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as stated,
on 20 p.*

The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the CICA Member States and, with reference to its note No. TTF/915 dated 28 July 2023, has the honour to forward herewith the updated programme of the 11th meeting of the CICA Think Tank Forum (TTF) and the technical guideline for online participation (via the ZOOM platform).

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the CICA Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.

Astana, 24 August 2023



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СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ
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Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесінің мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіре отырып, 2023 жылғы 28 шілдедегі № ТТФ/915 Хатшылықтың нотасына қосымша ретінде Азия Кеңесі Талдау орталықтары форумының (ТОФ) 11-ші отырысының жаңартылған бағдарламасын және ZOOM платформасы арқылы қосылу бойынша техникалық ақпаратты жіберуді өзіне мәртебе санайды.

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Астана қаласы, 2023 жылғы 24 тамыз

**АЗИЯДАҒЫ ӨЗАРА ІС-ҚИМЫЛ ЖӘНЕ
СЕНІМ ШАРАЛАРЫ КЕҢЕСІНІҢ МҮШЕ
МЕМЛЕКЕТТЕРІ**



The Eleventh Meeting of the CICA Think Tank Forum

Building an Asia of Mutual Learning and Win-win Cooperation: The Role and Mission of CICA

Organized by:

Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS)

Foreign Affairs Office of Qinghai Province

Supervised by:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China

Xining, Qinghai, China

August 27 - 30, 2023

PROGRAM

August 27, 2023 (Sunday)

Afternoon Registration and Check-in

Qinghai Victory Hotel

(No. 160 Huanghe Road, Xining 810001 China)

Dinner Welcoming Banquet

August 28, 2023 (Monday)

Morning Excursion (Optional)

Ta'er Monastery

Lunch Buffet

Plenary Session

Kunlun Conference Hall, Qinghai Victory Hotel

15:00-15:30 Opening Ceremony

Moderator: Chen Dongxiao, President, SIIS, China

Speakers: (5 minutes/speaker)

Qinghai Province

H.E. Mr. Kairat Sarybay, Secretary General, the
Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building
Measures in Asia (CICA)

Cheng Wei, Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
China

H.E. Mr. Shakhrat Nuryshev, Ambassador of the
Republic of Kazakhstan to China

H.E. Mr. Sobirzoda Shukhrat Gulmakhmad, Deputy
Secretary General, Shanghai Cooperation
Organization (SCO) (Video Message)

15:35-15:45 Group Photo and Coffee Break

15:45-15:50 Adoption of the Agenda

Moderator: Chen Dongxiao, President, SIIS, China

**15:50-17:50 Session 1: Mutual Learning among Civilizations
and the Path to Coexistence among CICA Member
States**

Over the course of millennia, the cultural and civilizational evolution of CICA Member States has flowed like an expansive river, converging into the vibrant mosaic of contemporary Asia. The

diverse cultural landscapes of Asia serve as the crystallized embodiment of humanity's knowledge and wisdom, constituting precious treasures for each CICA Member State. Instead of becoming sources of division or confrontation, the variances in culture and civilization ought to be harnessed as inexhaustible propellers of mutual enrichment and shared understanding. Consequently, this Session is dedicated to exploring the following focal points:

1) What underlying commonalities and pronounced distinctions characterize the civilizations across CICA countries? Which reservoirs of knowledge and experiential insights do you consider most invaluable for steering the developmental trajectory of present-day Asia and warrant dissemination to the wider community?

2) Amidst the prevailing international and regional dynamics, how can CICA Member States actively foster exchanges and mutual learning among civilizations, underpinned by the principles of reciprocal respect and understanding? To what extent has your nation's historical civilization played a pivotal role in shaping its contemporary national developmental trajectory, and has it gleaned insights and inspiration from the wellspring of wisdom embedded in other Asian civilizations?

3) In light of the current international landscape, how can CICA

Member States channel their rich historical civilizations into fostering dialogue, understanding, and mutual learning? How can the diverse modes of modernization pursued by different nations be perceived in terms of historical and contemporary contexts, and what significance does the array of modernization models hold for the peaceful development of the region and the world?

