- *Existing challenges and transport facilitation perspectives*
- *Transport infrastructure development as a key for unlocking trade potential*
- *Reliability and efficiency of logistical systems for increasing cargo flows*
- *Need to invest in transport infrastructure*
- *Assessing existing financial instruments and mobilizing international financial instruments for improving connectivity*

Panel moderator: **Ms. Melinda Crane**, Chief Political Correspondent, Deutsche Welle TV

Panel members:

- **Mr. Dimitry Kumsishvili**, First Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
- **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
- **Mr. Henrik Hololei**, Director-General for Transport and Mobility, European Commission
- **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

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15:30-16:30	<b>Panel discussion: Energy – Transregional Opportunities (Oil, Gas and Electricity)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <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></li><li>• <i>What are the significant existing and under development projects in the sector that could connect the energy sectors of regional countries</i></li><li>• <i>Can increased supply of electricity incentivize investments in energy intensive sectors</i></li></ul>	The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi, Amphitheatre  Panel moderator: <b>Ms. Eithne Treanor</b> , Managing Director, E.Treanor Media  Panel members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. George Chikovani</b>, Deputy Minister of Energy of Georgia</li><li>• <b>Mr. David Tvalabeishvili</b>, Director General, Georgian Oil and Gas Corporation</li><li>• <b>Mr. Gary Jones</b>, Regional President of BP</li><li>• <b>Mr. Bjorn Brandtzaeg</b>, CEO, Clean Energy Group Georgia</li><li>• <b>Mr. Bruno Balvanera</b>, Director for Caucasus Moldova and Belarus, EBRD</li></ul>
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16:30-16:45	Coffee Break	The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi
16:45-17:45	<b>Panel discussion: Digital Connectivity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Belt and Road broadband connection - Gateway for Development</i></li><li>• <i>Trends of digital age and Global Internet Policy</i></li><li>• <i>Contribute to an open, safe and secure cyberspace for smooth functioning of the digital infrastructure</i></li><li>• <i>Investing in digital infrastructure to accelerate development of the digital economy and bridge the digital divide</i></li><li>• <i>Future perspectives of Belt and Road multilateral cooperation in ICTs</i></li></ul>	The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi, Amphitheatre  Panel moderator: <b>Mr. Axel Threlfall</b> , Editor-at-Large, Reuters  Panel members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Giorgi Cherkezishvili</b>, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia.</li><li>• <b>Mr. Brahim Sanou</b>, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (ITU-D)</li><li>• <b>Mr. Lawrence Meredith</b>, Director for Neighborhood East, DG NEAR, European Commission</li><li>• <b>Mr. Deng Xiao Feng</b>, CEO, China Telecom Global Limited</li><li>• <b>Mr. Istvan Lepsenyi</b>, State Secretary for Economic Development and Regulations, Ministry for National Economy of Hungary</li><li>• <b>Dr. Stefka Slavova</b>, Lead Economist, The World Bank</li></ul>

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16:45-17:45	<b>Panel discussion: New Gateway for Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Georgia as a new transshipment center bringing goods across Europe and Asia through a vast transportation network</i></li> <li>• <i>Anaklia as a new logistics hub for road, rail, and sea transportation, as well as a center for manufacturing and commercial services.</i></li> <li>• <i>Advances in efficiently moving goods across borders on multiple modes of transportation.</i></li> <li>• <i>Rapid progress in making it easier, faster, and less expensive for goods to travel from manufacturer to customer.</i></li> <li>• <i>The availability of private sector trade finance to support this new transshipment corridor.</i></li> </ul>	The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi, Ballroom  Panel moderator: <b>Mr. Matthew Oresman</b> , Counsel of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman  Panel members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Mamuka Bakhtadze</b>, Minister of Finance of Georgia</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Abbas Akhondi</b>, Minister of Roads and Urban Development, Islamic Republic of Iran</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Levan Akhvlediani</b>, CEO, Anaklia Development Consortium</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Javid Gurbanov</b>, Chairman, JSC Azerbaijan Railways</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Maxat Kabashev</b>, Vice President for Developmene, JSC. National Company Kazakhstan Railways</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Andre Hempel</b>, General Manager, Trans-Eurasia Logistics GmbH.</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Zhang Hailin</b>, Executive Director, Rewin Finance</li> </ul>
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19:30-23:00	Gala Dinner hosted by the Prime Minister of Georgia <i>(by invitation only)</i>	Republic Events Hall
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 Buses from Events official Hotels depart at **18:45**

