



2024 CAMCA Regional Forum to take place in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic over June 12-13

Washington, D.C., June 5, 2024 -- The 10th annual **CAMCA Regional Forum** will be held on June 12th-13th in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic.

The CAMCA Regional Forum is a non-political and non-partisan Forum established to promote region-wide discussions on means of advancing economic growth and social development in the CAMCA (Central Asia-Mongolia-Caucasus-Afghanistan) region. The Forum is one of the first and only platforms that brings together representatives of the 10 CAMCA countries, spanning from the South Caucasus to Mongolia, to discuss emerging opportunities for regional cooperation.

Since its establishment in 2014, the Forum has featured more than 420 speakers and welcomed over 1,400 participants representing over 33 countries and 300 companies across the globe. The Forum is a premier opportunity to engage with prominent influencers and rising leaders in the CAMCA region and to gain firsthand insights on the region's pulse and developments. **Learn more about the Forum by visiting www.camcaforum.org.**

This June's Forum will take place in the capital of the Kyrgyz Republic and will include discussions focused around the theme, **"CAMCA's Way Forward: Advancing Through Innovation and Strengthened Intra-regional Ties"**, featuring plenary sessions, keynote conversations and roundtables on topics including intra-regional trade, transport and transit, regional business and investments, economic development, entrepreneurship and innovation, human capital and education and more.

The 2024 Forum will feature over 70 top-level speakers from across the region and beyond while welcoming over 250 participants representing 22 countries.

Keynote speakers include:

- H.E. Edil Baisalov, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers (Prime Minister) of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Ambassador Terhi Hakala, EU Special Representative to Central Asia
- H.E. Nuria Kutnaeva, Minister of Digital Development of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Binod Chaudhary, President, Chaudhary Group Global, Nepal
- Tariq Qureshi, Futurist, Global Speaker, CEO of Xponential, Founder/CEO of MAD Group
- Lira Samykbaeva, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Sanzhar Bolotov, Deputy Minister of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Aisuluu Mamashova, Deputy of Jogorku Kenesh (Parliament) of the Kyrgyz Republic

"The CAMCA Regional Forum is an annual platform dedicated to promoting regional connectivity by fostering dialogues among professionals and leaders from 10 countries for peace, prosperity, and people. The Kyrgyz Republic is honored to host the CAMCA Forum in 2024, marking the significant 10th anniversary since its inception. This milestone provides the CAMCA Network with a valuable opportunity to reflect on our achievements over the past ten years and to look forward to the next ten years of regional development.

As the host country, and on behalf of the local organizing team, we are committed to elevating this Forum to the next level. We aim to bring greater speaker and participant diversity, to embrace innovative partnerships, and to facilitate bilateral and multilateral dialogues. We are grateful for the support from the Kyrgyz Government, the CAMCA Network, as well as that of our sponsors and partners. The 2024 Forum will feature multiple side events, receptions, and networking opportunities, ensuring that participants leave with a lasting impression of the Kyrgyz Republic as a hub of energy and creativity for future development." - Jenny Jenish kyzy, Head of the Kyrgyz Organizing Team; Chairperson of the CAMCA Network Board of Directors

"Who had even heard of the 'CAMCA Region' a decade ago? Now, under tempting external opportunities and daunting pressures, it is gaining organization and coherence. The CAMCA Regional Forum is the first institution to wholeheartedly embrace Central Asia, the Caucasus, Afghanistan and Mongolia as an emerging world region and its convention, the annual Forum, to be held this year in Bishkek, is a celebration of this renewed regional spirit and regional coherence." - Dr. S. Frederick Starr, Chairman, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute

"In partnership with the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and the CAMCA Network, it is our distinct privilege to gather so many talented and engaging professionals from across the region in Bishkek for the 2024 CAMCA Regional Forum. We are delighted that previous Forum connections have led to the launch of new initiatives, successful partnerships and regional collaboration across a range of sectors and disciplines. Vital and unique conversations have been had about how the CAMCA region can more closely and effectively collaborate for the benefit and success of each of the 10 countries – ideas have been spurred, acted on and implemented. We are eager to continue to build off of all of these important outcomes from over the past decade while gathered in Bishkek." - Sarah Tonucci, Executive Director of the Rumsfeld Foundation

The CAMCA Regional Forum is organized by the [CAMCA Network](#), [Central Asia-Caucasus Institute](#) and the [Rumsfeld Foundation](#). The Forum organizers believe that expanded communication and collaboration among talented professionals from a range of fields can significantly contribute to economic, political and social development on both a national and regional basis.

The 2024 Forum is fortunate to benefit from the support of the following official sponsors: [High Technology Park in the Kyrgyz Republic](#), [Silkroad Innovation Hub in Silicon Valley](#), [CIPE](#), [Bank of Asia](#) and the [Stirling Foundation](#); Local and Regional Partners: CAMCA Academic Consortium, Uptime Marketing, Investment Council under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic, American Chamber of Commerce in the Kyrgyz Republic, American University of Central Asia, International Business Council, Business Association JIA, Council of the Rights of Women, Children And Gender Equality Under the Speaker of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, Association of Berry Growers of the Kyrgyz Republic; and Media Partners: YTPK National Broadcasting Corporation and Media Kitchen.

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