

**Eurasia Emerging Markets Forum
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Introduction of the Forum

- Welcome
- Gratitude to Swiss National Bank for its sponsorship and support for the study
- Gratitude to the authors
- Appreciate participants from around the world

Objectives of the Forum

- Focus on the Economic and Social Aspects of BRI (and not Geo-Politics)
- Discussion on two aspects:
 - Global Overview of the BRI Five Years
 - BRIs Impact on the Central Asia and Southern Caucasus region
- How to maximize the potential impact of the BRI, and minimize its risks to individual countries, and the region as a whole
- Unique feature of the EMF study: “inside-out” perspective
- Professional exchange of views and honest dialogue.

Structure of the Forum

- Logic, order and structure of the various sessions
- Sessions based on 12 background, plus IMF, WB presentations, and roundtables
- Individual sessions are like building blocks
- Importance of brevity to allow time for discussions
- Firm time management by the chairs
- Highly encourage active participation by all