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08:00-14:00	Registration Please bring you ID	The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi 29 Shota Rustaveli Ave.
08:30-10:00	Welcome coffee	The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi

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 Transport: Buses from Hotel & Preference Huailng Tbilisi depart at **07:45**  
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10:00-10:15	Welcome speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Giorgi Kvirikashvili</b>, Prime Minister of Georgia</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Vazil Hudak</b>, Vice President, EIB</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Lu Jianzhong</b>, Chairman, SRCIC</li> </ul>
Place:	The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi	
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10:15-11:15	<p>Panel discussion: <b>Capture the Investment Opportunities</b></p> <p>Session I – <b>Investing and Trading Opportunities in Georgia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <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></li> <li>• <i>Highly accessible and service-oriented border control for international travelers and products.</i></li> <li>• <i>Strong government support in attracting foreign direct investment.</i></li> <li>• <i>Diversified investment sectors.</i></li> </ul>	<p>The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi, Ballroom</p> <p>Panel moderator: <b>Mr. Ian Burrell</b>, Media Consultant</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Dimitry Kumsishvili</b>, First Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</li> <li>• <b>Mr. David Saganelidze</b>, CEO, Partnership Fund</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Irakli Gilauri</b>, Group CEO, BGEO Group</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Zurab Gelenidze</b>, CEO, CFO, Georgian Industrial Group</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Taekwon Seo</b>, Vice CEO, JSC Nenskra Hydro</li> <li>• <b>Mr. David Borger</b>, Vice President, Business Development, Silk Road Group</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Valery Vavilov</b>, Founder and CEO, Director of the board, The Bitfury Group</li> </ul>
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11:15 – 12:15	<p>Panel discussion: <b>Capture the Investment Opportunities</b></p> <p>Session II – <b>Georgia – Regional Frontier for Global Investments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Georgia having fundamentally grown stable market for regional investments</i></li> <li>• <i>Georgia – natural Hub for economic links due to its strategic location</i></li> <li>• <i>Georgia as a transit corridor – Attracting investments in developing infrastructure</i></li> <li>• <i>Environment for business in Georgia and the opportunities it offers as a regional hub connecting Europe, the middle East and Asia</i></li> <li>• <i>Georgia – Natural hub for economic links due to its strategic location.</i></li> </ul>	<p>The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi, Ballroom</p> <p>Panel moderator: <b>Mr. Ian Burrell</b>, Media Consultant</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Ketii Bochorishvili</b>, CEO, JSC Anaklia City</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Pankaj Birla</b>, Area Vice President – Eastern Europe, Marriott Holding Paragraph</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Prashant Joshi</b>, CEO, Adjaristsqali Georgia LLC, joint venture: Tata Group, Clean Energy Invest, IFC</li> </ul>

- **Mr. Richard Tollis**, Partner, Head of Project Finance and Infrastructure Group in EMEIA, EY
- **Mrs. Flavia Palanza**, Director, Lending Operations in EU Neighboring Countries, EIB
- **Mr. Bruno Balvanera**, Director for Caucasus Moldova and Belarus, EBRD

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10:15-11:30 Panel discussion: **CAREC 2030: Connecting the Region for Shared and Sustainable Development**

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

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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. Elyor M. Ganiev**, Minister of Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- **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

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12:30-14:00 Lunch

MOMA - The Museum Of Modern Art

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**Tbilisi Belt and Road Forum**  
*organized by the Government of Georgia*

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**Parallel activities**

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14:00-18:00	B2B Meetings: one-on-one meetings between companies	The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi
15:00-17:00	Meeting of the Coordination Committee for the Development of South-West International Transport Route (Closed meeting)	The Biltmore Hotel Tbilisi

Members of the Committee:

- **JSC Georgian Railways**
- **Azerbaijan Railways CJSC**
- **Railways of the Islamic Republic of Iran CJSC**
- **Polish State Railways S.A.**
- **PJSC Ukrzaliznytsia**

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