



Unlocking the Potential of the Middle Corridor

Venue: Paragraph Freedom Square Hotel, Tbilisi, Georgia

Regional Event • February 27, 2024

Agenda

09:30 – 10:00	Registration and welcome coffee
10:00 – 10:20	<u>Opening and Welcome Remarks:</u> Ms. Rolande Pryce , World Bank Regional Director for the South Caucasus Mr. Guram Guramishvili , Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia Mr. Rahman Hummatov – Deputy Ministry of Digital Development and Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan (<i>Virtual participation</i>) Mr. Sapar Bektasov , Director of the Department of Transport Policy, Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Kazakhstan (<i>Virtual participation</i>)
10:20 – 10:50	<u>Presentation</u> Presentation of the World Bank study - “ Middle Trade and Transport Corridor: Policies and Investments to Triple Freight Volumes and Halve Travel Time by 2030 ”; with a follow-up study - “ Digitalization of the Middle Corridor ”. <i>Victor Aragonés, Senior Transport Economist, World Bank</i>
10:50 – 11:45	<u>Panel Discussion</u> <u>Panel Moderator:</u> Shomik Raj Mehndiratta , Transport Practice Manager for Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank Mr. Abay Turikpenbaev , Chairman of the Executive Board (President), NC “Aktau Sea Commercial Port” JSC (<i>virtual participation</i>) Mr. Khudayar Hasanli , Head of Strategic Planning and Development Department, Baku International Sea Trade Port CJSC (<i>virtual participation</i>) Mr. Gaidar Abdikerimov , Secretary General, International Association “Trans-Caspian International Transport Route” (<i>virtual participation</i>) Ms. Alua Satybaldiyeva - Deputy CEO/COO of DTC PSA Mr. Samson Uridia , Head of the Department of International Relations, Revenue Service, Ministry of Finance of Georgia Ms. Ivana Fernandes Duarte , IFC South Caucasus Country Manager
11:45 – 12:00	<u>Questions & Answers</u>
12:00 – 13:00	<u>Lunch</u>



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