



**SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERACTION
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**СЕКРЕТАРИАТ СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ
И МЕРАМ ДОВЕРИЯ В АЗИИ**

№ BC/1234

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 Note No. BC/1209 of 9 October 2023, has the honour to inform that the Sixth Plenary Session of the CICA Business Council and the Eighth CICA Business Forum will be held on 13 November 2023 in the Astana International Financial Centre, located at 55/18 Mangilik El Ave., Pavilion C3.4, Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan.

These events will take place in a hybrid format.

The following materials are forwarded herewith to the members of the CICA Business Council:

- Brief concept paper of the Sixth Plenary Session of the Business Council and the Eighth Business Forum of CICA;
- Decision of the Board of the CICA Business Council of 18 August 2023;
- Agenda of the Sixth Plenary Session of the Business Council;
- Draft agenda of the Seventh Plenary Session of the Business Council;
- Draft decision of the Business Council;
- Preliminary programme of the Sixth Plenary Session of the Business Council and the Eighth Business Forum;
- Registration form;
- Technical guidelines for online participation.

*Enclosure:
as stated,
on 14 p*

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



The Secretariat kindly requests to register for these events before 6 November 2023. In addition, the Secretariat informs that registration is preferred online at <https://s-cica.org/registration/>

The Secretariat kindly draws attention to the fact that investment projects are expected to be presented during the Eighth Business Forum and invites CICA Member States to present their own projects to the event participants.

The contact persons for the Sixth Plenary Session of the CICA Business Council and the Eighth CICA Business Forum are:

- Ms. Tolganai Umurzakova, Manager of the Chamber of International Commerce of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs "Atameken", cell phone: +7 (747) 321 62 22, email: t2011290433@gmail.com;
- Ms. Akmaral Kinzhebayeva, Senior Officer of the CICA Secretariat, WhatsApp number: +7 (705) 423 81 00, email: a.kinzhebayeva@s-cica.org

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

Astana, 18 October 2023



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№ ВС/1234

Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и, ссылаясь на ноту № ВС/1209 от 9 октября 2023г., имеет честь сообщить, что шестое пленарное заседание Делового совета СВМДА и восьмой Бизнес-форум СВМДА состоятся 13 ноября 2023 года в Зале торгов Международного финансового центра «Астана», расположенного по адресу: пр. Мәңгілік Ел 55/18, павильон СЗ.4, г. Астана, Республика Казахстан.

Указанные мероприятия состоятся в гибридном формате.

В приложении для внимания членов Делового совета СВМДА направляются следующие материалы:

- краткую концепцию шестого пленарного заседания Делового совета и восьмого Бизнес-форума СВМДА;
- решение Правления Делового совета СВМДА от 18 августа 2023 года;
- повестку дня шестого пленарного заседания Делового совета;
- проект повестки дня седьмого пленарного заседания Делового совета;
- проект решения Делового совета;
- предварительную программу шестого пленарного заседания Делового совета и восьмого Бизнес-форума;

*Приложение:
упомянутое,
на 14 л.*

**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ
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- регистрационную форму;
- техническое руководство для участия онлайн.

Секретариат любезно просит осуществить регистрацию на указанные мероприятия до 6 ноября 2023 года. Кроме того, Секретариат сообщает, что регистрация предпочтительна онлайн по адресу: <https://s-cica.org/registration/>

Секретариат обращает внимание на то, что в ходе восьмого Бизнес-форума планируется презентация инвестиционных проектов, и приглашает государства-члены СВМДА представить собственные проекты участникам мероприятия.

Контактными лицами по вопросам проведения шестого пленарного заседания Делового совета СВМДА и восьмого Бизнес-форума СВМДА являются:

- г-жа Толганай Умурзакова, менеджер Внешнеторговой палаты Национальной палаты предпринимателей «Атамекен», мобильный номер: +7(747) 321 62 22, электронная почта: t2011290433@gmail.com;
- г-жа Акмарал Кинжебаева, старший специалист Секретариата СВМДА, номер WhatsApp: +7(705) 423 81 00, электронная почта: a.kinzhebayeva@s-cica.org

Секретариат пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить государствам-членам СВМДА уверения в своем весьма высоком уважении.

город Астана, 18 октября 2023 г.

Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің немесе АӨСШК) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және 2023 жылғы 9 қазандағы № ВС/1209 нотаға сілтеме жасай отырып, АӨСШК Іскерлік кеңесінің алтыншы пленарлық отырысы мен сегізінші АӨСШК Бизнес-форумы 2023 жылғы 13 қарашада Қазақстан Республикасы, Астана қаласы, Мәңгілік Ел даңғылы 55/18, СЗ.4 павильоны мекенжайында орналасқан «Астана» Халықаралық қаржы орталығының Сауда залында өтетінін хабарлауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

Аталған іс-шаралар гибридті форматта өтеді.

Қосымшада АӨСШК Іскерлік кеңесі мүшелерінің назарына келесі материалдар жіберіледі:

- АӨСШК Іскерлік кеңесі алтыншы пленарлық отырысының және сегізінші Бизнес-форумының қысқаша тұжырымдамасы;

- АӨСШК Іскерлік кеңесі Басқармасының 2023 жылғы 18 тамыздағы шешімі;

- Іскерлік кеңестің алтыншы пленарлық отырысының күн тәртібі;

- Іскерлік кеңестің жетінші пленарлық отырысының күн тәртібінің жобасы;

- Іскерлік кеңес шешімінің жобасы;

- Іскерлік кеңес алтыншы пленарлық отырысының және сегізінші Бизнес-форумның алдын ала бағдарламасы;

- тіркеу нысаны;

- онлайн қатысушыларға арналған техникалық ақпарат.

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**АЗИЯДАҒЫ ӨЗАРА ІС-ҚИМЫЛ ЖӘНЕ
СЕНІМ ШАРАЛАРЫ КЕҢЕСІНЕ
МҮШЕ МЕМЛЕКЕТТЕР**

Хатшылық аталған іс-шараларға 2023 жылғы 6 қарашаға дейін тіркелуді сұрайды. Сонымен қатар, Хатшылық тіркеуді келесі мекен-жай бойынша онлайн режимінде өткізген жөн деп хабарлайды: <https://s-cica.org/registration/>

Хатшылық сегізінші Бизнес-форум барысында инвестициялық жобаларды таныстыру жоспарланып отырғанына назар аударады және Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерді қатысушыларға өз жобаларын ұсынуға шақырады.

АӨСШК Іскерлік кеңесінің алтыншы пленарлық отырысын және сегізінші АӨСШК Бизнес-форумын өткізу мәселелері бойынша байланыс тұлғалары:

- Толғанай Умурзакова ханым, «Атамекен» Ұлттық кәсіпкерлер палатасы Сыртқы сауда палатасының менеджері, ұялы телефон нөмірі: +7(747) 321 62 22, электрондық пошта: t2011290433@gmail.com;

- Ақмарал Кинжебаева ханым, Азия Кеңесі Хатшылығының аға маманы, WhatsApp нөмірі: +7 (705) 423 81 00, электрондық пошта: a.kinzhebayeva@s-cica.org

Хатшылық осы мүмкіндікті пайдалана отырып, Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын тағы да растайды.

Астана қаласы, 2023 жылғы 18 қазан

Brief concept paper of the Sixth Plenary Session of the Business Council and the Eighth Business Forum of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA)

(13 November 2023, Trading Hall of Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC), Mangilik El, 55/18, C3.4, Astana, Kazakhstan)

Aims and objectives:

- Discussing challenges and opportunities of doing business in the fields of renewable energy, food security and green finance.
- Engaging potential external partners in the CICA process aimed at promoting peace and security in Asia.
- Discussing the ways of enhancing cooperation between small and medium enterprises in the CICA space.
- Creating a network among CICA Member States for continuous exchange of information on good practices and developments on the proposed matters.
- Contributing to the reinvigoration of international economic cooperation.
- Exploring avenues of collaboration with other CICA bodies (Think Tank Forum, etc.).

Who would benefit?

Small and medium enterprises will be better equipped to work in the fields of renewal energy, food security and green finance by generating new ideas and sharing best practices during the interactive discussion.

What is CICA Business Council?

