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AUSTRIA CONNECT CENTRAL ASIA 2022

RISING STAR UZBEKISTAN: NEW OPPORTUNITIES ALONG THE SILK ROAD!

June 1 – 3, 2022 | Hilton Tashkent City



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022 DAY OF ARRIVAL

INDIVIDUAL ARRIVAL

AUSTRIA CONNECT 2022 Conference Hotel:

HILTON TASHKENT CITY

2, Islam Karimov Street Block 5

Tashkent 100027, Uzbekistan

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19.00 – 21.00

WELCOME COCKTAIL “AUSTRIA CONNECT CENTRAL ASIA 2022”

Official kick-off

Welcome address by the organizer

- Clemens Machal, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Almaty
- Alois Kraut, Austrian Ambassador to Uzbekistan
- Nikolai Knorr, General Manager, **RSP International** Law Firm

Venue: Terrace of Hilton Tashkent City, Restaurant City PanAsian (21st floor)

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

AUSTRIA CONNECT CONFERENCE | MORNING SESSION

08.30 – 09.30

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Venue: Hilton Tashkent City, Ballroom Foyer (ground floor)

09.30 – 09.40

OPENING SHOW

09.40 – 10.30

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF “AUSTRIA CONNECT CENTRAL ASIA 2022”

Venue: Hilton Tashkent City, Ballroom (ground floor)

Moderation: Clemens Machal, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Almaty

- Video Message by Sardor Umurzakov, Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan & Deputy Prime Minister (TBC)
- Video Message by Martin Kocher, Federal Minister for Digital and Economic Affairs of Austria
- Alois Kraut, Austrian Ambassador to Uzbekistan
- Davron Vakhobov, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan (TBC)

10.30 – 10.50

CREATING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS WITH UZBEKISTAN & CENTRAL ASIA

Elena Son, Executive Director of the **American-Uzbekistan Chamber of Commerce (AUCC)**, **US-Kyrgyzstan Business Council (USKGZBC)**, **US-Tajikistan Business Council (USTJBC)**, **US-Afghanistan Business Initiative (USABI)**

10.50 – 11.10

REFORMS, INVESTMENTS & DOING BUSINESS IN UZBEKISTAN

Yuliy Yusupov, Director of the **Center for Economic Development** in Uzbekistan

11.10 – 11.30

SPEECH BY SHERZOD ASADOV

Press Secretary to the President of Uzbekistan & Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration

11.30 – 11.50

LOCAL FINANCING IN UZBEKISTAN – HOW TO OVERCOME THE CHALLENGE

Alexander Picker, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of **Ipoteka Bank**, one of the largest and most profitable banks in Uzbekistan and the first one in the country to be privatized.

11.50 – 12.20

ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA - OUR SERVICE, YOUR SUCCESS

- Clemens Machal, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Almaty
- Rudolf Lukavsky, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Moscow
- Gabriele Haselsberger, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Kyiv
- Georg Karabaczek, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Istanbul

12.20 – 12.30

FAMILY PHOTO

12.30 – 13.30

BUFFET LUNCH

Venue: Hilton Tashkent City, Ballroom Foyer (ground floor)

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

AUSTRIA CONNECT CONFERENCE | AFTERNOON SESSION

13.45 – 15.15

WORKSHOP 1 | INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN UZBEKISTAN

Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Enrico Pinali, Deputy Country Director

European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD)
Alkis Drakinos, Head of Tashkent Office
Sebastian Skupien, Associate Director

The World Bank in Uzbekistan
Quamrul Hasan, Lead Procurement Specialist for Central Asia (online)

ILF Consulting Engineers
Klaus Schick,
Managing Director Uzbekistan
Talgat Temirzhanov,
Managing Director Kazakhstan

Workshop Coordinator:
Lisa Kronreif, Deputy Head of
ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Almaty

Venue: Hilton Tashkent City (Ballroom)

Why attend?

- Learn about private & public sector projects in Uzbekistan
- How to participate in IFI projects
- Essentials for winning projects

WORKSHOP 2 | LOGISTICS & CUSTOMS REGULATIONS FOR CENTRAL ASIA & THE SILK ROAD

Gebrüder Weiss
Timur Akhmetkazyev,
General Manager Almaty
Kamil Ernazarov,
Head of Representative Office in Uzbekistan

Workshop Coordinator:
Georg Karabaczek, Head of ADVANTAGE
AUSTRIA Istanbul

Venue: Hilton Tashkent City (Ballroom)

Why attend?

