

2019 ASTANA FINANCE DAYS programme

July 1-4, 2019

Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

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Overview

In 2019, we analyse what happened in this decade and look forward to finding new ways and roads. Nur-Sultan is a brand-new name on the global financial market—can it also offer new opportunities? Astana Finance Days, a multi-day finance festival, will try to answer these questions, raise new issues, and propose new ideas that will shape regional and global financial markets.

Astana Finance Days will open its doors for global thinkers, policy makers, representatives from business, public service, and academia. It will also gather representatives of all current AIFC tenants and members of the councils and boards of AIFC bodies.

	Time	Event	Venue
July 1st	09:30-18:00	Getting trained for IPO <i>(by invitation only)</i>	Expo pavilion C4.4
	10.15-13.00	IPO Financing	C4.4
	10.15-13.00	Pre-IPO Accounting and Audit	C4.4
	10.15-13.00	IPO risk factors	C4.4
	10.15-13.00	Importance of soft power	C4.4
	10.15-13.00	Corporate Governance session/ IOD	C4.4
	10.15-13.00	IPO laws and regulations	C4.4
	10.15-13.00	The role of Investor Relations	C4.4
	15.00-18.00	Workshop session, b2b	C4.4
	12:00-14:00	Infrastructure Finance Roundtable Eurasia and Emerging Markets: competition or cooperation?	C3.2, #233, New York Hall
	14:30-16:00	Oil & Gas Workshop led by IHS Markit	C4.4, Hall C
	15:30-16:30	Workshop for legal practitioners on 'Different Types of Legal Entities in the AIFC' by Michael Blair QC, Chairman of the LAC	C3.1, #138, Aiteke Bi Hall
	16:30-18:30	AIFC Law Pro Bono Office Launch	C3.1, #362, Pro Bono Office
July 2nd	09:00-18:00	FinTech Summit	C4.3, #145
	10:00-11:00	Panel 1: Global Fintech Trends that will impact Central Asia	C4.3, #145
	11:30-12:30	Panel 2: Share the experience: Fintech trends to Eurasia	C4.3, #145
	14:00-16:00	Visa Everywhere Initiative - Final Demo Session	C4.3, #145
	16:30-17:30	Panel session 3: Understanding the Tech in Fintech - What are the emerging sectors to watch?	C4.3, #145
	09:00-18:00	EdTech Forum	C4.4
	9.30 - 11.00	Plenary session, Dispute: «The future of learning»	Hall B
	11.30 - 13.00	Technological Session: Progressive Growth	Hall B
	11.30 - 13.00	CPD Session: Life Long Learning	Hall P
	11.30 - 13.00	Academic partners session	Hall C
	11.30 - 13.00	EdCrunch Session: Inspiration	Mediateka
	14:30 - 16:00	Mentorship marathon	Hall B

	14:30 - 16:00	HR UPEN (TBC)	Hall P
	14:30 - 16:00	KIMEP Centre opening MOU signing ceremonies Berkeley MOU signing ceremony	Hall C
	16.30 - 17.30	Mentorship marathon	Hall B
	16.30 - 17.30	Accenture workshop	Mediateka
	11:00-14:00	Grand Opening of the AIFC Court and International Arbitration Centre premises	C3.1, Tole Bi Hall, Aiteke Bi Hall
	tbc	AIFC Investment Platform Official Presentation and Launch	tbc
	09:30-17:00	11th Meeting of the Working Group on Economic Cooperation of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States <i>Limited access event hosted by the Ministry of National Economy of Kazakhstan</i>	C4 floor 3
July 3rd			
	08:00-09:00	AIX Business Breakfast (by invitation)	C3.4, #135
	09:00-18:00	3rd Capital Markets Forum	C3.4, #109, Frankfurt Hall
	09:30 – 11:00	Plenary session : Silk Road Opportunities - Financing the Belt and Road Projects (Belt Economics and AIX, high level plenary session)	C3.4, 1 floor Plenary session hall
	11:30 – 13:00	Panel Session: The Prospects of Capital Market Development in Emerging Markets – Obstacles and Opportunities	C3.4, #109, Frankfurt Hall
	14:30 – 15:15	Presentations and Q&A session Privatization of National Assets - "Kazatomprom" Experience	C3.4, #109, Frankfurt Hall
	15:15 – 16:00	Panel session: 5 things that may make difference to the economy of Kazakhstan	AIX Trading Hall
	16:30 – 18:00	Panel session: Prospects for new products - ETFs, REITs, junior mining	C3.4, #109, Frankfurt Hall
	09:00-18:00	Infrastructure Finance Forum	C3.2, #127, Shanghai Hall
	09:30 - 11:00	Session 1: New Silk Road Opportunities - Financing the Belt and Road Projects (Belt Economics & AIX, high level plenary session)	C3.4, #109, Frankfurt Hall
	11:30 - 13:00	Session 2: International Financial Centres: the outlook to 2025 and beyond jointly with World Alliance of International Financial Centres	C3.2, #127, Shanghai Hall
	14:30 - 16:00	Session 3: Transport connectivity and regional integration of the New Silk Road Market.	C3.2, #127, Shanghai Hall
	16:30 - 18:00	Session 4 : BRI: Beyond Physical Infrastructure	C3.2, #127, Shanghai Hall
	09:00-16:30	AIFC Islamic Finance Conference	C3.1, #138, Aiteke Bi Hall
	10:15-11:00	Presentation of the Islamic Finance Master Plan	C3.1, #138,