4) As we progress towards constructing an intricate web of dialogue among Asian civilizations and intensify efforts to enhance mutual understanding, trust, solidarity, and cooperative ventures, how can the CICA mechanism assume a more robust role in driving these initiatives and further nurturing a climate of harmonious coexistence among its Member States?

Moderator: Li Yongquan, Director, Eurasian Social Development Research Institute, Development Research Center of the State Council, China

Speakers: (10 minutes/speaker)

1. ***The Asian Civilizations and CICA: Constructive Interplay for World Progress***

Yang Jiemian, President Emeritus and Chairman of the Academic Advisory Council, SIIS, China (online)

2. ***CICA and the World of Civilizational Pluralism***

Alexander Lukin, Director, Center for East Asian and

Shanghai Cooperation Organization Studies at Moscow State Institute of International Relations, (MGIMO-University), Russia (online)

3. **TBD**

4. ***Role of Regional Organizations in Fostering the Culture of Living Together Among Peoples***

Hasan Ulusoy, Chairman, Center for Strategic Research (SAM) of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye, Ambassador (online)

5. **TBD**

6. **Topic TBD**

Md. Jahan Shoieb, Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS)

7. **TBD**

8. ***Building Dialogue Among Civilizations Towards Mutual Understanding Among Regions***

Sheradil Baktygulov, Research Fellow, The National Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic (online)

Discussion: (40 minutes)

Dinner Buffet

August 29, 2023 (Tuesday)

Morning Excursion (Optional)

Museum of Natural Resources of Qinghai Province

Lunch Buffet

Plenary Session

Kunlun Conference Hall, Qinghai Victory Hotel

14:30-16:00 Session 2: Security, Stability, and Win-Win Cooperation among CICA Member States

The intensification of international geopolitical conflicts has brought about a period of seismic shifts in the global arena. The ongoing march of globalization has encountered unprecedented challenges, juxtaposed with a surge in international and regional conflicts, marked by the COVID-19 pandemic's successive blows to the world economy, including the economies of the Asian region. This juncture urgently requires a recalibration of strategies. Moreover, humanity is currently grappling with the global climate crisis, an escalation in biodiversity loss risks, and the advent of fresh challenges ushered in by the rapid advancement of emerging digital

technologies. On a global scale, the imperatives of green and digital transformation loom large, exacerbating the urgency for sustainable development initiatives. Amidst this complex and stern international landscape, CICA Member States are mobilizing effective countermeasures to mitigate diverse security risks while advancing collaborative efforts that cultivate shared gains. To this end, this Session is focused on deliberating the following pivotal inquiries:

1) How ought the multitude of systemic risks and challenges confronting the world and the local region be interpreted? Which of these risks are analogous to "gray rhinos" and "black swans," demanding vigilant attention? How can the CICA mechanism be optimized to proactively address, prevent, and resolve security risks?

2) Against the backdrop of certain nations amplifying ideological schisms, advocating "decoupling" and risk aversion, and advocating for "friend-shoring" production and supply chain restructuring, what is the outlook for the development of open economic systems globally and regionally? How should we perceive the dynamic evolution of various multilateral, plurilateral, and minilateral mechanisms in the realm of economic development in the region? What strategies are required to bolster regional economic cooperation, promote open and inclusive development

networks, and ensure the openness and stability of essential raw material supply chains?

3) In the face of intensifying global climate change and escalating risks of biodiversity loss, what novel opportunities and challenges are unfolding for CICA Member States, particularly in the realm of green development and energy transition? What lessons and effective cooperation experiences in the realm of sustainable development, including collective response to environmental and public health risks, can be shared among the nations of the region? What novel challenges necessitate collaborative efforts?

4) How have the advancements in emerging digital technologies presented a realm of new opportunities for CICA Member States? Conversely, what novel security risks have emerged, requiring strategic responses? How can CICA Member States harness the wave of technological innovation to drive societal transformation, and to what extent can the CICA provide invaluable support in navigating these transformative waters?

