

Caspian Week 2019 in Davos brings together over 80 visionaries from 20 countries

In-depth panels focusing on women's leadership, mobility and transportation, free trade and globalization, robotics and manufacturing innovations, urbanization and climate change, artificial intelligence and cybersecurity, biotech and healthcare, digital innovations and sustainable fashion.

Davos, January 19th, 2018 – [Caspian Week 2019](#), the 3rd annual conference aimed to develop the human, economic and environmental potential of the Greater Caspian Region, will kick off in Davos, Switzerland, next Monday during the World Summit. This year, 83 government officials, C-level executives, academics, investors and innovators from 20 countries will come together to discuss new business models evoked by recent inventions, innovations and disruptions pertaining leading edge information technologies.

Among the honoured guests of Caspian Week 2019 are Prime Minister of Georgia **H.E. Dr. Mamuka Bakhtadze**; Minister of Healthcare, Republic of Kazakhstan **Dr. Y. A. Birtanov**; Minister of National Economy, Republic of Kazakhstan, **Timur Suleimenov**; Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Switzerland **H.E. Zhanar Aitzhanova**; **Dr. Frederik Schlingemann** and **Mateusz Benko**, UN Environment European office and Interim Secretariat of the Tehran Convention; Governor at Astana International Financial Centre Kazakhstan **Kairat Kelimbetov**; President of Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan, Executive Director for Academic Exchange and Cooperation, UN Association of Japan **Sukehiro Hasegawa**; and Ex-Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Germany **Vladimir Kotenev**, among others. The full list of speakers and a detailed agenda of the event are herewith attached.

Two new institutions will be launched during the conference: the **Caspian Arbitration Society** where top legal professionals and arbitrators experienced in the Greater Caspian Region will

develop the most innovative set of arbitration rules, and the **Caspian Ambassador Club** that will bring together the most prominent experts to represent and promote the region.

Vesselin Popovski, former UN official and diplomat, Professor and Vice Dean, Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, and one of the Caspian Week 2019 speakers, noted: “The Caspian Week has advanced significantly and now has a central stage within the many events in Davos. This year it will launch The Caspian Ambassador- a new initiative, which comes timely after the adoption of the Convention of the Legal Status of the Caspian Sea in August 2018. This club will be composed of eminent diplomats, senior academics and business leaders who will act as a ‘Collective Ambassador’ to enhance a fruitful business environment and globally promote the social and economic development of the Caspian countries.”

The intense business agenda of the five day conference will be complemented by a spectacular Opening Ceremony, followed by Caspian and Georgian Nights, “Night in Belvedere” Sustainable Fashion show, a Folklore Concert and Gala Dinner. Guests will be treated to unforgettable performances by award-winning singers, DJs, composers and fashion designers.

The Caspian Week conference will be held for the 3rd consecutive year. The [inaugural event in 2017](#) was dedicated to one trillion USD investment opportunities in the Caspian Region and gathered together more than 500 participants. [In 2018](#), with 1300 participants, the discussions were centred around the future of new technologies, with particular attention to blockchain applications. This year, 1500 people are expected to attend the Caspian Week.

The Caspian Week 2019 will take place from 21 to 25 January in the heart of Davos, on Promenade 61, within walking distance of the Congress Centre. Last-minute registration is possible via the [official website](#).

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About Caspian Week

Caspian Week is an annual conference held since 2017 in Davos, Switzerland, during the World Summit. Our mission is to support the realization of the human and economic potential of the Greater Caspian Region and to improve its environmental situation.

The Caspian region, home to some of the oldest civilizations in the world, is made up of five coastal countries surrounding the Caspian Sea – Russia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan. While not a Caspian coastal state, a considerable amount of Uzbekistan's territory, along with its energy resources, lies within the Caspian's geological basin. The Caspian countries also have historical and cultural connections with Georgia and Turkey. The Caspian economic, cultural and ethnic ties extend well into Eastern Europe and Asia, making it a real regional hub.

The Caspian Week Conference is organized by [Integral Petroleum SA](#) and supported by the Switzerland – Russia & CIS Joint Chamber of Commerce, the Lugano Commodity Trading Association and the International Commodities & Derivatives Association, among others.