			Aiteke Bi Hall
	11:30-12:00	Presentation by the Islamic International Rating Agency	C3.1, #138, Aiteke Bi Hall
	12:00-13:00	Panel Session: Shari'ah Minds in Islamic Finance	C3.1, #138, Aiteke Bi Hall
	14:30-15:30	Panel Session: Global Trends in Islamic Finance	C3.1, #138, Aiteke Bi Hall
	15:30-16:00	Presentation of the Book "How to Succeed in Islamic Banking and Finance" by Dr. Humayon Dar	C3.1, #138, Aiteke Bi Hall
	08:00-17:00	AIFC Law Conference <i>(by invitation only)</i>	Nazarbayev Centre
	09:30 - 10:20	Panel session on benefits of the AIFC legal framework	Nazarbayev Centre
	10:20 - 11:10	Panel session on the legal profession in the AIFC	Nazarbayev Centre
	11:10 – 12:00	Panel session on the AIFC Court	Nazarbayev Centre
	13:30 – 14:20	Panel session on the AIFC International Arbitration Centre	Nazarbayev Centre
	14:20 – 15:10	Panel session on new opportunities in the AIFC	Nazarbayev Centre
	15.20 - 17.00	Networking	Nazarbayev Centre
	tbc	9th Meeting of the Ministers in Charge of Economy of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States <i>Limited access event hosted by the Ministry of National Economy of Kazakhstan</i>	C3.3, #106 Istanbul Hall, #109
	tbc	Private Equity panel session <i>(Kazyna Capital Management & KPMG)</i>	tbc
	09:30-17:00	3rd Meeting of the Executive Board of Islamic Organisation for Food Security	Hilton Astana
July 4th	09:00-13:00	AIFC Islamic Finance Conference	C3.1, Aiteke Bi Hall
	09:30-11:00	ITFC, ICD, ICIEC Workshop Part I	C3.1, Aiteke Bi Hall
	11:30-13:00	ITFC, ICD, ICIEC Workshop Part II	C3.1, Aiteke Bi Hall
	15:00-17:30	IAC Arb-Med Demonstration	C3.4, #135, Trades Hall
	09:30-13:00	Business VS/& Media <i>(by Atameken Business Channel)</i>	C3.2, Shanghai Hall #127
	15:00-16:30	Lecture by Belt Economics (in process)	C3.2, Shanghai Hall #127
	18:00-19:30	Legal Talks	C3.2, Shanghai Hall #127

July 1st

Getting trained for IPO

9:30-18:00**Astana International Campus BCPD, Mangilik el 55/23, Expo pavilion C4.4**

The “Getting trained for IPO” is a new initiative of the Bureau for Continuing Professional Development aimed to organize the platform for collaboration of market leading companies preparing for IPO (Initial Public Offering), consulting experts, opinion leaders, investment companies and BCPD Training Centre’s professional certification programs. We aim to facilitate transformation of the people, processes and culture of an organization in structured and managed manner in preparation for IPO. The program includes guest lectures by our top international partners in the spheres of finance, accounting and audit, corporate governance, investment relations, HR. The event focuses on actual issues referred to the sphere of IPO, what challenges companies may encounter during the process of ‘going public’ and solutions that AIFC experts can give.

Networking lunch will take place in the Hilton Astana Hotel and will achieve business goals for attracting as more companies as we can into the AIFC eco-system interaction. The event focuses on actual issues referred to the sphere of IPO, what challenges companies may encounter during the process of ‘going public’ and solutions that AIFC experts can give.

9:30 - 10:00 - Registration and welcome coffee-break**10.00-10:15 - Official Opening****Yernur Rysmagambetov**, deputy CEO, AIFC Authority
“Professional development challenges of IPO”**10.15-13.00 Panel sessions****“IPO Financing”****Sam Jianqiang WAN**, Deputy CEO, AIX
Renat Bekturov, CFO, AIX**“Pre-IPO Accounting and Audit”****Vikas Aggarwal**, Regional Head of Policy – Emerging Markets, ACCA**“IPO risk factors”****Marion Le Bruchec** - VP, Business Development Director, EMEA, GARP**“Importance of soft power”****Evgeniya Ni**, Air Astana Vice President HR and Administration**Corporate Governance session/ IOD (Institute of Directors)****Prof. Alexander Van de Putte**, Chairman of the AIFC Academic Council and Chief Strategy Officer of the AIFC Governor’s Council**“IPO laws and regulations”**

Zan Hub and Scadden (TBC)

“The role of Investor Relations”**Heiner Hartwich**, Chief Private Banking Officer at AIFC**13.00-13.15 - Presentation by BCPD partners****13.30-15.00 - Networking business lunch****15.00-18.00 - Workshop session, b2b**

July 1st Infrastructure Finance Roundtable

C3.2, 2nd floor, #233, New York

12.00 - 14.00 - Roundtable: Eurasia and Emerging Markets: competition or cooperation?

