



2020-21 CAMCA NETWORK BOARD MEMBERS



Mr. Shoaib Rahim (Afghanistan, Spring 2016) is a Senior Advisor at the Ministry of Peace of Afghanistan. Prior to joining the Ministry of Peace, he served as acting Mayor of Kabul and Senior Advisor to the Minister of Defense on administrative and financial systems development. Previously he worked as Program Manager at CeReTechs Ltd., as the President of H&S Consulting Services in Kabul and as an Energy Analyst at Hickory Springs Manufacturing Company in North Carolina. Mr. Rahim was a Fulbright Scholar and an Asia 21 Fellow at the Asia Society's Asia 21 Young Leaders Initiative. He has also taught English Parliamentary Debating at the American University of Afghanistan. Mr. Rahim holds a BS in Electronics Engineering from Multimedia University in Cyberjaya, Malaysia (2008) and an MA in Engineering Management from Duke University (2011). He co-authored an essay, "*Global Youth: Why this Group is more Important than Ever?*" in a book titled, *Millennials Speak. Essays on the 21st Century*, published in 2013.



Ms. Arevik Anapiosyan (Armenia, Spring 2018) is a Partnerships and Development Finance Advisor to the UN Resident Coordinator in Armenia and an adjunct lecturer at the American University of Armenia. Recently she has also been designated by the UNESCO Director-General to serve on the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute of Statistics. Previously, from 2018-2020, Ms. Anapiosyan served as a Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Armenia responsible for international cooperation, development projects and strategic planning. Prior to joining the government, she served as the Executive Director and Co-founder of the Institute of Public Policy, a think tank that was the first education-profiled institution in Armenia to study challenges within and provide policy recommendations for the field of education. Ms. Anapiosyan holds an MA in Political Science from the American University of Armenia (2008) as well as an MA (2008) and a BA (2006) in International Relations from Yerevan State University. In recent years Ms. Anapiosyan completed fellowships at the University of Essex, University of Massachusetts (Amherst), University of Tartu and Graz University, and is currently studying at the General Management Program at Harvard Business School.



Mr. Fuad Karimov (Azerbaijan, Spring 2019) is a Director of Professional Support Services LLC, the largest shared services center in Azerbaijan providing financial reporting and taxation services. He is also an adjunct lecturer in Finance, Accounting and Project Management at ADA University. Previously, from 2016-18, Mr. Karimov served as the Chief Administrative Officer and a Member of the Executive Board of GILAN Holding. Prior to joining GILAN Holding, from 1998-2016, Mr. Karimov worked at KPMG LLP in Azerbaijan, Russia, Germany and the United States. Mr. Karimov holds an MSc in Technology Management from Columbia University in New York (2013), an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in Chicago (2011), a BSc in Applied Accounting from Oxford Brookes University (2010) and a BA in Legal Regulation of the Economy from Baku Western Caspian University (1999). In 2010-11 he was an exchange student at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), Tel Aviv University and WHU-Otto Beisheim School of Management in Germany. Mr. Karimov is currently pursuing a Doctorate degree in Business Administration at Grenoble Ecole de Management.



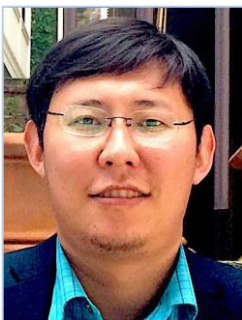
Ms. Tamar Kekenadze – Chairperson of the Board (Georgia, Spring 2014) – is the Chairperson of the Free Democrats Political Party. Before joining the party in February 2015, she was a Civilian Representative of the Ministry of Defense of Georgia to NATO and the EU. Previously, she served as Head of the Euro-Atlantic Integration Division at the Ministry of Defense of Georgia. Prior to that, Ms. Kekenadze worked for five years in civil society organizations on national and international levels. In 2008, she was awarded the “Young European of the Year” Prize for outstanding commitment to fostering international understanding of the union of Europe. In 2009, she was privileged as a non-EU member country

representative to intern in the Cabinet of the President of the European Parliament. Ms. Kekenadze is currently pursuing her PhD in Economics, and holds an MA in Computer Engineering, Information Science and Control Systems (2006) as well as a BA in Computer Systems and Networks (2003), all from Georgian Technical University.



