



# 15<sup>th</sup> Silk Road Tax and Investment Forum of Ministries of Finance and Tax Authorities



22-23 February 2023  
Almaty, Kazakhstan

22 February 2023	
12:00-13:00	<b>Registration and Buffet Lunch</b>
13:00-13:30	<b>Inaugural Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Azamat Amrin, Vice Minister, Ministry of National Economy, Republic of Kazakhstan</li><li>• Mr. Daniyar Zhanalinov, Chairman, State Revenue Committee, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Kazakhstan</li></ul>
13:30-14:45	<b>Session 1: Regional Economic Developments and Broad Fiscal Policy Drivers</b> <p><i>Chaired by Mr. Hafiz Choudhury, Principal, The M Group, Inc.</i></p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Azamat Amrin, Vice Minister, Ministry of National Economy, Republic of Kazakhstan</li><li>• Mr. Sergei Shatalov, Moscow Science and Research Financial Institute</li><li>• Mr. Erlan Dosymbekov, Managing Partner in Central Asia and Caucasus, Ernst and Young</li><li>• Mr. Zhan Zhotabayev, CNPC International Kazakhstan (CIK)</li></ul>

	<p><b><u>Topics to be Discussed:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing post pandemic fiscal risks in the context of rising interest rates and inflation</li> <li>• Regional economic challenges and opportunities</li> <li>• Broader economic policy trends in emerging and frontier markets</li> <li>• Potential policy responses</li> <li>• Taxpayer concerns in fiscal stability, management of tax incentives and tax administration</li> </ul>
<p>14:45 -15:45</p>	<p><b>Session 2: International Direct Tax Policy Issues</b></p> <p><b><u>Presenter:</u></b> Mr. Roustam Vakhitov, Associated International Tax Partner, Crowe Kazakhstan</p> <p><b><u>Discussants:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Yerlan Sagnayev, Head of the Tax and Customs Policy Department, Ministry of National Economy, Republic of Kazakhstan</li> <li>• Mr. Andrey Kudyarov, Kazakhstan and Caspian Country Tax manager, Shell</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Topics to be Discussed:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International tax reform developments and impact on Corporate Income Tax regimes of countries</li> <li>• Current Status of Inclusive Framework Discussion – BEPS 2.0</li> <li>• Tax and development agenda – the role of taxation in achieving the SDGs</li> <li>• Impact on current tax incentive regimes</li> <li>• Balancing investment and revenue needs</li> <li>• Potential Policy Responses and legislative changes</li> </ul>

15:45-16:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:15-17:30	<p><b>Session 3: Indirect Tax Policy and Administration</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Prof. Marius van Oordt, University of Pretoria</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Dilshod Sultanov, Deputy Minister of Finance, Republic of Uzbekistan</li> <li>• Mr. Mustafa Susam, Coca-Cola Icecek Group Tax Director.</li> </ul> <p><b>Topics to be Discussed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design principles for Indirect Taxes</li> <li>• Ensuring stability and growth in indirect tax revenues in the context of current global economic trends</li> <li>• Potential indirect tax reforms in the region</li> <li>• Enhancements to indirect tax administration in regional countries</li> </ul>
19:30-21:00	<p><b>Gala Dinner</b></p> <p><b>Welcome Comments:</b></p> <p>Mr. Marat Sultangaziev, Governor, Almaty Oblast and former First Vice Minister of Finance, Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>Mr. Daniyar Zhanalinov, Chairman, State Revenue Committee, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>Mr. Daniel A. Witt, President, ITIC</p>
21:00	<p><b>Post dinner speech</b></p> <p>Mr. Marcello Estevão, Senior Advisor and former Vice President, The World Bank Group (by video link)</p>

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09:00-10:15	<p><b>Session 4: Coordination of Trade and Tax Policy to promote regional trade and deter illicit trade</b></p> <p><i>Chaired by Mr. Hafiz Choudhury, Principal, The M Group, Inc.</i></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Dr Marina Foltea</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <p>Mr. Zhang Wei, Counsel (equivalent to Director General) of Goods and Services Department of the State Taxation Administration of China</p> <p>Mr. Nurmatbek Mambetaliyev, Eurasia Economic Integration Expert.</p> <p><b>Topics to be Discussed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coordination of indirect taxes in regional trade arrangements</li><li>• Intensifying international cooperation in operational and enforcement response to deter illicit trade and maximize tax revenues.</li><li>• Addressing risks to tax collection in border and regional trade</li><li>• Technological solutions to secure the supply chain manage trade and indirect tax administration</li></ul>
10:15-11:30	<p><b>Session 5: Technology solutions for enhancement of Tax Administration</b></p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <p>Mr. Wang Chuan, Principal Expert, Digital Tax Control Enterprise Tax Institute, EFMAC</p> <p>Mr. Maksim Kurganskiy, Center for Research in Perspective Technologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application of technology in GST/VAT collections</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of technology for other indirect tax automation</li> <li>• Use of technology for case and risk management in tax audit</li> </ul>
11:30-11:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:45-13:00	<p><b>Session 6: Taxation of Services in the Modern Economy, chaired by Mr. Hafiz Choudhury</b></p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Roustam Vahkitov, Crowe Kazakhstan</li> <li>• Prof. Marius van Oordt, University of Pretoria</li> </ul> <p><b>Topics to be Discussed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenges in adapting current taxation models in the digital age</li> <li>• Application of withholding taxes and expanding PE concepts</li> <li>• Application of indirect tax principles</li> <li>• Direct tax policy approaches and pitfalls</li> </ul>
13:00-13:30	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <p><b>Concluding Remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Yerzhan Birzhanov, Vice Minister of Finance, Republic of Kazakhstan</li> <li>• Mr. Hafiz Choudhury, Principal, The M Group, Inc.</li> </ul>
13:30-14:30	<b>Buffet Lunch</b>