In the current state of events, cooperation and strategic partnerships play an immense role in international integration and promotion of mutual benefits. Strong convergence and rounded support along with pursuing development goals for every counterpart are inevitably set to be the driving forces behind achieving growth and stability. Yet, the issue of stand-alone economic policies and enhancing a comparative advantage for the emerging economy is still to be raised. Competition and comparisons create major incentives for being dynamically and economically efficient. Drawn from the experiences of international organizations (e.g. ASEAN, SCO, etc.) what lessons are to be learned for the emerging states? Given a relatively small market size of the Central Asian region, is there a room for successful cooperation and how effective are the regional integration initiatives? What role is to be played by the AIFC as one of the main platforms for upholding cooperative relations or further strengthening competitive advantage of individual participants?

Moderators:

1. **Aziza Umarova**, CEO, SmartGov Consulting **(Confirmed)**
2. **Kate Mallinson**, Associate Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Program, Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs **(Confirmed)**

Speakers:

1. **Lord Daniel Brennan QC**, Member of the House of Lords, UK **(Confirmed)**
2. **Lord Francis Maude**, Former Minister of State for Trade and Investment, UK **(Confirmed)**
3. **Dr. Daming Cheng**, Executive Director, Investment Banking, China International Capital Corporation Limited **(Confirmed)**
4. **Ato Brown**, Country Manager for Kazakhstan, The World Bank **TBC**
5. **Cassandra Colbert**, Regional Manager for Central Asia, International Finance Corporation **(Confirmed)**
6. **Dr. Andres Velasco**, Dean of the School of Public Policy, The London School of Economics and Political Science **TBC**
7. **Dr. Donald Low**, Senior Lecturer and Professor of Practice, Institute of Public Policy, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology **TBC**
8. **Alexander Gabuev**, Senior Fellow and Chair, Russia in the Asia-Pacific Program, Carnegie Moscow Center **(Confirmed)**
9. **Marc Uzan**, Executive Director, Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee **TBC**
10. **Baurzhan Bektemirov**, Chief Economist, Astana International Financial Centre **(Confirmed)**

14.30 - 16.00 - Session: Oil & Gas Workshop

C4.4, Hall C

Led by IHS Markit

July 1st

**Workshop for legal practitioners on 'Different Types of Legal Entities
in the AIFC' by Michael Blair QC, Chairman of the LAC**

15.30 – 16.30

**AIFC, C3.1, #138, Aiteke Bi Hall
Hosted by AIFCA Legal Group**

July 1st

AIFC Law Pro Bono Office Launch

16.30 – 18.30

**AIFC Law Pro Bono Office, C.3.1, #362
Hosted by AIFCA Legal Group**

Ceremonial Launch of the AIFC Law Pro Bono Office will take place for the benefit of the AIFC and AIFC Participants. The term *pro bono* is short for the Latin “pro bono publico”, which means “for the public good”. The term generally refers to free legal services that a professional provides to society. The AIFC Law Pro Bono Office allows individuals and companies representatives who cannot afford a lawyer the ability to seek advice and consultation on legal issues that arise within the AIFC jurisdiction from volunteer lawyers free of charge.

July 2nd FinTech Summit

09:00-18:00

C 4.3, #145

Hosted by AIFC FinTech Hub

Expected number of participants: 120-200 (FINTECH startups, developers, mentors of the program from partner companies, medium and senior management of banks, IT vendors, representatives of accelerators/incubators/hubs, investors)

09:00— 09:30 - The Grand opening of the day AIFC and Visa

Askar Zhumagaliyev - opening speech, Minister of digital development, defense and aerospace industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Kairat Kelimbetov - greeting speech, Governor of AIFC

09:30—10:00- TBD (successful startup experience share)

Speakers: TBD

10:00—11:00 - Panel 1: Global Fintech Trends that will impact Central Asia

Moderator: Afiq Johar

1. **Matthew Nicholls**, Fidor (TBC)
2. **Varun Mittal**, EY
3. **Nameer Khan**, MENA Fintech Association
4. **Chia Hock Lai**, Singapore Fintech Association
5. **Sam Tidswell**, principal Motive Partners
6. **Erez Shachar**, founder of Qumra Qapital (VC from Israel)

11:00—11:30 - Coffee Break

11:30—12:30 - Panel 2: Share the experience: Fintech trends to Eurasia

Moderator: Sam Tidswell

1. **Adam Kene**, CEO of Kene partners
2. **Pavel Novikov**, Director of blockchain and fintech center Skolkovo
3. **Adil Nurgozhin**, Managing Director of “NMH “Baiterek” JSC
4. **Jochen Biedermann**, MD of WAIFC, Founder and CEO of blockchain (Asia) Ltd
5. **Eugen Lisnyak**, Visa, Senior Director, Head of Strategic Partnerships, Fintech & Ventures
6. **Nargis Dusmatova**, Fintech expert in Mirzo Ulugbek Innovation Centre

12.30 -13.00 - MOU/LoI signing ceremonies

Kairat Kaliyev and partners/ Moderator : Afiq Johar

13:00—14:00 - Lunch

14:00—16:00 - Visa Everywhere Initiative - Final Demo Session

Startup pitch session (21 startups in front of the jury)

5 min per startup for pitch and Q&A

Moderator: Taras Volobuev

16:00—16:30 - Coffee break

16:30—17:30 - Panel session 3: Understanding the Tech in Fintech - What are the emerging sectors to watch?