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Caspian Week 2019 Panelists

1. **Ainur Turisbek**, Designer, Almaty, Kazakhstan
2. **Alba Medina**, Co-founder, Dalia Empower, Mexico City, Mexico
3. **Alexander Ivlev**, CIS Managing Partner, EY, Moscow, Russia
4. **Andrei Grigorov**, Co-Founder & CEO, CEREALIA, Lausanne, Switzerland
5. **Angelo Scorza**, Editor in Chief and Founder, Ship2Shore, Genoa, Italy
6. **Angie Hartmann**, President, WISTA Hellas; Starbulk S.A., Maroussi, Greece
7. **Bibop Gresta**, CEO & Co Founder, Hyperloop, Los Angeles, USA
8. **Bozhanka Vitanova**, NSF I-Corps Instructor, Brandeis University, USA
9. **Bryan Fok**, Associate, Solicitor, Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd, Geneva, Switzerland
10. **Cholley Paydar-Bavanpour**, Founder, Cholley SA, Lugano, Switzerland
11. **Daniel C. Crosby**, Partner, King & Spalding, Geneva, Switzerland
12. **David Peradze**, General Director, Georgian Railway LLC, Tbilisi, Georgia
13. **Despina Panayiotou Theodosiou**, President, WISTA International; CEO, Tototheo Maritime, Limassol, Cyprus
14. **Don Harkleroad**, Lawyer, The Bristol Company, Roswell, USA
15. **Dr. Aleksandra Gadzala**, CEO, Magpie Advisory, Zurich, Switzerland
16. **Dr. Alessandro Trivilini**, Head Digital Forensics Lab, University of Applied Sciences of Southern, SUPSI, Lugano-Manno, Switzerland
17. **Dr. Hua Fan**, Head of department "Alternative investment", China Investment Corporation, Beijing, China
18. **Dr. Jan Hoffmann**, Chief of Trade Logistics Branch, DTL at UNCTAD, Geneva, Switzerland
19. **Dr. Juan Lopez-Villarejo**, Head of Machine Vision Program - Data Scientist, Office for the Promotion of Industries and Technologies, Geneva, Switzerland
20. **Dr. Mamuka Bakhtadze**, Prime Minister of Georgia
21. **Dr. Mourad Lamrani**, Director, Menicon Co., Ltd., Geneva, Switzerland
22. **Dr. Pietro Poretti**, International Trade Consultant & Head, Economic Development, City of Lugano, Switzerland
23. **Dr. Raj Kumar**, Founding Vice Chancellor, Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, India
24. **Dr. Y. A. Birtanov**, Minister of Healthcare of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Astana
25. **Dr. YenKong Hodu**, Professor of International Economic Law, Manchester University, USA
26. **Enrico Roselli**, CEO, LaMartina, Italy
27. **Frederik Schlingemann**, Senior Advisor, UN Environment- Europe office International Environment House, Interim Secretariat of the Tehran Convention, Geneva.
28. **Giorgio de Carlo**, General Director, Quaeris, Breda di Piave, Italy
29. **H.E. Mr. Zulfiquar Z Ghadiyali**, CEO, Private office H.H.Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Saeed Bin Tahnoon Al Nahyan, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
30. **H.E. Ramon M. Lopez**, The Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Republic of the Philippines
31. **H.E. Zhanar Aitzhanova**, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Switzerland, Bern, Switzerland
32. **Inigo Merino**, Digital Transformation Expert SAP, Spain
33. **Irene Pivetti**, President, Only Italia, Logistics & Trading, Milan, Italy
34. **Irina Nikitina-Haefliger**, President, Musical Olympus Foundation, Russia/Switzerland; Chair, Committee for Culture, Space Nation of Asgardia
35. **Jianqiang Wan**, Deputy CEO, Astana International Exchange (AIX), Astana
36. **Kairat Kelimbetov**, Governor of Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC), Kazakhstan
37. **Katerina Stathopoulou**, Investments & Finance LTD, Piraeus, Greece
38. **Laurent Horvath**, Drone Urban Air Mobility Swiss Ambassador, Leader of the Drone-Taxi initiative, Industrial Promotion Office, Geneva, Switzerland
39. **Leon Shpilsky**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Space Nation of Asgardia

