Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Understanding the big picture
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• Very relevant topic for Central Asian and Southern Caucasus (CASC) region
• CASC region at the core of the Swiss Constituency at the IMF and World Bank
• Unique opportunity to have focused discussion among many stakeholders
• Key phase of the Eurasia EMF: providing strategic direction for follow-up phase
Understanding the big picture
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• Massive project – many parties involved – different perspectives, objectives and expectations:
  • China
  • Countries within the CASC region
  • Large neighbours and partner countries (Russia, India, the EU, USA)
  • IFIs
• What are the economic effects at stake?
Focusing on benefits and risks
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• Which (pre)conditions have to be fulfilled to get the most of BRI?
• Are these conditions under control of the CASC authorities?
• What should CASC countries do to meet these conditions?
• What are the major risks and what step should be taken to prevent them or address them?
Getting the most of the Forum
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• Providing critical strategic input for the next phase of the project
• Benefit from the different perspectives – understanding the big picture
• Effective time management
• Focused discussion
• Active participation of all participants
Thank you for your attention!

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