Moderator: Xiaochen Zhang (FinTech4Good)

1. **Barbara Meynert** (AI in banking)
2. **Kenta Iwasaki**, Perlin (Blockchain)
3. **Uzy Zwebner** (Cybersecurity)
4. **Deng Di** (Tai cloud)
5. **Prof Douglas Arner** (Hong Kong Uni) - Talent Development

17:30—18:00 - AIFC and Visa Everywhere Initiative Award ceremony

Nurlan Kussainov to congratulate the winners (tbc)

Moderator: Taras Volobuev

July 2nd

Edtech Forum: People. Inspiration. Progressive growth

C4.4

Hosted by AIFC BCPD

The main purpose of the EdTech Forum is to involve people in digital connectivity and progressive growth, as well as to inspire for lifelong learning and enhance education system. The forum will explore the future of learning and how it should be linked to regional economic development. Furthermore, the forum will focus on recent technological developments and solutions that fundamentally transform the way education is delivered worldwide.

Edtech Forum program includes panel sessions, workshops and master classes on current topics, such as: the profession of the future, the transformation of education, modern trends and global practices in the use of technology in education, as well as a lot of useful content.

9.00 – 9.30 - Registration

Venue: Atrium

Welcome coffee in BCPD café

9.30 - 11.00 - BCPD grand opening, Atrium

EdTech Alley tour

Keynote Speakers:

1. **Kulyash Shamshidinova**, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan (TBC)
2. **Kairat Kelimbetov**, Governor of the AIFC

Plenary session, Dispute: «The future of learning»

Venue: Hall B

1. **Vikas Aggarwal**, Regional Head of Policy – Emerging Markets ACCA Global
2. **Marion Le Bruchec**, Vice President, Business Development, EMEA Director, GARP
3. **Dr Giuseppe Balocchi**, CFA, Partner at Alpha Governance Partners, a former Governor of CFA Institute and a member of CFA Institute's Future of Finance Content Council
4. **Kwame Yamgnane**, The Hive Co-founder, 42 co-founder, researcher of future trends (TBC)
5. **Gregory La Blanc**, Faculty Director, Berkeley FinTech Institute

11:00 - 11:30 - Coffee Break «One Million Cups»

Bureau Cafe

11.30 - 13.00

Technological Session: Progressive Growth

Hall B

1. **Kwame Yamgnane**, The Hive Co-founder, 42 co-founder, researcher of future trends

2. **Gregory La Blanc**, Faculty Director, Berkeley FinTech Institute “Digital transformation”
3. **Bibin Shivas**, Head of Customer Success, Coursera

11.30 - 13.00 Life Long Learning/CPD Session

People Hall P

1. **Dr Giuseppe Ballocchi**, CFA, Partner at Alpha Governance Partners, a former Governor of CFA Institute and a member of CFA Institute’s Future of Finance Content Council
2. **Vikas Aggarwal**, Regional Head of Policy – Emerging Markets ACCA Global “Learning for the Future”
3. **Marion Le Bruchec**, Vice President, Business Development, EMEA Director, GARP

11.30 - 13.00 Academic track

Academic Universities Hall C

ALMAU, KIMEP, APA, AUES, NU
SWUFE, Hamad Bin Khalifa University

11.30 - 13.00 EdCrunch Session : Inspiration

Mediateka

- **Nurlan Kiyassov**, Founder and Program Director of the #EdCrunch conference

Microsoft (TBC) Networking zone Khan academy case (TBC)

13:00-14:30 - Lunch & learn

BCPD café

14.30 - 16.00

Mentorship marathon Hall B

Education Technologies are revolutionizing the way we learn and the EdTech alley will provide a platform to build collaboration, foster networks, and empower education stakeholders across region and beyond. The EdTech community will present their initiatives for conference speakers.

Hall B
Coursera, Berkley, EdCrunch, local experts
All speakers

12 projects

14.30 - 16.00

Hall P - people HR

Jenny Zapf, Director & Senior Fellow Education Entrepreneurship Program Teaching, Learning, and Leadership Division Graduate School of Education University of Pennsylvania

14.30 - 16.00

KIMEP Centre opening

MOU signing ceremonies

16:00-16:30 - Coffee break**16.30 - 17.30 Mentorship marathon**

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8 projects**16.30 - 17.30****Accenture workshop (TBC)**

Maria Grigorieva, Managing Director, Technology/Operations/Digital lead for Accenture Russia

Accenture Book presentation “Human+Machine”**17.30 - 18.00 - Closing ceremony****July 2nd****Grand Opening of the AIFC Court and
International Arbitration Centre (“IAC”) premises****11:00 – 14:00**

EXPO site, C 3.1, AIFC Court Hearing Room, AIFC Court and IAC Lecture Theatre

Hosted by the AIFC Court & IAC

1. **Dr. Kairat Kelimbetov**, Governor of the AIFC
2. **The Rt. Hon. The Lord Woolf CH**, Chief Justice, AIFC Court
3. **Ms. Barbara Dohmann QC**, Chairman, IAC
4. **Mr. Christopher Campbell-Holt**, Registrar and Chief Executive, AIFC Court and IAC

July 2nd**AIFC Investment Platform Official Presentation and Launch**

venue & time TBC

Hosted by AIFC BD Group

July 2nd**11th Meeting of the Working Group on Economic Cooperation
of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States**