40. **Louis de Bruin**, Blockchain Leader Europe, IBM Blockchain leader Europe, Amsterdam, Netherlands
41. **Luka Groselj**, Associate, Attorney at law, Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd, Geneva, Switzerland
42. **Marc P. Bernegger**, Board Member Crypto Finance Group, Zurich, Switzerland
43. **Marco Compagnino**, CM LEGAL - Studio Legale, Lugano, Switzerland
44. **Marco Gaia**, Head of the regional Center South, MeteoSwiss, Locarno, Switzerland
45. **Marco Passalia**, Secretary General, LCTA and member of the Parliament, Ticino, Switzerland
46. **Maria Koteneva**, President of the Board of Trustees of the young leaders organization “New Generation: Russia -Germany”, Member of Ambassadors’ Club, Berlin, Germany
47. **Marina Gracia March**, Co-Founder, Start Universe, Spain
48. **Mateusz Benko**, Tehran Convention Officer, UN Environment- Europe office International Environment House, Interim Secretariat of the Tehran Convention, Geneva
49. **Matteo Bonfanti**, Center for Security Studies, ETH, Zurich, Switzerland
50. **Monty C. M. Metzger**, CEO, LCX AG (Liechtenstein Cryptoassets Exchange), Liechtenstein
51. **Nail Maganov**, General Director, JSC Tatneft, Almetyevsk, Republic of Tatarstan, Russia
52. **Olesya Nazarova**, Founder, Appareal, Geneva, Switzerland
53. **Paolo Lezzi**, Executive VP, Eucacs, Milan, Italy
54. **Paolo Sironi**, FinTech Thought Leader, IBM, Frankfurt Am Main Germany
55. **Pascal Buchner**, Director Information Technology Services and Chief Information Officer, IATA, Geneva, Switzerland
56. **Pratibha Jain**, Founding partner, Nishith Desai Associates, Delhi, India
57. **Prof. Antoine Geissbuhler**, MD, Director, Digital Transition, University of Geneva, Switzerland
58. **Prof. Heinrich Bonnenberg**, Berlin, Germany
59. **Prof. Ruslan Grinberg**, Academic Supervisor, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow, Russia
60. **Prof. Xavier Oberson**, Professor, University of Geneva, Switzerland
61. **Prof. Xiankun Lu**, Managing Director, Ledeco, Geneva, Switzerland
62. **Ray Leonard**, President, Anglo-Eurasian LLP, Houston, USA
63. **Representative of the Government of Georgia**, Tbilisi
64. **Robert Zaremba**, CTO, CEREALIA, Lausanne, Switzerland
65. **Rolf Endriss**, CFO, Swissponic, Lugano, Switzerland
66. **Sana Belgibayeva**, SNCT Sanicount, Lausanne, Switzerland
67. **Sarah Hunt**, Partner, HFW, Geneva, Switzerland
68. **Sergey Shumakov**, CEO and Director, Russia – Kultura TV Channel, Moscow, Russia
69. **Simon Goodman**, Leading Expert on Caspian Seal conservation, Leeds University, England
70. **Souleïma Baddi**, CEO, Komgo, Geneva, Switzerland
71. **Stephan Siegenthaler**, Board Member, Chief Strategy Officer & Marketing and Sales, Implantica, Zug, Switzerland
72. **Sukehiro Hasegawa**, President of GPAJ, Executive Director, Academic Exchange of UN Association of Japan. Former Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to Timor-Leste
73. **Swithun Still**, Director, Solaris Commodities, Morges, Switzerland
74. **Thierry Beaupied**, Head of trading, Trans-oil International SA, Lausanne, Switzerland
75. **Timur Suleimenov**, Minister of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty
76. **Ugo Panizza**, Professor, The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland
77. **Vesselin Popovski**, Professor and Vice Dean, Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University. Former UN official and diplomat
78. **Virgilius Stanciulescu**, IT Director, National Authority for Management and Regulations in Communications of Romania, Bucharest, Romania
79. **Vitaliy Kozachenko**, Managing Director, Fortior Law S.A., Geneva, Switzerland
80. **Vladimir Kotenev**, Ex-Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Germany; Managing Director, ECOVIS Strategic Consulting Berlin GmbH, Berlin, Germany
81. **Vladimir Usov**, Founder and CEO, Kwambio, New York, USA
82. **Yosef Akhtman**, CEO, Gamaya SA, Morges, Switzerland

83. **Zhenwei He**, General Secretary, China Overseas Development Association (CODA), Beijing, China

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9. Japan
10. Liechtenstein
11. Mexico
12. Netherlands
13. Republic of the Philippines
14. Romania
15. Russia
16. Spain
17. Switzerland
18. UK
19. UAE
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