



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.