C4

09:30-17:00

limited access event hosted by the Ministry of National Economy of Kazakhstan

July 3rd
The 3rd Capital Markets Forum
Economy financing through capital market instruments

08:00-18:00

C3.4, #109, Frankfurt Hall

Hosted by Astana International Exchange

150-200 people

8:00-9.00 - Business Breakfast

AIX trading hall

9:00-09:30 - Registration - Welcoming coffee

09:30 – 11:00 - Plenary session: Silk Road Opportunities - Financing the Belt and Road Projects (Belt Economics and AIX, high level plenary session) (C3.4, 1 floor)

JOINT SESSION WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE FORUM

Financing has always been the core part of infrastructure development. Long-term investment require participation from state funds with high corporate governance. How successful are PPP schemes in financing Belt & Road projects? Another raising issue is debt financing: after first five years of BRI we see both positive and negative experience. What corporate governance principles can solve the problems and how Astana can help to avoid these risks. Lastly, the session will also discuss new opportunities offered by AIX.

Keynote: TBD

Moderator: Lady Barbara Judge CBE, Chairman of the Board, Astana Financial Services Authority **(Confirmed)**

Speakers:

1. **Dr. Kairat Kelimbetov**, Governor, Astana International Finance Centre **TBC**
2. **Dr. Tian Guoli**, Chairman of the Board and President, China Construction Bank Corp., Ltd. **TBC**
3. **Liu Shaotong**, Executive Vice President, Shanghai Stock Exchange; Member of BoD, AIX **(Confirmed)**
4. **Dr. Xie Duo**, Chairman, Silk Road Fund Co., Ltd. **TBC**
5. **Victor Fung**, Honorary Chairman, Li & Fung Limited **TBC**
6. **Dr. Ryad Yousuf**, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs **TBC**
7. **Kanat Alpysbayev**, Managing Director, National Welfare Fund "Samruk-Kazyna" **TBC**

11:00 – 11:30 - Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 - Panel Session: The Prospects of Capital Market Development in Emerging Markets – Obstacles and Opportunities

To develop the capital market in the country several ingredients are required to be in place: accessible technological infrastructure, a pool of brokers and investors, as well as a wide range of products for

investment. What are the obstacles and opportunities in the development of the field in emerging markets including Kazakhstan?

Keynote: Yerbolat Dossayev, The Governor, The National Bank of Kazakhstan **TBC**

Moderator: Yelena Bakhmutova, Chairperson, Association of Financiers of Kazakhstan **TBC**

Speakers

1. **Tim Bennett**, CEO, AIX
2. **Barry Chan**, Head of Investment Banking, Hong Kong of CICC (TBC)
3. **Christophe Charlier**, Chairman, Renaissance Capital (TBC)
4. **Vladimir Jaros**, CEO, Wood&Co (TBC)
5. **Zhu Sheng**, Executive Director of Global Business Development Department, Shanghai Stock Exchange (confirmed)
6. **Timur Turlov**, Founder and Chairman, Freedom Finance (TBC)
7. **Farkhad Okhonov**, Deputy CEO, Halyk Finance (TBC)
8. **Anuar Ushbayev**, CEO, Tengri Capital (TBC)

13:00-14:30 - Lunch

14:30 – 15:15: Presentations and Q&A session

Privatisation of National Assets - “Kazatomprom” Experience

Kazatomprom is the first national company which went to IPO within the Privatisation Programme 2016-2020. What advantages did it bring to the company and its shareholders? How is the SWF ‘Samruk-Kazyna’ preparing for the listing of its other large assets? What are the benefits of IPO for the public? Why is it important to involve local retail investors in trading of the national companies shares on stock exchange? The difference between of being a state owned and private business

Moderator: Tim Bennett, CEO, AIX

Speakers:

1. **Almasadam Satkaliyev**, Managing Director, SWF “Samruk-Kazyna” (TBC)
2. **Galymzhan Pirmatov**, CEO, JSC NC “Kazatomprom” (TBC)
3. **Dauren Karabayev**, CFO, JSC NC “KazMunaiGas” (TBC)
4. **Hans-Paul Burkner**, Chairman, Boston Consulting Group (TBC)

15:15 – 16:00 Panel session: “5 things that may make difference to the economy of Kazakhstan”

AIX Trading Hall

The country's economy is viewed as an environment in which the development of the stock market takes place. Is it good for business to build its development based on public investments, or what are the factors that do not let business developing in a more dynamic pace?

Moderator: Riaz Rizvi, Chief Commercial Officer, JSC “Kaztomprom” (TBC)

1. **Rakhim Oshakbayev**, Head, Research Centre “Talap” (TBC)
2. **Saken Zhumashev**, Managing Partner, KPMG (TBC)
3. **Erik Lalo**, Managing Director, Lazard (David Gadmer, Executive Director – back-up) (TBC)

16:00 – 16:30 - Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00 - Panel session: Prospects for new products - ETFs, REITs, junior mining

What is the state of the structured products market in the country? What opportunities do investors and issuers have? What kind of products will be offered to its clients by AIX in the coming years?

