



**SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION  
AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES IN ASIA**

**СЕКРЕТАРИАТ СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ  
И МЕРАМ ДОВЕРИЯ В АЗИИ**

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The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the Embassies of the Member States in Ankara, Dushanbe, Moscow, Nur-Sultan and Tashkent and has the honour to communicate the following.

The Russian side in capacity of the coordinator of implementation of Confidence Building Measures in the field of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) proposed to convene online “round table” titled as “Digital Economy and its Role in the Development of SMEs in CICA Member States” in October 2020. Concept paper is enclosed.

*Enclosure:  
as stated, on 1 p.*

In this regard, the Secretariat kindly requests the Member States to convey their consent for conducting the abovementioned event through the silence procedure expiring on 10 August 2020.

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

Nur-Sultan, 17 July 2020



**EMBASSIES OF CICA MEMBER STATES  
Ankara, Dushanbe, Moscow, Nur-Sultan, Tashkent**

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ONLINE ROUNDTABLE

**DIGITAL ECONOMY AND ITS ROLE  
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL  
AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES  
IN CICA MEMBER STATES**

as proposed by the Russian Federation

**C O N C E P T P A P E R**

**1. Objectives**

Given that the principle of economic cooperation is one of CICA's main principles, the roundtable will pursue the following main objectives:

- 1) assistance in the development and expansion of economic cooperation in the field of small and medium-sized entrepreneurship in CICA Member States;
- 2) exchange of experience and best practices concerning the existing capabilities of CICA Member States;
- 3) strengthening international ties and developing the export potential of SMEs in CICA Member States.

**2. Date and venue**

October 2020 (date TBC)  
via video conference

**3. Participants**

- government officials of CICA Member States;
- representatives of business associations and development institutions;
- representatives of the entrepreneurship community;
- experts from CICA Member States

**4. Topics for discussion**

- state policy in the development of SMEs and digital procedures for entrepreneurship development purposes;
- state programs aimed at involving SMEs in the digitalization of the economy;
- plans for the development and pace of digitalization;
- exchange of information on how to join the electronic trading platforms of CICA Member States.

**5. Organizational matters**

The event will be hosted by the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation. Due to the spread of COVID-19 it is suggested that the event be held remotely.