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INFORMATION ABOUT THE FORUM

Every year, the Forum gathers about 500 high-level participants, including prominent politicians, global and local business leaders, top managers of investment corporations, financial institutions and international organisations.

The key theme of AIF 2019 is the "Investment View on Almaty: New Opportunities for Cooperation". AIF 2019 is an opportunity to meet with investors. This is a platform for start-ups and innovators implementing their projects in Almaty.

The Forum participants will have the opportunity to get acquainted with the investment and business climate of Almaty, learn about the experience of large domestic and foreign investors operating in the city, as well as delve into the investment opportunities for businesses.

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AIF PROGRAMME

8:00 – 10:00

Registration of participants

10:30

AIF opening ceremony

10:30 – 12:30

**Plenary session: «Investment View on Almaty:
New Opportunities for Cooperation»**

Today the city accounts for one fifth of the country's GDP and taxes. International companies are actively investing in Almaty. Over the past 10 years, total investments amounting to \$ 22.2 billion, including foreign investments of \$ 3.5 billion, have been attracted into the city. Trade and services account for 86% of the city's economy. Small and medium enterprises contribute over 40%. What can become a new growth driver for one of the country's major cities? How to enhance the city's investment attractiveness and ensure that the investment climate continues to comply to high standards?

What sectors are attractive for investment in the light of new government programmes and initiatives in the city?

12:30 – 13:00

Commercial agreement signing ceremony

13:00 – 14:30

Business lunch

14:30 – 16:00

**PANEL SESSION «SMART CITY: PEOPLE, CITIES
AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES»**

Some cities in Kazakhstan are introducing the Smart City programme aimed at making lives of inhabitants as convenient and safe as possible. International researchers have high hopes for the Smart City concept, as "pumped" megacities will become more economical. Thus, according to analysts, "smart cities" will enable saving up to \$ 5 trillion, mainly on street lighting, "smart" buildings, utilities by 2022. How to create an ecosystem for development of technology and innovation in the new environment? How to develop sustainably and facilitate green investments? How to attract a innovative class able to create technologies and processes? New tools undertaken by city administrations for promotion of technologies for sustainable development.

PANEL SESSION «THE GEOECONOMICS OF LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS: ALMATY AT THE CENTER OF THE SILK ROAD»

Today, Almaty is a regional magnet in Central Asia. Implementation of infrastructure projects enables Almaty, as a city with a thousand-year history, to revive its status as a trade center on the Great Silk Road. How can Almaty become a main platform for entering the Central Asian markets, the EEC, China and the entire Silk Road? Opportunities for attracting foreign capital and facilitating private investment flow in the city's infrastructure?

ROUNDTABLE «FUTURE SECTORS OF GROWTH: DEVELOPMENT OF START-UPS AND INNOVATIONS IN ALMATY»

Almaty is ready to secure a new title - not only of the cultural and financial capital, but also of the regional innovation hub. How does Almaty support startups and new technologies? What are the opportunities for investing in new technologies? Creating a new ecosystem for technology and innovation.

16:30 – 18:00

PANEL SESSION «REAL ESTATE TRENDS AND NEW CHALLENGES OF MODERN CITIES»

Opportunities and advantages of Almaty city for development of the real estate market. What are the measures to create and strengthen the city's business image for potential investors and businesses? How to make the city comfortable and dynamic?

PANEL SESSION «FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE: INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND HEALTHCARE»

What drives investments in education, science and healthcare? What are the most effective options and mechanisms for attracting investment in these important areas? Their significance for the development of human capital in the region?

PANEL SESSION «TOURISM DEVELOPMENT: ALMATY AS A NEW INTERNATIONAL HUB FOR BUSINESS TOURISM»

Key trends in the global business tourism and opportunities in Almaty? How will the regional business tourism develop and what are the prospects of Almaty as a center for international MICE tourism? What investment projects affect development of MICE tourism?

18:00 – 20:00

Business dinner with participation the Akim of Almaty

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AIF KEY EVENTS



PLENARY
SESSION



PANEL
SESSIONS



B2B MEETINGS



INVESTMENT
PROJECTS
EXHIBITION



SIGNING
OF COMMERCIAL
DOCUMENTS



BUSINESS
BREAKFASTS,
LUNCH AND
NETWORKING



EVENING
RECEPTION

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SPEAKERS



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Associate Editor,
Financial Times,
and Global China
Editor



Mehmet Simsek
Turkish politician and
economist, ex Deputy
Prime Minister
of Turkey (2015-2018)



**Mohammed Bin
Twar Al-Kuwari**
Vice President
of Chamber
of Commerce and
Industry of Qatar



Giovanni Salvetti
Managing Director,
Head of Russia and
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Head of McKinsey
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Grace



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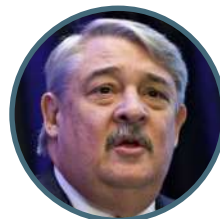
Lord Peter Lilley
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