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Opening Remark 1st.


	<i>Last Name</i>	Shah	<i>First Name</i>	Syed Shakeel
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Director		

Short Bio


Mr. SYED SHAKEEL SHAH is the CAREC Institute Director. Prior to this, he was the Chief Reforms, Automation and Preferential Trade – Pakistan Customs – Federal Board of Revenue, Government of Pakistan. He has also served as the Joint Secretary, Economic Affairs, Prime Minister’s Office, Government of Pakistan. He has decades of experience working in the civil service system of the Government of Pakistan. He holds two master’s degrees: 1) in Advanced Studies in International Trade Law and Economics (MILE) from World Trade Institute – Bern – Switzerland, and 2) in International Relations from Quaid-e-Azam University – Islamabad - Pakistan. His areas of expertise, include WTO law (Dispute Resolution, SPS, TRIPS/ TRIMS Agreements, Doha Round), Micro and Macroeconomics, Trade (International, Regional and Preferential), Economic Corridors, Customs laws, Reforms and Automation including Single

Windows for Trade, Ease of doing business in Trading Across Border indicator, and Trade Facilitation Agreement of WTO.

Opening Remark 2nd.

	<i>Last Name</i>	Sabyrova	<i>First Name</i>	Lyaziza
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Department</i>	Central and West Asia Regional Department		
	<i>Position</i>	Principal Regional Economist		
Short Bio				
<p>LYAZIZA SABYROVA is a Principal Regional Economist in Central and West Regional Department. After obtaining her PhD degree in Economics from Indiana University (Bloomington, IN, USA), she joined ADB in 2000, and worked on infrastructure projects in the People’s Republic of China, as well as in the Central Asian and South Caucasus countries. She was also posted in ADB’s Resident Mission in the Kyrgyz Republic, and led the preparation of the Joint Country Support Strategy for the Kyrgyz Republic from the ADB side (together with DFID, the Swiss Development Agency, the World Bank, and UN Agencies). From 2008–2011, she was on a special leave from the ADB, during which she co-founded an independent economic think tank in Kazakhstan, the RAKURS Center for Economic Analysis. She led the work on ADB’s Country Partnership Strategies for several Central Asian and South Caucasus countries. She was also involved in the Department’s Knowledge Management and analytical work.</p>				

Moderator

	<i>Last Name</i>	Linn	<i>First Name</i>	Johannes
	<i>Institution</i>	Brookings Institution		
	<i>Position</i>	Non-resident Senior Fellow, Former World Bank vice president for Europe and Central Asia		
Short Bio				


JOHANNES F. LINN is a Non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, a Distinguished Resident Scholar at the Emerging Markets Forum in Washington, D.C., a Senior Fellow at the Results for Development Institute and a Senior Research Fellow at the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation.

Johannes currently serves as Global Facilitator for setting up and funding the Systematic Observations Financing Facility of the World Meteorological Organization. In 2011, 2014, 2017 and 2019 he chaired replenishment consultations of the International Fund for Agricultural Development and of the Green Climate Fund, respectively. From 2005 to 2010 he was Director of the Wolfensohn Center for Development at Brookings. During this time also served as Special Advisor to the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Forum (CAREC). Prior to joining Brookings in 2003, he worked for three decades at the World Bank, including as the Bank's Vice President for Financial Policy and Resource Mobilization and as Vice President for Europe and Central Asia, held many other positions and published on a broad range of topics and topics related to Central Asia in particular.

Johannes' current research interests are in the areas of development effectiveness (with a special focus on scaling up successful development interventions), global governance reform, and regional integration and cooperation (esp. for Central Asia and for Asia-Europe).


Johannes holds a bachelor's degree from Oxford University and a doctorate in economics from Cornell University.

Keynote Presenter 1st.


	<i>Last Name</i>	Çakır	<i>First Name</i>	Selim
	<i>Institution</i>	International Monetary Fund		
	<i>Position</i>	Resident Representative for Georgia		
Short Bio				
<p>Selim Çakır has many years of experience working in the International Monetary Fund and the financial sector. He rejoined the IMF as Sr. Economist in August 2016 and has been working as the IMF's Resident Representative in Georgia since June 2019. Prior to his rejoining the IMF, he worked as Chief Economist for Turkey and Gulf countries at Bnp Paribas between 2008 and 2016. Prior to his career at Bnp Paribas, Mr. Çakır held various positions at the International Monetary Fund during a tenure of 10 years where he worked on Middle East and transition economies in Central Asia. Mr. Çakır represented the government of Turkey in the Executive Board of the IMF between 1999 and 2003, and had an active role in the design of the government of Turkey's economic program. He also worked for many years in the Undersecretariat of Treasury in Turkey</p>				

and on issues related to preparation of borrowing programs for the government, cash flow forecasting, design of domestic debt instruments, public financial management reform and monitoring the risk structure of government of Turkey's debt portfolio.
 He holds a B.A. in Public Finance, Ankara University and a M.S.in Finance, The George Washington University. As well as Turkish, he speaks English and German.

