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January 27, 2019

17:00-18:00  Registration
18:00-21:00  Welcome Reception and Dinner

   Dinner Remarks: Jean-Daniel Gerber, Former State Secretary, SECO and Former Executive Director, World Bank

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8:30-8:45  Welcoming Remarks: Thomas J. Jordan, Chairman of the Governing Board, Swiss National Bank
8:45-9:00  Group Photo
9:00-9:30  Forum Objectives and Structure (Harinder Kohli, Founding Director and Chief Executive, Emerging Markets Forum and Andrea Siviero, Head, International Monetary Cooperation, Swiss National Bank)
9:30-11:00  Session I: BRI Global Direction
   Chair: Jean-Daniel Gerber, Former State Secretary, SECO and Former Executive Director, World Bank
   Presentation: Harinder Kohli, Founding Director and Chief Executive, Emerging Markets Forum
   Discussants: Astrid Skala-Kuhmann, Senior Advisor to the Board, GIZ, Germany; Shigeo Katsu, President, Nazarbayev University; Former Vice President for Europe and Central Asia, World Bank
11:00-11:30  Coffee Break
11:30-13:15  Session II: Perspectives from inside CASC Countries
   Chair: Daniel Heller, Former Executive Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
   Presentation: Johannes Linn, Distinguished Resident Scholar, Emerging Markets Forum
   Discussants: Oraz Jandosov, Director, RAKURS Center for Economic Analysis; Former Minister of Finance of Kazakhstan; Mikheil Janelidze, Founding Partner, EGE Advisors; Former Vice Prime Minister and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia; Abdujabbor Shirinzoda, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Sohibkorbank; Former Governor, National Bank of Tajikistan
13:15-14:30  Lunch
14:30-16:15  Session III: Roundtable on Inside-Out Perspectives on the Benefits and Challenges of BRI to the CASC Region
   Chair: Shigeo Katsu, President, Nazarbayev University; Former Vice President for Europe and Central Asia, World Bank
   Roundtable: Rustam Aminjonov, Deputy Director, Analytical Center “Navo” of Tajikistan; Giorgi Khishtovani, Research Director, Policy and Management Consulting Group (PMCG), Georgia; Roman Mogilevskii, Senior Research Fellow and Associate Director, Institute of Public Policy and Administration, University of Central Asia, Kyrgyz Republic; Ziyodullo Parpiev, Deputy Dean for Postgraduate Courses and Executive Education, Westminster International University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan; Yersultan Zhanseitov, Senior Researcher, Center for China Studies, NationalAnalytical Center of Kazakhstan
16:15-17:45 Session IV: IMF and World Bank Views
Chair: Marco Cavaliere, Head, Bilateral Cooperation, Swiss National Bank
Presentations: Lilia Burunciuc, Regional Director for Central Asia, World Bank; Juha Kähkönen, Deputy Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Discussants: Alex Aleksishvili, Chairman, Policy and Management Consulting Group (PMCG); Former Minister of Finance of Georgia; Suguru Miyazaki, Senior Director, Credit Risk Analysis and Environmental Review Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA);
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17:45-18:15 Coffee Break

18:15-19:15 Session V: Wrap-up Roundtable in Preparation of Day Two
Chair: Stefan Flückiger, Head of Special Foreign Economic Services (AF), State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)
Roundtable: Levon Barkhudaryan, Former Minister of Finance of Armenia; Werner Hermann, Former Director, Swiss National Bank; Elkhan Nuriyev, Global Energy Associate, Brussels Energy Club; Former Director, Center for Strategic Studies of Azerbaijan; Ulan Sarbanov, Former Governor, National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic; Marc Uzan, Executive Director, Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee, France; Murat Yakubov, Former Deputy Governor, National Bank of Uzbekistan

19:15-21:30 Cocktails and Dinner

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8:30-10:30 Session VI: Roundtable on Neighbors’/Partners’ Perspectives (EU, Russia, China, India, US)
Chair: Astrid Skala-Kuhmann, Senior Advisor to the Board, GIZ, Germany
Roundtable: Michael Emerson, Associate Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS); Biliang Hu, Professor and Dean, Emerging Markets Institute, Beijing Normal University; Johannes Linn, Distinguished Resident Scholar, Emerging Markets Forum; Rajat Nag, Distinguished Fellow, Emerging Markets Forum; Former Managing Director General, Asian Development Bank (ADB), India; Evgeny Vinokurov, Chief Economist, Eurasian Fund for Stabilization and Development, Russia

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Session VII: Regional Cooperation
Chair: Djoomart Otorbaev, Former Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic
Roundtable: Oraz Jandosov, Director, RAKURS Center for Economic Analysis; Former Minister of Finance of Kazakhstan; Tony More, Head of Division, Europe and Central Asia, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) of Switzerland; Robert Schoellhammer, Representative, European Representative Office, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

12:30-14:00 Lunch with Remarks by Marie-Gabrielle Ineichen-Fleisch, State Secretary and Director, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Switzerland
14:00-15:30  Session VIII: Wrap-up Roundtable
Moderator: Andrea Siviero, Head, International Monetary Cooperation, Swiss National Bank
Roundtable: Rolf Jeker, Chairman, Emerging Market Services Ltd, Switzerland; CEO and Vice-Chairman, AO Foundation; Shigeo Katsu, President, Nazarbayev University; Former Vice President for Europe and Central Asia, World Bank; Johannes Linn, Distinguished Resident Scholar, Emerging Markets; Djoomart Otorbaev, Former Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic; Astrid Skala-Kuhmann, Senior Advisor to the Board, GIZ, Germany

15:30-16:15  Concluding Session: Next Steps and Closing Remarks
Panelists: Marco Cavaliere and Harinder Kohli
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