Keynote: Aidyn Rakhimbayev, CEO, BI-Group CEO (TBC)

Moderator: Sergey Kotov, Managing Director, Regional Executive Russia & Eastern Europe at BNY Mellon

Speakers:

1. **Nikolai Radostovets**, Executive Director, Kazakhstan Association of Mining and Metallurgical Companies (TBC)
2. **Nigel Robinson**, CEO, Central Asia Metals (TBC)
3. **Gleb Yakovlev**, CEO, ITI Funds (TBC)
4. **Eduard Yegay**, Director, M&A, ERG (TBC)
5. **Grigoriy Isayev**, Director, RenCap (TBC)
6. **Temirlan Mukhanbetzhanov**, Deputy Chairman of the Board, AIFC
7. **Arman Tastanbekov**, CLO, AIX
8. **Igor Burlakov**, Sova Capital (TBC)
9. **Maxim Nazimok**, CFO, Polymetal (TBC)
10. **Alexandra Yeong**, Senior Director, Investment Products, Securities and Futures Commission (TBC)

July 3rd Infrastructure Finance Forum

(C3.4, #109, Frankfurt Hall)

Hosted by AIFCA Belt Economics

09:30 – 11:00 - Session 1 : New Silk Road Opportunities - Financing the Belt and Road Projects (Belt Economics & AIX, high level plenary session)

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C3.2, 1st floor, #127, Shanghai Hall

**11:30 – 13:00 - Session 2: International Financial Centres: the outlook to 2025 and beyond
jointly with World Alliance of International Financial Centres**

In the last decades the role of IFCs has been changing with the shift in the balance of power between leading IFCs in Asia, North America and Europe. During the session a series of questions will be analysed to understand what will drive the competitiveness of IFCs in the future. What are investors looking for from their IFC in today's fast changing world economy? Who is investing and to what extent is regulation/transparency informing their choice? Attractiveness of emerging vs. established IFCs to investors? What makes an IFC competitive – regulation, governance, innovation, services etc.? What are the prospects for innovation, diversification and specialization?

Speakers list is being formed.

14:30 – 16:00 - Session 3

Transport connectivity and regional integration of the New Silk Road Market.

From year to year, global integration and connectivity widens horizons and opens up new opportunities for the economic development. How regional integration and better transport connectivity can enhance the economy of the New Silk Road Market? What are key the milestones for Kazakhstan in this process?

Keynote: TBD

Moderator: Alexander Gabuev, Senior Fellow and Chair, Russia in the Asia-Pacific Program, Carnegie Moscow Center **(Confirmed)**

Speakers:

1. **Lord Francis Maude**, Former Minister of State for Trade and Investment, UK **(Confirmed)**
2. **Yan Yan**, Chairman, China Chengxin International Credit Rating Co., Ltd. **(Confirmed)**
3. **Dr. Li Wang**, Global Managing Partner, DeHeng Law Offices **(Confirmed)**
4. **Dr. Akash Deep**, Professor of Finance, Harvard Kennedy School **(Confirmed)**
5. **Shozey Jafferri**, International Trade Advisor, UK Trade & Investment, Government of the United Kingdom **TBC**
6. **Rizwan Soomar**, CEO & Managing Director of Subcontinent Region, DP World PLC **TBC**

MoU with CCXI

16:30 – 18:00 - Session 4: BRI: Beyond Physical Infrastructure.

Despite the name, Belt & Road Initiative was never only about physical infrastructure. This session will discuss the importance of digital infrastructure, as well as the development of other industries along the New Economic Silk Way. What is Digital Silk Way and what role tech companies will play in the region. How regional energy or agriculture projects will affect trade & investment and how would that influence overall economic growth.

Keynote: TBD

Moderator: Prof. Barbara Meynert, Senior Advisor, Fung Group, Member of the AIFC Advisory Council on Fintech **(Confirmed)**

Speakers:

1. **Antonio De Gregorio**, Managing Director, Refinitiv **(Confirmed)**
2. **Prasad Bhamre**, Independent non-executive Director, Astana International Financial Centre Authority **TBC**
3. **Dr. Donald Low**, Senior Lecturer and Professor of Practice, Institute of Public Policy, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology **TBC**
4. **Assem Kenzhebek**, Managing Partner, Center of Financial Advisors **TBC**
5. **Xiao Guangrui**, CEO, Beijing Bridata Technology Co., Ltd. **(Confirmed)**
6. **Vikas Aggarwal**, Regional Head of Policy – Emerging Markets, ACCA **(Confirmed)**

July 3rd

AIFC Islamic Finance Conference

09:00-16:30

Expo Pavilion C3.1, 1st floor "Aiteke Bi" Hall

Number of participants: 90

9.00-10.00 - Registration

10.00-10.05 - Recitation of The Holy Quran

10.05-10.15 - Welcome remarks:

Dr. Kairat Kelimbetov, Governor of the AIFC (TBC)

10.15-11.00 - Presentation of the Islamic Finance Master Plan

This presentation will share key outcomes of the assignment to be conducted by the consultant under the technical assistance of the Islamic Development Bank.

