



Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan



# KAZAKHSTAN GLOBAL INVESTMENT ROUNDTABLE

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### KAZAKHSTAN GLOBAL INVESTMENT ROUNDTABLE (KGIR) is a key investment event in Kazakhstan.

Since 2017 it has been annually held chaired by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The event has established itself as an effective dialogue platform for the state and the international investment community.

Every year, over 500 selected participants from all over the world gather at KGIR, including representatives of the financial sector, influential politicians and international experts.

On the agenda of KGIR-2023 are the global initiatives for the use of innovative technologies in response to modern challenges, investment opportunities of Kazakhstan in the context of the country's regions, transport potential and a new range of logistics services, sustainable production and expansion of export potential.

### PROGRAM

#### 08.30 – 10.00

Coffee break. Registration of participants

#### 10.00 – 11.30

#### PANEL SESSION

#### INNOVATIVE RESPONSES TO REGIONAL CHALLENGES: INVESTMENTS IN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES

All experts agree: there is a growing shortage of water and earth's reserves. According to the forecasts, in the future more than 5 billion inhabitants of the Earth will face water scarcity. The consumption of metals will double. Global warming by 1.5 and 2 degrees causes an increase in the scale of drought. Thus, these factors lead to economic instability.

Is investing in technology, innovation and digitalization could be a real tool for addressing the regional challenges? Will the introduction of new technologies solve the problem of water scarcity, avoid energy shortages and increase the competitiveness of the region? What is an effective incentive for innovation, and what are the new sources of investment in new technologies?

#### PANEL SESSION

### REGIONAL CLUSTERS AS A POINT OF ATTRACTION FOR INVESTORS IN THE REGIONS

According to analysts, clusters can become a driving force of economic growth. More than 50% of the world's economies are already covered by clustering, which has provided them with a significant increase in GDP. Clusters are platforms for the development of innovative industries and contribute to a certain stability of the economy of the country's regions. The issue of economic diversification is becoming even more urgent for Kazakhstan. The priority of the new economic policy of Kazakhstan is to create high distribution clusters and maximize the use of the country's raw materials, personnel and goods which will ensure economic self-sufficiency.

What is required to achieve full autonomy of the production cycle in the country? What are the investment opportunities and advantages of the regions of Kazakhstan? What are the new models of attracting investment to the regions? How to maintain a stable investment environment in the regions?

#### 12.00 – 13.30

#### PANEL SESSION

#### MEETING THE TRADE FLOWS: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSIT POTENTIAL

The share of transport logistics in developed countries is at the level of 13-14% of GDP. The global logistics market today is estimated at \$2.7 trillion – about 7% of global GDP. The transport logistics can provide up to 3.5% of GDP growth to Kazakhstan with an advantageous location between economically developed regions. On the background of the changing geopolitical situation and the transformation of international trade, Kazakhstan's role as a key land corridor between Asia and Europe is increasing.

How does the logistics develop in the new economic geography of the world? What are the current challenges and trends in the development of logistics companies? What tariff and regulatory policy should be considered for the development of the transport industry? A new vision for marine infrastructure: investing in new logical clusters. Transport of the future: a new range of logical services.

#### PANEL SESSION

## HOW TO SATURATE THE REGIONAL MARKET WITH OWN PRODUCTS?

Shortly, a prolonged period of high food prices is predicted which is facilitated by an increase in the world's population, high energy prices, and the adverse effects of climate change. The food price index has increased by almost 47% over the past 2 years. Reducing the availability of food increases the value of food resources. It is necessary to solve the strategic task of increasing production volumes and increasing the added value of domestic agricultural products.

What reforms are effective for the development of the agricultural sector? How to stimulate the agro-industrial complex to develop the processing industry? What is the new sustainable production and consumption? What is the agro-science of the future? How to prevent a food crisis considering the ongoing disruptions in the economy?

#### 13.30 – 14.30 - Coffee break

#### 15.00 – 16.30

#### PLENARY SESSION WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN A.SMAILOV

#### INVESTMENTS IN SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL GROWTH

According to the regional review of the Eurasian Development Bank, the total GDP of Central Asia has increased 7 times over the past 20 years amounting to \$347 billion by the end of 2022. The turnover of foreign trade in goods is estimated at \$165.5 billion, showing an increase of 6 times. The volume of accumulated incoming direct investments in the region has increased by more than 17 times – \$211 billion. Experts pay attention that to stay on the wave of a dynamically growing region with a stable economy it should overcome such structural challenges as resource dependence, inconsistency in the water and energy sector as well as climate change. Investments play a key role in the sustainable development of the region.

A new vision for the economy of the region. What is the investment potential of the region? What are the new promising niches for investment? What are the problems and opportunities of sustainable infrastructure development, etc.?

#### 16.30 – 17.00

Awarding the best investor companies

#### From 17.00

Commercial Agreements signing ceremony

# **KEY EVENTS OF KGIR-2023**



#### PLENARY SESSION WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN A.SMAILOV



INTERVIEWS WITH WELL-KNOWN BUSINESSMEN, MARKET EXPERTS

SIGNING OF COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS

AWARDING THE BEST INVESTOR COMPANIES



**B2B MEETINGS** 

**COFFEE BREAKS** 

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# AWARDING THE BEST INVESTOR COMPANIES

#### Long-Term Partnership Award

Award for the long-term partnership and significant contribution to the development of the economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan since the period of Independence

#### **Continuous Investment Value Award**

Production with a high activity, as well as with a steady growth in business volume

#### Sustainability Award

Projects that comply with ESG principles and contribute to economic and social development

#### Innovation Award

Production based on the use of new technologies, KNOW-HOW in the Republic of Kazakhstan

#### Social Responsibility

Active implementation of projects of social significance

#### Industry Awards

Contribution to the development of agro-industrial complex

Contribution to the development of healthcare

Contribution to the development of the pharmaceutical industry

Contribution to infrastructure development

Contribution to the development of human capital



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