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# AGENDA

## 1 October 2020

08:30 REGISTRATION

09:00 WELCOME ADDRESS

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### WELCOME

**Dr. Nader Maleki\*\***

Vice Chairman, Caspian Europe Forum  
CEO & Chairman, Maleki Corporate Group, Frankfurt am Main

**Miguel Berger\*\***

State Secretary, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

**Michael Harms\*\***

Chairman of the Board, German Eastern Business Association, Berlin

**Dr. Volker Treier\*\***

Chief Executive of Foreign Trade and Member of the Executive Board, Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK), Berlin

09:30 SESSION 1

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## THE CASPIAN REGION AND ITS ROLE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

**Nurlan Askaruly Nogayev\* (tbc)**

Minister of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nur-Sultan

**Beibut Atamkulov\* (tbc)**

Minister of Industry and Infrastructural Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nur-Sultan

**Parviz Shahbazov\* (tbc)**

Minister Energy of Azerbaijan, Baku

**Reza Ardekanian\*\***

Minister of Energy of Iran, Tehran

**Chingiz Aidarbekov\* (tbc)**

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek

### MODERATION

**Prof. Dr. Rainer Lindner\*\***

President, Caspian Europe Forum, Frankfurt  
CEO, Heine + Beisswenger Group, Stuttgart

10:30 NETWORKING BREAK – VIRTUAL EXHIBITION

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## INVESTMENT PRIORITIES IN CENTRAL ASIA

Wiebke Schloemer\*\*  
Director Europe and Central Asia, IFC, Vienna

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## ECONOMIC OVERVIEW IN THE CASPIAN REGION

- The current economic situation in the Caspian region
- How have the states in the region reacted on the Covid-19 pandemic
- The importance of the Sea for the regional economy
- Will the convention on the legal status of the sea pave the way for foreign trade and investment?
- Opportunities for European SMEs

### KEYNOTE

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Coordinator for inter-societal cooperation with Russia, Central Asia and the Eastern Partnership countries,  
Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

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### DISCUSSION

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Dmitriy Savelyev\*\*  
Deputy Vice-Chairman, State Duma Committee on Security and Countering Corruption, Moscow

Tobias Baumann\*\*  
Managing Director, German-Azerbaijani Chamber of Commerce (AHK Azerbaijan), Baku

Hovsep Voskanyan\*\*  
Delegate of German Economy in Central Asia, Almaty

Thomas Mundry\*\*  
Partner, Schneider Group, Moscow

Bill Tompson\*\*  
Head of the Eurasia Division of the Global Relations Secretariat, OECD, Paris

Klaus-Jürgen Hedrich\*\*  
Chairman, German-Turkmen Forum, former Secretary of State, Cologne

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Ulf Schneider\*\*  
Publisher, OWC Foreign Trade Publishing House, Berlin

## ENERGY AT THE CASPIAN SEA; THE CENTER OF 'STRATEGIC ENERGY ELLIPSE'

### DISCUSSION

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- Challenges of the agreement between the neighboring states on dividing the oil and gas resources
- Current impact of price developments on the oil and gas industry in the region
- Role of the Caspian region in the European energy security
- Perspectives of the Trans-Caspian Gas Pipeline

#### Elshad Nassirov\*\*

Vice President for Investments and Marketing, SOCAR, Baku

#### Dr. Abbas Maleki\*\*

Chairman, International Institute for Caspian Studies, Associate Professor on Energy Security, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran

#### Priv.-Doz. Dr. Lutz Mez\*\*

Board Member, Berlin Center for Caspian Region and Eurasian Studies e.V., Berlin

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#### Eduard Kinsbruner\*\*

Regional Director, German Eastern Business Association, Berlin

## PERSPECTIVES FOR SUSTAINIBILITY IN THE CASPIAN REGION

- Water management challenges and opportunities at the Caspian Sea
- Impact of climate change on the Caspian Region
- Cooperation between EU and Central Asia for sustainable development
- Sustainable financing in Central Asia and South Caucasus
- Green Cities and Sustainable Future in Caucasus

#### Dr. Sebastian Schiek\*\*

Visiting Researcher, Institute for East European Studies at Freie Universität Berlin

#### Aigul Kussaliyeva\*\*

Director Green Finance Intelligence Department, AIFC Green Finance Centre, Nur-Sultan

#### Dr. Kaveh Madani\*\*

Henry Hart Rice Senior Fellow at Yale, Iran's Former Deputy Vice President for Environment, Ex-VP of UN Environmental Assembly Bureau, New Haven

#### Cassandra Colbert\*\*

Regional Manager Central Asia, IFC, Almaty

#### Catarina Bjorlin Hansen\*\*

Regional Director Caucasus, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Tbilisi

#### Dirk Stratmann\*\*

Director CIS, John Deere

Spokesman Central Asia for German Agribusiness Alliance, German Eastern Business Association, Berlin

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**THE CASPIAN REGION AS A LOGISTIC HUB**

Jeroen Willems\*\*

Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission, Brussels

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**DISCUSSION**

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- Bridge between Europe and Middle and Far East
- The importance of the Caspian Region in the European connectivity strategy
- In the centre of infrastructure projects and economic zones: One Belt One Road, EEU, North-South Corridor, BSCS and Ashgabat agreement
- Ports and Connectivity in the Caspian Region

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