The CICA Business Council is an advisory body operating within the economic dimension of CICA to promote cooperation among the Member States in the field of SMEs. The CICA Business Council consists of three members from each of the 28 CICA Member States, two of which represent business communities, while the third one performs on behalf of a national state body responsible for the development of SMEs. The Business Council activity is supervised by the Chairman of the Board representing the CICA Chairmanship. At the moment, Chairman of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of Kazakhstan Mr R.Batalov chairs the Business Council, his deputies from Russia, Thailand and Türkiye provide him with every assistance. The CICA Secretariat coordinates all the activities related to the above-mentioned CICA events, including the development of programme and maintaining correspondence

with participants. It is expected that the Business Council's session will be followed by the Business Forum.

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan H.E. Alibek Bakayev will open the event in his capacity as CICA Chairman.

Programme

The Business Council and the Business Forum activities will be focused on the prospects of cooperation of the CICA Member States in renewable energy, food security and green finance. The presentations of the Business Council and the Business Forum participants will highlight the national competitive advantages and business development opportunities. The proposals to establish joint ventures and simplify the business environment will be on the table as well.

The CICA Business Council is expected to take note that the CICA Secretary General, as decided by the CICA Business Council Board, has requested the CICA Think Tank Forum to:

- Conduct research on “National approaches and incentives used by the CICA Member States to support small and medium enterprises” and hold a related seminar in 2024 with the participation of members of the CICA Business Council;
- Conduct research on “Involvement of women in small and medium enterprises in the CICA region with a focus on the challenges they face and the opportunities available to expand their participation and achieve success” and prepare a related progress report at the Seventh Plenary Session of the CICA Business Council in 2024.

The Sixth Plenary Session will be followed by the Eighth Business Forum, during which investment projects from CICA Member States will be presented. We invite all interested businesses to showcase their projects and capture the focus of the attending business communities.

Guests

It is proposed that the following guests be invited as speakers: Islamic Organization for Food Security, Eurasian Development Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, Asian Development Bank, and UN Women in Kazakhstan.

Other organizational matters

There will be an opportunity to hold business-to-business and government-to-business meetings, considering that the Business Council and the Business Forum will be attended by business circles and government bodies of Member States. All participants of the events will bear their own expenses in respect of their accommodation and meals.

The CICA Secretariat will provide simultaneous English/Russian interpretation during the session of the Business Council and the Business Forum.

The focal points for the event are manager of the Chamber of International Commerce of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan “Atameken” Ms Tolganai Umurzakova: t2011290433@gmail.com, cell phone +7 (747) 321 62 22, and Senior Officer of the CICA Secretariat Ms Akmaral Kinzhebayeva: a.kinzhebayeva@s-cica.org, (WhatsApp) +7 (705) 423 81 00, www.s-cica.org



DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS COUNCIL BOARD

The Business Council Board at its meeting on 18 August 2023 in Astana agreed on the following:

1. Submitting the following documents for approval by the CICA Business Council:

- Updated draft agenda of the Sixth Plenary Session of the Business Council;
- Draft programme of the Sixth Plenary Session of the Business Council;
- Brief Concept Paper for the Sixth Plenary Session of the Business Council and the Eighth Business Forum of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA);
- Preliminary draft agenda of the Seventh Plenary Session of the Business Council.

2. Sending invitations through the CICA Secretariat to representatives of the Eurasian Development Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, Asian Development Bank, Islamic Organization for Food Security, and UN Women Kazakhstan to speak at the Sixth Plenary Session of the CICA Business Council.

3. The responsibility for determining the precise date and venue of the Sixth Session of the CICA Business Council has been shared between the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan “Atameken” and the CICA Secretariat.

4. Recommending that CICA Secretary General Ambassador Kairat Sarybay make the following requests to the CICA Think Tank Forum:

- Commissioning research on "National Approaches and Incentives Implemented by the CICA Member States to Foster Small and Medium

Enterprises”. This research should culminate in a joint seminar to be convened in 2024, inviting active participation and discourse from members of the CICA Business Council.

- Undertaking an in-depth study on “Advancing the Role of Women in Small and Medium Enterprises across the CICA Region”. The focus of this research will be to pinpoint the challenges encountered by women entrepreneurs and to explore avenues for amplifying their involvement and achievements. The results of this research shall be presented in the form of a comprehensive report during the Seventh Plenary Session of the CICA Business Council in 2024.