Mr. Ruslan Assaubayev (Kazakhstan, Fall 2019) is a Managing Partner and Regional Development Director at Korkem Telecom (Open Technologies Group), a leading Kazakhstan IT company focused on smart city projects (safe city, intellectual transport systems, environment monitoring systems, etc.) In this role, he is in charge of the implementation of traffic enforcement and the intellectual transport system “Sergek” in Almaty, Shymkent, East Kazakhstan and Atyrau regions. For the last 10 years, Mr. Assaubayev has been working on government related projects such as e-government, e-license and smart city projects. Prior to entering private business, he worked as a Deputy Chairman of the Almaty Development Centre, an Advisor to the

Mayor of Almaty City for IT and Smart City projects and as Head of the IT department of the “Nur Otan” political party. Mr. Assaubayev holds an MSc in Information Systems from City University London (2009) and a bachelor’s degree in system engineering from Kazakh National Technical University (2005). He has also completed Harvard Kennedy School’s executive education program on Digital Transformation in Government (2018).



Mr. Aziz Soltobaev (Kyrgyzstan, Spring 2014) is a serial entrepreneur and Founder of KG Labs Public Foundation, which seeks to boost the startup ecosystem in Kyrgyzstan through policy making and event activities. He is also a Co-Founder of the Kyrgyz Chapter of the Internet Society, which aims to improve connectivity of the country with global networks. Previously he was a Co-Founder and Chairman of Svetofor Group in Bishkek, a group of several online companies operating in the trading, e-commerce, IT and system integration areas in Central Asia and China. As an expert in information technologies, digitalization, private equity and venture capital, Mr. Soltobaev actively promotes entrepreneurship in Kyrgyzstan and the region by giving guest lectures in leadership and entrepreneurship, providing trainings, and

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Mr. Tuvshinzaya Gantulga (Mongolia, Spring 2015) is a Foreign and Economic Policy Desk Officer at the Office of the President of Mongolia. Previously he served as the Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) in Mongolia. During his tenure, Mr. Gantulga successfully positioned AmCham as one of the most influential business associations in Mongolia. He is also a commissioned reserve officer in the Mongolian Armed Forces and has deployed to Afghanistan to take part in Operation Resolute Support (2019-2020). Mr. Gantulga holds an MPA from the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University in New York (2017), where he served as an editor of the *Journal of International Affairs*, and a BA in Value Studies with a concentration in Political Philosophy and Literature from Bard College in Berlin, Germany (2012).



Mr. Farukh Sultonov (Tajikistan, Spring 2018) is a Country Officer for IFC in Tajikistan. His areas of interest include sustainable development of the CAMCA and wider region, public-private partnerships and IT solutions. Mr. Sultonov's core expertise is providing feasible, efficient and smart solutions for complex projects in the public and private sectors as well as PPPs in the areas of infrastructure and renewables. Prior to joining IFC, Mr. Sultonov held senior positions within the government consulting business, development organizations, the private sector and academia. Mr. Sultonov holds an MSc in Development Economics and Policy from the University of Manchester, UK (2007), a BA in International Economics from the

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Ms. Gunesh Bakgalova (Turkmenistan, Fall 2014) is currently working for Petronas as an in-house Senior Legal Executive. Prior to her current position, she worked for the European Commission's project on budgeting reforms in the Ministry of Finance of Turkmenistan. Previously, Ms. Bakgalova worked for numerous national agencies, law firms and international organizations including Schlumberger Corporation, the Ministry of Trade and Foreign Economic Relations, the Ministry of Justice, the National Coordinating Unit of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan, ABA Rule of Law Initiative in Turkmenistan, OSCE Center in Ashgabat, AK Counsel-SNR Denton, PPG Industries Inc. and Miller & Martin PLLC. Ms. Bakgalova holds an

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Dr. Umid Aripdjanov (Uzbekistan, Spring 2014) is one of the founding partners of CENTIL Law that provides integrated legal, business advisory and government relation services for inbound foreign investors and lenders across Central Asia. Throughout his career, he has advised on multi-billion-dollar investments, project finance and commercial transactions related to upstream, midstream and downstream petroleum operations, mining, cement and petrochemical industries in Central Asian countries. In the past, Dr. Aripdjanov taught at the Westminster International University in Tashkent and at the Tashkent State Institute of Law. For the past decade, Dr. Aripdjanov has been recognized as a top-ranked business lawyer by *Chambers Global*, *Legal 500* and *Who's Who: Legal*. Dr. Aripdjanov holds a PhD (2001) and Law Degree (1997) from Tashkent State Institute of Law and received his LLM from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio as a Muskie Fellow (2002).

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