- How to get your products to Central Asia
- Sanctions against Russia
- Customs and entry requirements
- Best practice examples

15.15 – 15.30

COFFEE BREAK

Venue: Hilton Tashkent City, Ballroom Foyer

15.30 – 17.00	<p>WORKSHOP 3 MARKET SUCCESS IN UZBEKISTAN</p> <p>Schneider Group Consulting Nodir Ayupov, Director Uzbekistan</p> <p>KNAUF-Group East Dmitriy Deripalko, General Manager Shukhrat Abdujamilov, Sales Director Thorsten Schubert, Director Strategic Development</p> <p>Workshop Coordinator: Rudolf Lukavsky, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Moscow</p> <p>Venue: Hilton Tashkent City (Ballroom)</p> <p>Why attend?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on Central Asia • How to find a local partner • How to sell your products • Cultural aspects to consider • Best practice example of an Austrian company 	<p>WORKSHOP 4 TAX & LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS IN UZBEKISTAN</p> <p>RSP International Law Firm Nikolai Knorr, General Manager Jens Jungmann, Risk Management & Compliance Sergey Treshchev, Attorney-at-law Olga Bezrukova, Patent Attorney</p> <p>Workshop Coordinator: Gabriele Haselsberger, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Kyiv</p> <p>Venue: Hilton Tashkent City (Ballroom)</p> <p>Why attend?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanctions on Russia • Drafting sales contracts • Drafting distribution agreements • How to set up a local company
18.30	<p>TRANSFER BY BUS TO TRADITIONAL UZBEK DINNER</p> <p>Meeting point: Hilton Tashkent City, Hotel Lobby</p>	
19.00 – 21.00	<p>TRADITIONAL UZBEK DINNER “UNDER THE SKY OF 1001 NIGHTS IN TASHKENT” & SILK ROAD BIZ AWARD 2022 CEREMONY</p> <p>Venue: Makhallya Labzak, Park Navruz, Anhor Lokomotiv, Labzak 12/1</p>	
21.15	<p>TRANSFER BY BUS BACK TO HILTON TASHKENT CITY</p>	

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022		CULTURAL PROGRAM
08.45		MEETING FOR CULTURAL PROGRAM Meeting Point: Hilton Tashkent City, Lobby Hotel
09.00		DEPARTURE BY BUS TO KHASTI IMAM CULTURAL COMPLEX
09.20 – 11.00		VISIT OF KHASTI IMAM CULTURAL COMPLEX Immerse yourself in one of the spiritual monuments of Tashkent, the Khasti Imam Cultural Complex , where you will learn about Uzbek history and visit the Kaffal Shashi Mausoleum, the Barak Khan Madrassah and the Muy-Mubarak Mosque.
11.00		TRANSFER BY BUS TO CHORSU BAZAAR TASHKENT
11.30 – 12.30		VISIT OF CHORSU BAZAAR TASHKENT Stroll through Chorsu Bazaar , one of Central Asia's oldest bazaars along the Silk Road, experience the bustling, colorful market atmosphere and try some local produce!
12.30		TRANSFER BY BUS TO PLOV COOKING MASTERCLASS
13.00 – 15.00		UZBEK PLOV COOKING MASTERCLASS Feel like an Uzbek chef and learn how to cook one of the most typical dishes of the local gastronomy: the Uzbek plov . An Uzbek cooking class is the best way to discover the local culture! Venue: Human House , Kichik Mirobod Street 43, Tashkent
15.00		TRANSFER BY BUS TO CERAMICS MASTERCLASS
15.30 – 17.00		CERAMICS MASTERCLASS Uzbekistan's stunning ceramics are among the world's oldest and finest. Try your hand at these age-old techniques in an exclusive ceramics masterclass! Venue: Craftsmen House, Chikishma 2, Tashkent
17.00		TRANSFER BY BUS BACK TO HILTON TASHKENT CITY
Afterwards		END OF "AUSTRIA CONNECT CENTRAL ASIA 2022" AND INDIVIDUAL DEPARTURE

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