Agenda of the Sixth Plenary Session of the CICA Business Council

1. Adoption of the agenda of the Sixth Plenary Session of the Business Council
2. Information on establishing synergy between CICA Business Council and CICA Think Tank Forum by:
 - Conducting research on “National approaches and incentives used by the CICA Member States to support small and medium enterprises” and hold a related seminar in 2024 with the participation of members of the CICA Business Council;
 - Conducting research on “Involvement of women in small and medium enterprises in the CICA region with a focus on the challenges they face and the opportunities available to expand their participation and achieve success” and prepare a related progress report at the Seventh Plenary Session of the CICA Business Council in 2024
3. Arrangement of study tours to successful small and medium enterprises of the CICA Member States
4. Draft agenda of the Seventh Plenary Session of the CICA Business Council and the Ninth Business Forum
5. Discussion on food security in the CICA Member States
6. Discussion on green finance in the CICA Member States
7. Discussion on renewable energy in the CICA Member States
8. Adoption of the decision of the Sixth Plenary Session of the CICA Business Council, encompassing the agenda, location, and timing of the Seventh Plenary Session

Agenda
of the Seventh Plenary Session
of the CICA Business Council 2024

- 1. Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for SME Development**
Discussion on the Integration of Artificial Intelligence into Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to Foster Growth.

- 2. Enhancing Cross-border Trade through E-Commerce Advancements**
Exploring Strategies to Boost Cross-border Trade and Foster Growth Opportunities in E-Commerce.

- 3. Navigating New Challenges in Logistics and Infrastructure**
Addressing Emerging Challenges in Logistics and Infrastructure and Exploring Innovative Solutions.

- 4. Empowering Women in Small and Medium Business across the CICA Region**
Exploration of Challenges, Opportunities, and Pathways to Enhance Participation and Success.

- 5. Prioritizing Sustainable Development in SMEs**
Highlighting the Significance of Sustainable Development within SMEs and Exploring Implementation Approaches.

Decision of the Sixth Plenary Session of the CICA Business Council

1. To take note of the reports of the members of the Business Council on renewable energy, food security and green finance in the CICA Member States.
2. To request the CICA Think Tank Forum through the CICA Secretary General to:
 - Conduct research on “National approaches and incentives used by the CICA Member States to support small and medium enterprises” and to hold a related seminar in 2024 with the participation of members of the CICA Business Council;
 - Conduct research on “Involvement of women in small and medium enterprises in the CICA region with a focus on the challenges they face and the opportunities available to expand their participation and achieve success” and prepare a related progress report at the Seventh Plenary Session of the CICA Business Council in 2024.
3. To adopt the following agenda items of the Seventh Plenary Session of the CICA Business Council in 2024:
 - **Leveraging artificial intelligence for SME development**
Discussion on the integration of artificial intelligence into small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to foster growth;
 - **Enhancing cross-border trade through e-commerce advancements**
Exploring strategies to boost cross-border trade and foster growth opportunities in e-commerce;
 - **Navigating new challenges in logistics and infrastructure**
Addressing emerging challenges in logistics and infrastructure and exploring innovative solutions;
 - **Empowering women in small and medium enterprises across the CICA region**
Exploring challenges, opportunities, and pathways to enhance participation and success;

- **Prioritizing sustainable development in SMEs**
Highlighting the significance of sustainable development within SMEs and exploring implementation approaches.
- 4. To determine the fourth quarter of 2024 as the approximate period for holding the Seventh Plenary Session of the CICA Business Council.

**Joint Programme of the
Sixth Plenary Session of the CICA Business Council and
the Eighth CICA Business Forum
Cooperation Prospects of the CICA Member States in
Food Security, Renewable Energy and Green Finance**

