The World Of Today: Challenges And Hopes
X Global Baku Forum

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9-12 March 2023 | Baku, Azerbaijan

PROGRAM

8 MARCH | WEDNESDAY

Arrival of participants

20:00 WELCOME DINNER
Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Seyyag Ballroom

Welcome remarks
- Vaira Vike-Freiberga, Co-Chair, NGIC; President of Latvia 1999-2007
- Ismail Serageldin, Co-Chair, NGIC; Vice President of the World Bank 1992-2000

22:00 NIGHT OWL SESSION 1
Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Shur room

“GLOBALIZATION AT CROSSROADS”

Moderator:
- Eka Tkishelashvili, Deputy Prime Minister of Georgia 2010-2012

Speakers:
- Tzipi Livni, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel 2006-2009
- Amre Moussa, Secretary-General, Arab League 2001-2011; Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt 1991-2001
- HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal bin Al Saud, Chairman of the Board of Directors, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies
9 MARCH | THURSDAY

09:45  FAMILY PHOTO (by invitation only)

10:00- 12:00  OPENING CEREMONY

Venue: Gulustan Palace

Moderator:
- Ismail Serageldin, Co-Chair, NGIC; Vice President of the World Bank 1992-2000

Special address:
- Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Remarks:
- Egils Levits, President of the Republic of Latvia
- Jose Ramos Horta, President of East Timor; Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 1996
- Dritan Abazovic, Prime Minister of Montenegro
- Miguel Angel Moratinos, Under-Secretary General UN, High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations
- Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director UNAIDS, Under-Secretary-General of UN
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO (video message)
- Sergio Mattarella, President of the Republic of Italy (message)
- Rishi Sunak, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (message)
- Vaira Vike-Freiberga, Co-Chair, NGIC; President of Latvia 1999-2007

PRESENTATION OF THE NIZAMI GANJAVI INTERNATIONAL AWARD 2023

12:30 -13:45  PANEL 1: BUILDING RESILIENCE IN A DIVIDED WORLD: ITS IMPACT ON WORLD PEACE

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

Special Address:
- Egils Levits, President of the Republic of Latvia

Moderator:
- Jaffar Hasnain, TRT World Presenter and Correspondent

Speakers:
- Iveta Radičová, Prime Minister of Slovakia 2010-2012
- Kjell Magne Bondevik, Prime Minister of Norway 1997-2000, 2001-2005
Kerry Kennedy, President, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights
- Micheline Calmy-Rey, President of the Swiss Confederation 2007-2011
- Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine 2005-2010
- Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2003 (video message)
- Vaira Vike-Freiberga, Co-Chair, NGIC; President of Latvia 1999-2007

13:45 – 15:00 LUNCHEON SESSION 1
Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Rast room

“THE RESILIENCE OF THE NATO ALLIANCE”

Moderator:
- Paul Revay, Former Director, Trilateral Europe, member of the Board of Trustees of Friends of Europe

Speakers:
- Raimonds Vejonis, President of Latvia 2015-2019
- Ivan Korcok, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia 2020-2021; 2021-2022
- Ehud Olmert, Prime Minister of Israel 2006-2009
- Mats Karlsson, Vice-President of the World Bank 1999-2002
- Volkan Bozkır, 75th President of the UN General Assembly; Minister of European Union Affairs of Turkey 2014-2015, 2015-2016; Member of the Turkish Parliament

13:45 – 15:00 LUNCHEON SESSION 2
Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Shur room

“CLIMATE JUSTICE: CHALLENGING FOR A FAIR EQUITABLE ENERGY TRANSITION”

Moderator:
- Rosen Plevneliev, President of Bulgaria 2012-2017

Speakers:
- Walter Fust, Director-General Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation 1993-2008, Member of the UN-ICT Task force, Chair UNESCO Intergovernmental council for the Development of Communication 2008-2010, President Globethics.net
- Nathalie de Gaulle, Strategic Committee Member & Senior Advisor, TENEO
- Benjamina Karic, Mayor of Sarajevo
15:00-16:15 PANEL 2: THE AGE OF MEGA THREATS: CLIMATE SECURITY; FOOD SECURITY; NUCLEAR SECURITY

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

Moderator:
- Benedetto Zacchiroli, President of the European Coalition of Cities against Racism

Special Address:
- Jose Ramos Horta, President of East Timor, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 1996

Speakers:
- Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist at the Food and Agriculture Organization of UN
- Hakima El Haite, President of the Liberal International; Minister of Environment of Morocco 2013-2017; Special Envoy for Climate Change of Morocco 2015-2017
- Darkhan Kydyrali, Minister of Information and Social Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Mukhtar Babayev, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Laszlo Borbely, State Counsellor to the Prime Minister of Romania
- Igor Luksic, Prime Minister of Montenegro 2010-2012
- Tarja Halonen, President of Finland 2000-2012 (video message)
- Wu Hailong, President, Chinese Public Diplomacy Association (video message)

16:15-16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 - 17:45 PANEL 3: REINVENTING MULTILATERALISM: A NEW ERA OF NON-ALIGNMENT?