Speakers:

Professor Dato' Dr. Mohd Azmi Omar, President & Chief Executive Officer, INCEIF; Lead Consultant of ZICO Shariah Advisory Services Sdn. Bhd, Malaysia

11.00-11.30 - Coffee break

11.30-12.00 – Presentation by the Islamic International Rating Agency

Sabeen Saleem, CFA, Chief Executive Officer, Islamic International Rating Agency, Bahrain

12.00-13.00 - Panel Session: Shari'ah Minds in Islamic Finance

One of the unique features of Islamic Finance is the presence of Shari'ah Advisory Boards. The session will address the following questions:

- How to become a Shari'ah scholar? What qualifications do they need?
- What is the role of Shari'ah scholars in Shari'ah governance and why their role is important in the development of Islamic Finance?
- What challenges Shari'ah boards and scholars face vis-a-vis shareholders and management of the financial institutions offering Islamic financial services?

Moderator:

Dr. Humayon Dar, Director General of the Cambridge Institute of Islamic Finance, United Kingdom (TBC)

Speakers:

Dr. Mohd Daud Bakar, Chairman of the AIFC Central Shari'ah Advisory Board, Chairman, Shariah Advisory Council, Bank Negara Malaysia, Securities Commission Malaysia

Sheikh Esam Ishaq, Member of the AIFC Central Shari'ah Advisory Board, Member of the Shar'iah Supervisory Board at the Central Bank of Bahrain, Deputy Chairman of the Governance and Ethics Board of the Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI), Bahrain (TBC)

Dr. Mohammed Ali Ibrahim Elgari – Member of the AIFC Central Shari'ah Advisory Board, Chairman of the Shar'iah Advisory Board at Amanie Advisors, Member of the Shar'iah Advisory Board at the Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI), Advisor of the International Islamic Liquidity Management Corporation (TBC)

Dr. Imran Ashraf Usmani, Member of the AIFC Central Shari'ah Advisory Board, President & CEO, Usmani&Co, Pakistan (TBC)

Sheikh Maxatbek Kairgaliyev, Member of the AIFC Central Shari'ah Advisory Board, Director, Sharia consulting LLP, Kazakhstan

13.00-14.30 - Lunch and Prayer time

14.30-15.30 - Panel Session: Global Trends in Islamic Finance

Given the industry's current size and composition, Islamic finance is still a niche market in the overall global financial industry. Growing commitment towards Sustainable and Responsible Investments makes Islamic Finance an attractive tool of financing. This session will address the current state of practice of Islamic finance around environmental & social issues and discusses key opportunities and challenges for its further development.

Moderator:

Daud Vicary Abdullah, Chairman of the AIFC Advisory Council on Islamic Finance; Managing Director, DVA Consulting Sdn Bhd, Malaysia

Speakers:

Dr. Rifaat Ahmed Abdel Karim, Member of the AIFC Advisory Council on Islamic Finance; Visiting Professor, ICMA Centre Henley Business School, University of Reading, Sudan (TBC)

Dr. Hurriyah El Islamy, Member of the AIFC Advisory Council on Islamic Finance; Executive Board, Hajj Pilgrims Funds Management Agency, Indonesia (TBC)

Abdelilah Belatik, Member of the AIFC Advisory Council on Islamic Finance; Secretary General of the General Council of Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI), Bahrain (TBC)

Yerlan Bidaulet, Secretary General of the Islamic Organisation for Food Security, Kazakhstan (TBC)

Linar Yakupov, Member of the AIFC Advisory Council on Islamic Finance, President of Association of Regional Investment Agencies, Tatarstan (TBC)

15.30-16.00 - Presentation of the Book "How to Succeed in Islamic Banking and Finance" by Dr.

Humayon Dar, Director General of the Cambridge Institute of Islamic Finance, United Kingdom

16.00-16.30 - Coffee break, Networking

July 3rd
AIFC LAW CONFERENCE
AIFC LAW: FURTHER STEPS TO DEVELOPMENT

08:00-17:00**Nazarbayev Centre****Hosted by AIFCA Legal Group****08.00 – 09.00 - Registration & Welcome Coffee****09.00 – 09.30 - OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

The opening of the Conference by:

Dr. Kairat Kelimbetov, Governor of the AIFC**Keynote address:****The Rt. Hon. The Lord Woolf CH**, Chief Justice of the AIFC Court**Igor Rogov**, Deputy Acting Director of the Foundation of the First President of Kazakhstan – Elbasy**09.30 – 10.20 - PANEL SESSION ON BENEFITS OF THE AIFC LEGAL FRAMEWORK***This panel will focus on AIFC Legal Framework. The panelists will cover the advantages of the AIFC jurisdiction and share important updates on AIFC Legal Framework.***Moderator:****Simon FT Cox**, Member of the AIFC Legal Advisory Council, Senior Consultant at Norton Rose Fulbright**Speakers:**

1. **Michael Blair QC**, Chairman of AIFC Legal Advisory Council, Leading Counsel at 3 Verulam Buildings Barristers (“AIFC in Operation: One Year On”)
2. **Paul Pullinger** , Ozara Services Ltd (“Practical Aspects of the AIFC Legal Entities Framework”)
3. **Francis Fitzherbert-Brockholes**, Member of the AIFC Legal Advisory Council, Partner of Counsel at White & Case (“Practical Aspects of the AIFC Contract Legal Framework”)

Q&A**10.20 – 11.10 - PANEL SESSION ON THE LEGAL PROFESSION IN THE AIFC***This panel will cover features of the legal profession in the AIFC.***Moderator:****Alison Hook**, Co-founder of Hook Tangaza, former Director and Head of International at the Law Society of England and Wales**Speakers:**

1. **David Gallo**, Expert to the AIFC Authority (“Legal Education as a Prerequisite for Legal Market Development”)
2. **Christopher Campbell-Holt**, Registrar and CEO of AIFC Court and International Arbitration Centre (“Rights of audience in the AIFC Court”)
3. **Chris Kenny**, Chief Executive and Secretary of MDDUS, former Chief Executive of the Legal Services Board (“Vision on regulation of the legal profession in the AIFC”)

Q&A

11.10 – 12.00 - PANEL SESSION ON THE AIFC COURT

This panel will focus on features of litigation in the AIFC and the AIFC Court advantages.

