



# Agenda

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## Preliminary Agenda\*

Tbilisi Silk Road Forum organized by the Government of Georgia

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14 October, 2015		
19:00-21:30	Welcome Dinner	Gujari restaurant in Mtskheta
15 October, 2015		
09:00 - 10:00	Registration and welcome coffee	Rustaveli National Theatre / Tbilisi Parliament Building
10:00 - 11:30	Welcome speeches and adoption of Declaration of Cooperation	<p>Panel moderator: Sumnima Udas; CNN Delhi-based correspondent covering key political, economic, social and general interest news</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irakli Garibashvili, H.E. Prime Minister of Georgia</li> <li>• Abdullah Abdullah, Chief Executive Officer of Afghanistan</li> <li>• Xuekerat Zakir, the Governor of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region of People's Republic of China, Head of China Delegation</li> <li>• Valeri Dil, Vice Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan, Head of Kyrgyzstan Delegation</li> <li>• Bruce H. Andrews, United States Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Head of USA Delegation</li> <li>• H.E. Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al-Nahayan, Minister of Culture, Youth, and Social Development, Head of UAE Delegation</li> </ul>

11:30 -12:45	<p>Panel discussion: “Revival of the Silk Road- new opportunities for enhancing trade and economic cooperation”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What are the potential benefits of silk road revival (how can countries, businesses and communities benefit from improved cooperation within the region)</i></li> <li>• <i>What are the existing examples of successful cooperation in the region and current initiatives under way</i></li> <li>• <i>What obstacles exist to utilizing full potential of enhanced trade and economic cooperation and how to overcome them</i></li> </ul>	<p>Panel moderator: Simeon Djankov; London School of Economics; Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Bulgaria</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giorgi Kvirikashvili, Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</li> <li>• Tamar Beruchashvili, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia</li> <li>• Asset Issekeshv, Minister of Investment and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan (TBC)</li> <li>• Representative of government of China</li> <li>• Eva Molnar, the Director of the Sustainable Transport Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)</li> <li>• Representative of the Asian Development Bank</li> </ul>
12:45-14:00	Lunch	Tbilisi Parliament Building
14:00-15:15	<p>Panel discussion: “Transport, Communications and Infrastructure: keeping up with demands of the cross-border trade ”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What are the top priority projects for the region in transport and infrastructure for development of multilateral trade</i></li> <li>• <i>How to ensure the most efficient access of regional companies to international markets</i></li> <li>• <i>How effective communications can improve the dynamics of business interactions across borders</i></li> <li>• <i>What role can PPPs play in improving transport, communications and infrastructure in the region</i></li> </ul>	<p>Panel moderator: Axel Threlfall, Editor-at-Large Reuters; formerly anchor for CNBC; editor with The Wall Street Journal; reporter for Bloomberg.</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Gašperšič, Minister of Infrastructure of the Republic of Slovenia (TBC)</li> <li>• Mamuka Bakhtadze, CEO, Georgian Railway</li> <li>• Xiaohong Yang, Director of the Transport and Communications Division of Asian Development Bank</li> <li>• Tzvetelina Borislavova, Chairwoman of Board of Directors and CEO of Clever Synergies Investment Fund</li> </ul>
15:15-15:45	Coffee Break	Tbilisi Parliament Building

15:45-17:00	<p>Panel discussion: “Trade Facilitation along the Silk Road: overcoming key obstacles to harmonization ”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What are the main obstacles to increasing volume of trade within region</i></li> <li>• <i>What levers can governments use to facilitate trade (harmonization of procedures and regulations affecting movement of goods and services)</i></li> <li>• <i>How can participation of private companies in joint investment projects stimulate regional and international trade</i></li> <li>• <i>How can international trade treaties enhance the competitiveness of private businesses and allow them to engage in global supply chains</i></li> </ul>	<p>Panel moderator: Andrew Chakhoyan, Head of Regional Strategies - Eurasia, World Economic Forum</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan Mládek, Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic (TBC)</li> <li>• Giorgi Tabuashvili, First Deputy Minister of Finance of Georgia, Director General of Georgian Revenue Service (GRS)</li> <li>• Mircea Ciopraga, Secretary General of the Permanent Secretariat of TRACECA</li> <li>• Dmitry Cheltsov, General Delegate to Eurasia region, International Road Transport Union (IRU)</li> <li>• Representative of USAID</li> </ul>
15:45-17:00	<p>Panel discussion: “The Energy Silk Road: pipelines and electricity trading across borders”</p> <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 regional projects that have been recently completed or currently underway</i></li> <li>• <i>Can increased supply of electricity incentivize investments in energy intensive sectors</i></li> </ul>	<p>Panel moderator: Radoslav Dudolenski, Managing Partner of Hydrolea LLC; formerly CEO of EnergoPro Georgia.</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ilia Eloshvili, Deputy Minister of Energy of Georgia</li> <li>• Christopher D. Schlueter, BP Country Manager, Georgia</li> <li>• Sohail Hasnie, Principal Energy Specialist of the Asian Development Bank</li> <li>• Representative of private sector/sector expert</li> </ul>
17:00-19:00	Transfer to hotels and free time	
19:00-23:00	Gala Dinner hosted by the Prime Minister of Georgia (by invitation only)	Funicular restaurant
<b>16 October</b>		
09:00-10:00	Welcome coffee	Tbilisi Parliament Building
<b>Panel Discussion</b>		

10:00-12:00	<p>Panel discussion: “Seizing Investment Opportunities in Georgia”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How can small countries like Georgia build competitive advantage on the global markets and become attractive destination for foreign investment</i></li> <li>• <i>What incentive does Georgia offer to foreign investors: in terms of regulatory regime, taxation, customs procedures, international trade agreements</i></li> <li>• <i>What are the sectors of Georgian economy that hold the highest investment opportunities</i></li> </ul>	<p>Keynote speaker : Irakli Garibashvili, H.E. Prime Minister of Georgia</p> <p>Panel moderator: Sumnima Udas; CNN Delhi-based correspondent covering key political, economic, social and general interest news</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giorgi Kvirikashvili, Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia</li> <li>• Wei Huang, Executive Vice-Governor of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, People’s Republic of China</li> <li>• Dr. Hernando de Soto, Economist</li> <li>• Gabriel Schulze, Founder and Director, Schulze Global Investments</li> <li>• Mi Enhua, President, Hualing Group</li> <li>• Vladimer Ilichev, Regional Development Director, Russia and CIS, Hilton Worldwide</li> </ul>
12:00 -13:30	Lunch	TBD
<b>Parallel activities</b>		
13:30 - 18:00	B2B	One-on-one meetings between companies
	Topical presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment opportunities in Georgia: sectors and projects</li> <li>• Tax policy in Georgia</li> <li>• Legislative environment in Georgia</li> </ul>
	Exhibition	Exhibition by Chinese companies
20:00-22:30	Dinner	Restaurant - the Wine World

*This agenda is preliminary and may be subject to amendments*