Moderator: Quan Heng, Party Secretary, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, China

Speakers: (10 minutes/speaker)

1. **Topic TBD**

Du Qinghua, Director, Institute for Economic Studies,

Qinghai Academy of Social Sciences, China

2. ***Middle Corridor: Connecting Azerbaijan with Central Asia and China***

Naghi Ahmadov, Leading Advisor, Center of Analysis of International Relations, Azerbaijan (online)

3. ***Establishment of the Central Asian Tropical Disease Network Promotes Whole Health Development***

Zhou Xiaonong, Director, National Institute of Parasitic Diseases, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention & Chinese Center for Tropical Diseases Research, Shanghai, China

4. ***Trust, Dialogue and Cooperation as a Basis for Comprehensive Interaction of the CICA Member States***

Akramjon Nematov, Deputy Director, Institute of Strategic and Regional Studies under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (online)

5. **Topic TBD**

Liu Yue, Deputy Director, Security Research Institute, China Academy of Information and Communications Technology

6. **Topic TBD**

Zhang Yujing, President, China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products; Chairman, CICA Business Council, China

7. ***Financial Cooperation along the “Belt and Road”***

Du Xijiang, Director, the “Belt and Road” Finance Research Institute, Export-Import Bank, China

Discussion: (20 minutes)

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

**16:15-17:45 Session 3: CICA as an International Organization:
Mechanism Building and Concept Innovation**

Symbolized by the Astana Summit, the CICA Conference has initiated the process of transitioning into an international organization, a pivotal hallmark of the CICA mechanism's leapfrog development. However, this transition process is intricate; it necessitates not only the establishment of more systematic and refined mechanisms but also innovations in security philosophies. As a significant platform for intellectual dialogue within the CICA framework, the CICA Think Tank Forum stands poised to furnish rich and effective knowledge provisions to facilitate the

transformation of the CICA mechanism.

Within this Session, we extend a warm welcome to experts from think tanks across nations, inviting them to delve into discussions concerning the progression of the CICA Conference's transformation into an international organization. We especially encourage valuable insights and suggestions encompassing the augmentation of pertinent organizational mechanisms, the advancement of conceptual paradigms, and the innovation of normative frameworks. Concurrently, we also invite experts to contribute to the evolution of the CICA Think Tank Forum by providing strategic recommendations for its growth and efficacy.

Moderator:

Speakers: (10 minutes/speaker)

1. **Topic TBD**

H.E. Mr. Kairat Sarybay, Secretary General, CICA

2. **Topic TBD**

Sun Zhuangzhi, Director, Institute of Russia, Eastern Europe & Central Asian Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), China

3. ***CICA as an International Organization: Mechanism Building and Concept Innovation***

Yerkin Tukumov, Director, Kazakhstan Institute for

Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan (online)

4. **TBD**

5.

Sheikha Najla Al Qassimi, Director, Global Affairs Division, Dubai Public Policy Research Centre (B'huth), Ambassador, UAE (online)

6. **TBD**

Discussion: (30 minutes)

17:45-18:00 Closing Ceremony

Moderator: Wang Zhizhong, Director General, Foreign Affairs Office of Qinghai Province, China

Speaker: Chen Dongxiao, President, SIIS, China

August 30, 2023 (Wednesday)

Morning Excursion (Optional)

Qinghai Lake

All Day Departure from Xining

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Qinghai, China

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H.E. Mr. **Shakhrat Nuryshev**, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to China

H.E. Mr. **Fariz Mehdawi**, Ambassador of the State of Palestine to China

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TECHNICAL GUIDELINE

The Eleventh Meeting of the CICA Think Tank Forum

1. The Eleventh Meeting of the CICA Think Tank Forum will be held on **August 28, 2023 at 15:00 – 17:50 & August 29, 2023 at 14:30 - 18:00 (Beijing time, GMT+8)** in Xining, Qinghai, China and via ZOOM platform.

2. Working languages of the Conference will be English and Russian. Chinese-English / Chinese-Russian simultaneous interpreting will be provided.

3. Please fill in the registration form online at <https://forms.gle/pgxkdyERH5EohQeC8>.

4. A **TEST** of webinar connection and interpretation channels will be conducted on **August 27, 2023 at 19:30 – 20:00 (Beijing time, GMT+8)**.

5. Link for Conference:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82166971582?pwd=SzdSOEZ3ZERNZ3RvZVBuQ2VZY3NVQT09>
Meeting ID: 821 6697 1582
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