Presenter 2nd.


	<i>Last Name</i>	Peschel	<i>First Name</i>	Dominik
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	Head of Economics Unit at Resident mission China		
Short Bio				
<p>Dominik PESCHEL is an economist with nearly 15 years of work experience in macroeconomics and international finance. In 2013, Mr. Peschel joined the Asian Development Bank from the German central bank. He currently serves as Head of Economics Unit at ADB's PRC Resident Mission in Beijing, where he focuses on macroeconomic surveillance and forecasting. Before moving to Beijing in 2018, he led ADB's forecast for Central Asia and the South Caucasus. Mr. Peschel holds graduate degrees in economics, law, and public administration.</p>				

Presenter 3rd.


	<i>Last Name</i>	Pomfret	<i>First Name</i>	Richard
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Adelaide Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe		
	<i>Position</i>	Professor of Economics Emeritus at the University of Adelaide, Adjunct Professor of International Economics at the Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe		
Short Bio				

Richard Pomfret is a Professor of Economics Emeritus at the University of Adelaide and Adjunct Professor of International Economics at the Johns Hopkins University Bologna Center. He has acted as consultant to international organizations such as the Asian Development Bank, the OECD, the UNDP and the World Bank. In 1992-4 he was seconded to the United Nations for a year, advising the Asian republics of the former Soviet Union. Three books on Central Asia were published by Princeton University Press in 1995, 2006, and most recently *The Central Asian Economies in the Twenty-first Century: Paving a new silk road* (2019).

Presenter 4th.

	Last Name	Livny	First Name	Eric
	Institution	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development		
	Position	Lead economist Central Asia		
Short Bio				
<p>A development economist and educator with over 25 years of experience of working at the interface of economics education, policy research and consulting, Eric joined the EBRD in September 2019. In his current role with the Bank, he covers economic developments in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, advising senior management on the Bank’s country strategies, liaising with governments and international financial institutions, leading the industrial policy stream within the Bank’s Community of Practice on Competition Policy.</p> <p>Throughout his career, Eric was involved in the creation and management of several world-class education start-ups in the former USSR, including the New Economic School (NES) in Moscow, the EERC/Kyiv School of Economics (KSE), and the International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University (ISET). Serving as ISET’s founding director and president in 2007-2018, he established it as a recognized regional leader in economics education. In 2011, he created the ISET Policy Institute, expanding ISET’s product mix beyond economics education to executive training, policy consulting and public communication activities.</p> <p>Having lived in Georgia in 2007-2019, Eric conducted policy research and consulted the Georgian government, international organizations, business associations and educational institutions, advocating for people-centred, inclusive development. His policy work covered a very wide range of issues from education and labour market reforms to (new) industrial policy, rural development and agricultural policies, quality of the business environment and national competitiveness. In 2015-2017, he advised Georgia’s ministers of Economic and Sustainable Development Dimitri Kumsishvili and Giorgi Gakharia.</p>				

Presenter 5th.

	<i>Last Name</i>	Holzacker	<i>First Name</i>	Hans
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Chief Economist		
Short Bio				
<p>Before joining the CAREC Institute, Hans was for two years Lead economist for Central Asia with the EBRD, based in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Hans has 30 years of experience as an economist focusing on transition economies. Hans was chief economist at Golomt Bank in Mongolia and of ATFBank in Kazakhstan. He was also teaching at the Turan the Narxoz universities in Almaty. Earlier, he was a Vienna-based senior economist focused on Russia and Ukraine for Bank Austria, a member of UniCredit group, and was also in charge of CEE country rating. Hans was Senior Economist covering the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine at the Institute of International Finance in Washington, DC from 1999-2001, Head of Country Risk/Research at GiroCredit Research, Investmentbank Austria, from 1993-99, and Central European Economist at the Nomura Research Institute from 1989-93. Hans holds a Ph.D. in Sociology and a MA in Economics from the University of Vienna. He completed a postgraduate scholarship in the Economics Department of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna.</p>				