

The Delegation of the European Union to Azerbaijan
in cooperation with the
German-Azerbaijani Chamber of Commerce (AHK)
has the pleasure of inviting you to the

EU-Azerbaijan Business Forum

Tuesday, 5 June 2018

JW Marriott Absheron Baku Hotel
674 Azadlig Square, Baku, Azerbaijan

Latest economic development and reforms in Azerbaijan,
business-to-business meetings,
expert speeches and discussions on:

- (1) Economic Reforms, (2) Agriculture and Food,
- (3) Construction and Machinery, (4) Transport and Logistics,
- (5) ICT and E-commerce

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Participation is only possible with confirmation by the organisers.

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09:00 – 09:30 REGISTRATION

11:00 – 18:00 B2B meetings (available throughout the day via App)

10:00 – 10:40 Official Opening

English

Sharg Hall

Moderation:

Mr Tobias Baumann, *Executive Director, German-Azerbaijani Chamber of Commerce/AHK Azerbaijan*



Official Opening remarks:

High-level Azerbaijani Government representative, *tbc*

Welcome address:

Mr Kestutis Jankauskas, *Ambassador/Head of Delegation of the European Union to Azerbaijan*

Welcome speech:

Mr Lawrence Meredith, *Director for East Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission*

10:40 – 11:00 Keynote Speech

Azerbaijani/English

Sharg Hall

Speaker:

Mr Shahin Mustafayev, *Minister of Economy, tbc*

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break in the Foyer

11:30 – 13:00 Plenary Session: Economic Reforms in Azerbaijan

English

In recent years, Azerbaijan started a series of economic reforms aiming at diversifying the economy and growing exports. This plenary session will deal with the latest developments and the current impact on the Azerbaijani economy.



Moderation:

Mr Lawrence Meredith, *Director for East Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG Near), European Commission*

Presentation of the EU Business Climate Report Azerbaijan 2018:

Ms Nigar Bayramli, *Head of Market Analysis and Communication, AHK Azerbaijan*

Opening remarks by a **high-level Azerbaijani Government representative**, tbc

Discussion:

Mr Rufat Mammadov, President of Azpromo

Mr Naveed Hassan Naqvi, Country Manager for Azerbaijan, World Bank

Mr John Patterson, i2offshore/British Business Group, tbc

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break in the Foyer

14:30 – 16:00 Panel 1: Agriculture and Food

English

With regard to the Government's reform agenda, agriculture is one of the most important pillars of the non-oil economy. Its contribution to the country's GDP is expected to grow and it has considerable export potential. During the panel, the current development will be discussed further.

Moderation:

Mr Serge Krebs, Head of the Economic Service, French Embassy

Opening remarks:

Mr Inam Karimov, Minister of Agriculture, tbc

Discussion among:

Ms Afat Ahmadova, Director, Brightman

Mr Bashir Guliyev, Deputy Chairman, Association of Vegetable and Fruit Producers and Exporters

Mr Rainer Freund, Programme Manager responsible for Agriculture, Delegation of the European Union to Azerbaijan

Mr Zubair Khan, Country Manager for Caucasus, Danone



14:30 – 16:00 Panel 2: Construction and Machinery

English

The construction and machinery sectors are recording a promising recovery after a period of decline. A range of construction projects and machinery activities have been launched in recent years. This panel will deal with the current development of these sectors.

Moderation:

Mr Umberto Boeri, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Italy

Opening remarks:

Mr Niyazi Safarov, Deputy Minister of Economy, tbc

Discussion among:

Mr Elnur Sultanov, General Director, Improtex Group

Azerbaijani business representative, tbc

European business representative, tbc



14:30 – 16:00 Panel 3: Transport and Logistics*English*

Azerbaijan is at the crossroads of the North-South and the East-West Transportation Corridors. Transforming Azerbaijan into a transport and logistics hub is one of the Government's priorities. The implementation of this vision offers various opportunities for both European and Azerbaijani businesses.

Moderation:

Ms Dalija Ignataviciute, Second secretary, Lithuanian Embassy to the Republic of Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan



Opening remarks:

Mr Ramin Guluzade, Minister of Transport, Communication and High Technologies, *tbc*

Discussion among:

Mr Elchin Ahmadov, Deputy Director, ADY Express

Mr Christoph Birk, Regional Manager for CIS and Middle East, Sales & Development, Blue Water Shipping

European business representative, *tbc*

Representative of an international institution, *tbc*

14:30 – 16:00 Panel 4: ICT and E-commerce*English*

Digital connectivity is gaining importance worldwide. In Azerbaijan, legal frameworks and e-services have been gradually implemented. This offers substantial opportunities for European and Azerbaijani businesses. During the panel, future perspectives are going to be discussed further.

Moderation:

Mr Vassilios Sitaras, Head of Office for Economic and Commercial Affairs, Embassy of Greece



Opening remarks:

Mr Elmir Velizadeh, Deputy Minister of Communications and High Technologies

Discussion among:

Mr Ismayil Alakbarov, Founder and CEO, Neuron Technologies

European business representative, *tbc*

Ms Yana Krimpe, CEO, Best Solutions

Mr Farid Ismayilzade, Founder and Member of Executive Board, GoldenPay

16:00 – 18:00 Networking Cocktail