Moderator:

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Woolf CH, Chief Justice of the AIFC Court

Speakers:

1. **The Rt. Hon. Sir Jack Beatson FBA**, Justice of the AIFC Court (“The Commercial Law Jurisdiction of the AIFC Court”)
2. **The Rt. Hon. Sir Rupert Jackson**, Justice of the AIFC Court (“Judicial Mediation”)
3. **Thomas Montagu-Smith QC**, Justice of the AIFC Court (“Small Claims Disputes”)

Q&A

12.00 – 13.30 - Lunch

13.30 – 14.20 - PANEL SESSION ON THE AIFC INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE

This panel will focus on alternative dispute resolution of the AIFC based on the best international arbitration and mediation practice. The panelists will discuss opportunities and advantages of services offered by the AIFC International Arbitration Centre.

Moderator:

Barbara Dohmann QC, Chairman of the AIFC International Arbitration Centre

Speakers:

1. **Barbara Dohmann QC**, Chairman of the AIFC International Arbitration Centre (“Update on International Arbitration Centre”)
2. **Dr. Stephan Grigolli**, Member of the IAC Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators (“IAC Arbitration - A Tool to Promote Business Relations in Eurasia and Beyond”)
3. **Thomas Kruemmel**, Member of the IAC Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators (“IAC Arbitration - A Modern Key to Efficient International Dispute Resolution”)

Q&A

14.20 – 15.10 - PANEL SESSION ON NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AIFC

This panel will focus on development of the transport, maritime and other initiatives in the AIFC based on the best international practice. The panellists will discuss new opportunities in the AIFC in the light of rapidly changing environment and increasing demands.

Moderator:

Adam Richardson, Partner at HFW

Speakers:

1. **Paul Aston**, Partner at HFW (“The aspects of development of Maritime Law in Singapore and how AIFC can benefit from transport and logistics”)
2. **Mark Beer OBE**, President of the International Association for Court Administration (“Benefits of Being an Early Adopter of AIFC based on DIFC Experience”)
3. **Gregory Tanzer**, Member of the Board of Directors of Astana Financial Services Authority (AFSA) (“Future Perspectives of Financial Regulation in the AIFC”)

Q&A

15.10 - 15.20 - Closing remarks

Dr. Kairat Kelimbetov (tbc), Governor of the AIFC

15.20 - 17.00 - Networking reception

July 3rd

9th Meeting of the Ministers in Charge of Economy of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States

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hosted by the Ministry of National Economy of Kazakhstan

C3.3, #106 Istanbul Hall, #109

time TBC, duration: 3.5 hours

1. **Ruslan Dalenov**, Minister of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan
2. **Mr. B. Amreyev**, Secretary General of the Turkic Council
3. **Mr. Mustafayev Shahin Abdullah**, Minister of Economic Development of the Republic of Azerbaijan **TBC**
4. **O. Pankratov**, Minister of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic **TBC**
5. **Mrs. Rukhsar Pekcan**, Minister of Trade of the Turkish Republic **TBC**
6. **Mihai Varga**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Hungary **TBC**

July 4

AIFC Islamic Finance Conference

09:00-13:00

Expo Pavilion C3.1, 1st floor “Aiteke Bi” Hall

Number of participants: 90

09.00-09.30 - Registration

09.30-11.00 - ITFC, ICD, ICIEC Workshop Part I (TBC)

This session will discuss measures to support private business with the Islamic finance tools

Speakers:

Representative of the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC)

Representative of the Islamic Corporation for Development of the Private Sector (ICD)

Representative of the Islamic Corporation for Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC)

11.00-11.30 - Coffee break

11.30-13.00 - ITFC, ICD, ICIEC Workshop Part II (TBC)

This session will discuss measures to support private business with the Islamic finance tools

Speakers:

Representative of the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC)

Representative of the Islamic Corporation for Development of the Private Sector (ICD)

Representative of the Islamic Corporation for Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC)

July 4th

IAC Arb-Med Demonstration

15:00 – 17:30

EXPO site, C 3.4, #135 (AIX Trades Hall)

Hosted by the AIFC Court & International Arbitration Centre

Moderator

Mr. Christopher Campbell-Holt, Registrar and Chief Executive

1. **Dr. Kairat Kelimbetov**, Governor of the AIFC – Welcoming speech
2. **Ms. Barbara Dohmann QC**, Chairman, IAC
3. **Dr. Stephan Grigolli**, Member of the IAC Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators
4. **Mr. Thomas Kruemmel**, Member of the IAC Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators

July 4th Legal Talks

(Speakers and topics TBD)

18.00 – 19.30

C.3.2, Shanghai Hall #127

Hosted by AIFCA Legal Group

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