Date: 13 November 2023

Venue: Trade Hall conference room, AIFC

Format: Hybrid

Moderator: Marat Birimzhan

Opening ceremony		
10:00-10:25	Time limit	Speakers
	10:00-10:05	<i>Opening remarks by Chairman of the Board of the CICA Business Council, (Chairman of the Presidium of the Atameken National Chamber of Entrepreneurs) Raimbek Batalov</i>
	10:00-10:10	<i>Welcoming remarks by Minister of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan Alibek Kuanturov</i>
	10:10-10:15	<i>Welcoming remarks by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan Alibek Bakayev (upon agreement)</i>
	10:15-10:20	<i>Remarks by CICA Secretary General Ambassador Kairat Sarybay</i>
	10:20-10:25	<i>Welcoming remarks by Head of Office a.i. of UN Women Kazakhstan Dina Amrisheva</i>
Part 1 Food Security		
10:25-11:15	Time limit	Speakers
	10:25-10:35	Theme: <i>Presentation by the representative of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (tbc)</i>
	10:35-10:45	What measures has China taken to protect global food security?
	10:45-10:55	Mutual trade as the key to food security <i>Representative of the Eurasian Development Bank (tbc)</i>
	10:55-11:05	Sustainable development of agro-industry in the region to ensure food security <i>Presentation by Deputy Chairman of the Board of the CICA Business Council, Head of the International Cooperation Directorate of the Federal Corporation for the Development of Small and Medium Enterprises (Russian Federation) Pavel Kondrashov</i>

	11:05-11:15	Food security research <i>Türkiye</i>
Part 2 Renewable Energy		
11:15-11:55	Time limit	Speakers
	11:15-11:25	<i>Deputy Chairman of the BC Board from the Kingdom of Thailand (tbc)</i>
	11:25-11:35	<i>Representative of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (tbc)</i>
	11:35-11:45	<i>Business representative from Korea (KOTRA)</i>
	11:45-11:55	<i>Kazakh Green</i>
Part 3 Green Finance		
11:25-11:50	11:55-12:05	<i>BC member from China (tbc)</i>
	12:05-12:15	ADB in green finance development <i>Representative of the Asian Development Bank (tbc)</i>
	12:15-12:25	<i>A business representative from Qatar</i>
Closing		
	12:35-12:40	<i>Closing remarks by Chairman of the Board of the CICA Business Council, (Chairman of the Presidium of the Atameken National Chamber of Entrepreneurs) Raimbek Batalov. Adopting decisions on:</i> - the agenda of the Seventh Plenary Session of the Business Council; - the synergy between CICA Business Council and CICA Think Tank Forum: Research and intercessional activities - the venue and date of the Seventh Plenary Session of the Business Council.
12:40-14:30	Buffet lunch on behalf of the CICA Secretary General	
14:30-17:00	Presentation of investment projects on Food Security, Renewable Energy, Green Finance	
	13:30-13:35	Construction of a gas turbine power plant. Kazakhstan
		<i>Presentation of investment project 2</i>
		<i>Presentation of investment project 3</i>
		<i>Presentation of investment project 4</i>
		<i>Presentation of investment project 5</i>
		<i>Presentation of investment project 6</i>
		<i>Presentation of investment project 7</i>
		<i>Presentation of investment project 8</i>
		<i>Presentation of investment project 9</i>
		<i>Presentation of investment project 10</i>
		<i>Presentation of investment project 11</i>
		<i>Presentation of investment project 12</i>

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REGISTRATION FORM

for the hybrid Sixth Plenary Meeting of the CICA Business Council and

Eighth Business Forum

13 November 2023

Member State:	
Prefix (Mr./Mrs./Ms.):	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Position (incl. organization):	
Phone number:	
E-mail:	
Would you deliver a statement?	
Offline/online attendance:	

Kindly type in your information and return this registration form by 6 November 2023 to the following e-mail address: s-cica@s-cica.org and a.kinzhebayeva@s-cica.org

Technical guidelines

Sixth Plenary Session of the CICA Business Council and Eighth Business Forum (13 November 2023)

- The meeting will be held offline and online via the Zoom platform on 13 November 2023.
- The working languages of the meeting are English and Russian.
- Each participant is required to log on to the Zoom platform preferably 10 minutes before the scheduled time.
- While accessing the Zoom platform, all participants are requested to type the **name of their country** (for example: Republic of Kazakhstan) as identification.
- All participants are kindly requested to keep their mics muted during the meeting. When a participant wishes to speak, he/she may raise hand virtually by using the button “Raise Hand”.
- The link for the meeting:

CICA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84889274216?pwd=mCcfVsI1DZ9T6avBfCquyYfjXVf8iW.1>

Meeting ID: 848 8927 4216

Passcode: 394013

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