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WEDNESDAY | JUNE 1, 2022

19.00 – 21.00 WELCOME COCKTAIL “AUSTRIA CONNECT CENTRAL ASIA 2022”

Official kick-off

Welcome address by the organizer

- Clemens Machal, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Almaty
- Alois Kraut, Austrian Ambassador to Uzbekistan
- Nikolai Knorr, General Manager, General Manager **RSP International Law Firm**

Venue: Terrace of Hilton Tashkent City, Restaurant City Panasian, 21st Floor

THURSDAY | JUNE 2, 2022

08.30 – 09.30 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Venue: Hilton Tashkent City, Ballroom Foyer (ground floor)

09.30 – 09.40 OPENING SHOW

09.40 – 10.40 OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF “AUSTRIA CONNECT CENTRAL ASIA 2022”

Venue: Hilton Tashkent City, Ballroom (ground floor)

Moderation: Clemens Machal, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Almaty

- Video Message by Sardor Umurzakov, Minister of Investments and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan (TBC)
- Video Message by Martin Kocher, Federal Minister for Digital and Economic Affairs of Austria
- Davron Vakhabov, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan (TBC)
- Abat Fayzullaev, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Austria (TBC)
- Alois Kraut, Austrian Ambassador to Uzbekistan

10.40 – 11.25 KEYNOTE SPEECH BY CHRISTIAN WEHRSCHÜTZ | PERSPECTIVES OF THE UKRAINIAN CONFLICT IN THE POST-SOVIET SPACE AND CENTRAL ASIA

One of Austria's leading journalists (**ORF**) and expert on Southeastern and Eastern Europe, Russia, Ukraine and Central Asia

11.25 – 11.45 SPEECH BY SHERZOD ASADOV (TBC)

Press Secretary to the President of Uzbekistan & Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration

11.45 – 12.05 LOCAL FINANCING IN UZBEKISTAN – HOW TO OVERCOME THE CHALLENGE

Alexander Picker, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of **Ipoteka Bank**, one of the largest and most profitable banks in Uzbekistan and the first one in the country to be privatized.

12.05 – 12.20 ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA - OUR SERVICE, YOUR SUCCESS

- Clemens Machal, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Almaty
- Rudolf Lukavsky, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Moscow
- Gabriele Haselsberger, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Kyiv
- Georg Karabaczek, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Istanbul

AFTERWARDS FAMILY PHOTO

12.30 – 13.30 BUFFET LUNCH

Venue: Hilton Tashkent City, Ballroom Foyer (ground floor)

13.45 – 15.15

WORKSHOP 1 | INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN UZBEKISTAN

Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Enrico Pinali, Deputy Country Director

European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD)
Alkis Drakinos, Head of Tashkent Office
Sebastian Skupien, Associate Director

The Worldbank in Uzbekistan
Quamrul Hasan, Lead Procurement Specialist for Central Asia

Venue: Hilton Tashkent City (Ballroom)
Workshop Coordinator: Lisa Kronreif, Deputy Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Almaty

Why attend?

- Learn about private & public sector projects in Uzbekistan
- How to participate in IFI projects
- Essentials for winning projects

WORKSHOP 2 | LOGISTICS & CUSTOMS REGULATIONS FOR CENTRAL ASIA & THE SILK ROAD

Gebrüder Weiss
Timur Akhmetkazyev, General Manager Almaty
Kamil Ernazarov, Head of Representative Office in Uzbekistan
Venue: Hilton Tashkent City (Ballroom)

Workshop Coordinator: Georg Karabaczek, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Istanbul

Why attend?

- How to get your products to Central Asia
- Sanctions against Russia
- Customs and entry requirements
- Best practice examples

15.15 – 15.30

COFFEE BREAK

Venue: Hilton Tashkent City, Ballroom Foyer

15.30 – 17.00

WORKSHOP 3 | MARKET SUCCESS IN UZBEKISTAN

Schneider Group Consulting

Nodir Ayupov, Director Uzbekistan

KNAUF-Group East

Dmitriy Deripalko, General Manager
Shukhrat Abdujamilov, Sales Director
Thorsten Schubert, Director Strategic Development

Venue: Hilton Tashkent City (Ballroom)

Workshop Coordinator:
Rudolf Lukavsky,
Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Moscow

Why attend?

- Focusing on Central Asia
- How to find a local partner
- How to sell your products
- Cultural aspects to consider
- Best practice example of an Austrian company

WORKSHOP 4 | TAX & LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS IN UZBEKISTAN

RSP International Law Firm

Nikolai Knorr, General Manager
Jens Jungmann,
Risk Management & Compliance
Sergey Treshchev, Attorney-at-law
Olga Bezrukova, Patent Attorney

Venue: Hilton Tashkent City (Ballroom)

Workshop Coordinator: Gabriele Haselsberger, Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA Kyiv

Why attend?

- What is necessary in sales contracts
- How to draft a distribution agreement
- How to set up a local company

18.30

TRANSFER BY BUS TO TRADITIONAL UZBEK DINNER

Meeting point: Hilton Tashkent City hotel lobby

19.00 – 21.00

TRADITIONAL UZBEK DINNER “UNDER THE SKY OF 1001 NIGHTS IN TASHKENT” & SILK ROAD BIZ AWARD CEREMONY

Venue: Museum of Applied Arts (“Amaliy Sanat Muzeyi”) 15 Rakatboshi Street, Tashkent

21.15

TRANSFER BY BUS BACK TO HILTON TASHKENT CITY

FRIDAY | JUNE 3, 2022

08.45

MEETING FOR CULTURAL PROGRAM

Meeting Point: Hilton Tashkent City, Lobby Hotel

09.00

TRANSFER BY BUS TO KHASTI IMAM CULTURAL COMPLEX

09.20 – 12.00

VISIT OF KHASTI IMAM CULTURAL COMPLEX

Immerse yourself in one of the spiritual monuments of Tashkent, the **Khasti Imam Cultural Complex**, where you will learn about Uzbek history and visit the Kaffal Shashi Mausoleum, the Barak Khan Madrassah and the Muy-Mubarak Mosque.

12.00

TRANSFER BY BUS TO PLOV COOKING MASTERCLASS

12.30 – 14.30	UZBEK PLOV COOKING MASTERCLASS Feel like an Uzbek chef and learn how to cook one of the most typical dishes of the local gastronomy: the Uzbek plov . An Uzbek cooking class is the best way to discover the local culture! Venue: Human House , 43 Kichik Mirobod Street, Tashkent
14.30	TRANSFER BY BUS TO CERAMICS MASTERCLASS
15.00 – 16.30	CERAMICS MASTERCLASS Uzbekistan's stunning ceramics are among the world's oldest and finest. Try your hand at these age-old techniques in an exclusive ceramics masterclass near Chorsu Bazaar!
16.30 – 17.00	VISIT OF CHORSU BAZAAR TASHKENT Stroll through Chorsu Bazaar , one of Central Asia's oldest bazaars along the Silk Road, experience the bustling, colorful market atmosphere and try some local produce!
17.00	TRANSFER BY BUS BACK TO HILTON TASHKENT CITY AND END OF AUSTRIA CONNECT CENTRAL ASIA 2022

INDIVIDUAL DEPARTURE

Suggested flight option:

Flight Tashkent (TAS) – Istanbul (IST) on Saturday, June 4, 2022

Turkish Airlines (TK 371), departure Tashkent at 02.45 hrs, arrival in Istanbul at 05.55 hrs

Flight Istanbul (IST) – Vienna (VIE)

Turkish Airlines (TK 1883), departure Istanbul at 08.20 hrs, arrival in Vienna at 09.40 hrs

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