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

Moderator:
- Yves Leterme, Prime Minister of Belgium 2008, 2009-2011

Speakers:
- Hikmat Hajiyev, Assistant to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Head of the Department of Foreign Policy Affairs of the Presidential Administration of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Volkan Bozkır, 75th President of the UN General Assembly; Minister of European Union Affairs of Turkey 2014-2015, 2015-2016; Member of the Turkish Parliament
- Joseph Muscat, Prime Minister of Malta 2013-2020
- Vuk Jeremic, President of the United Nations General Assembly 2012-2013; Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia 2007-2012
- Antonio Zanardi Landi, Former Diplomatic Adviser to the Italian President; Ambassador of the Military Order of Malta to Vatican
- Mladen Ivanic, President of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2014-2018
- Jan Kubis, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia 2006-2009; Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission of Europe 2009-2011
- David Chikvaidze, Chef de Cabinet to the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva

20:00 GALA DINNER
Venue: Gulustan Palace

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09:30 - 11:00 PANEL 4: BUILDING A RENEWED GLOBAL HEALTH ARCHITECTURE: PROMOTING, PROVIDING, PROTECTING, POWERING AND PERFORMING FOR HEALTH
Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

Moderator:
- Rosen Plevneliev, President of Bulgaria 2012-2017

Special Address:
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General WHO (video message)

Speakers:
- Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director UNAIDS, Under-Secretary-General of UN
- Najat Mokhtar, Deputy Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency
- Filip Vujanovic, President of Montenegro 2003-2018
- Teymur Musayev, Minister of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Yoram Weiss, Director General of the Hadassah Medical Center
- Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the UK 2007-2010, Special Envoy of UN on Global Education; WHO Ambassador for Global Health Financing (video message)

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK
11:30 - 13:00  PANEL 5: MIGRATION AS A SYMPTOM OF WORLD POVERTY, INEQUALITY, CLIMATE STRESS AND CONFLICT

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

Moderator:
- Walter Fust, Director-General Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation 1993-2008, Member of the UN-ICT Task force, Chair UNESCO Intergovernmental council for the Development of Communication 2008-2010, President Globethics.net

Speakers:
- Laimdota Straujuma, Prime Minister of Latvia 2014-2016
- Chiril Gaburici, Prime Minister of Moldova 2015
- Vusal Huseynov, Chief of State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Maria Angela Holguin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia 2010-2018; Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations 2004-2006
- Abdulaziz Altwaijri, Former Director-General of ISESCO
- Rosalia Arteaga Serrano, President of Ecuador 1997
- Mohamed Mahmoud Abdelsalam, Secretary-General of Muslim Council of Elders; Co-President, Religions for Peace

13:00 - 14:30  LUNCHEON SESSION 3

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Rast room

“IMAGINING THE FUTURE of EUROPE”

Moderator:
- Valdis Zatlers, President of Latvia 2007-2011

Speakers:
- Yves Leterme, Prime Minister of Belgium 2008, 2009-2011
- Ivo Josipovic, President of Croatia 2010-2015
- Artis Pabriks, Minister of Defence of Latvia 2019-2022; Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia 2004-2007

13:00 - 14:30  LUNCHEON SESSION 4

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Shur room

“WHAT’S DRIVING POPULISM AND EXTREMISM AND HOW TO PUSH BACK?”

Moderator:
Susan Ness, Distinguished Fellow and Project Director, Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania

Speakers:
- Kateryna Yushchenko, First Lady of Ukraine 2005-2010
- Giorgi Margvelashvili, President of Georgia 2013-2018
- Ana Birchall, Deputy Prime Minister of Romania 2018-2019; Minister of Justice 2019; Member of the Parliament of Romania

14:45 - 16:15 PANEL 6: THE ROLE OF NEW ENERGY AND TRANSPORT CORRIDORS IN EURASIAN ZONE

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

Moderator:
- Eka Tkeshelashvili, Deputy Prime Minister of Georgia 2010-2012

Speakers:
- Parviz Shahbazov, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Jean Baderschneider, Board of Directors, Fortescue Metals and Fortescue Future Industries; Chair of the Board, The Global Fund to End Modern Slavery; former Vice-President, ExxonMobil
- Ekaterina Zaharieva, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bulgaria 2017-2021, Minister of Justice 2015-2017
- Lazar Comanescu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania 2008, 2015-2017; Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation
- Rashad Nabiyyev, Minister of Digital Development and Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Djoomart Otorbaev, Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan 2014-2015
- Azim Ibrohim, Minister of Transport of the Republic of Tajikistan
- Ana Birchall, Deputy Prime Minister of Romania 2018-2019; Minister of Justice 2019; Member of the Parliament of Romania
- Bolat Nurgaliyev, Director of the Institute for Foreign Policy Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan; Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for protracted conflicts; Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation 2007-2009
16:30-18:00 PANEL 7: “CHINA’S ROLE FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY”

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

Moderator:
- Boris Tadic, President of Serbia 2004-2012

Speakers:
- Wu Hongbo, Special Representative of the Chinese Government for European Affairs, former Under Secretary-General of United Nations; former Chinese Ambassador to Germany
- Khuon Soudary, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Cambodia
- Evan Feigenbaum, Vice President for Studies, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Peter Medgyessy, Prime Minister of Hungary 2002-2004
- Shaukat Aziz, Prime Minister of Pakistan 2004-2007
- Rashid Alimov, Secretary-General, SCO 2016-2018, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan 1992-1994
- Petre Roman, Prime Minister of Romania 1989-1991

20:00 DINNER

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/Mangal Steak House

22:00 NIGHT OWL SESSION 2

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/Shur room

“HUMAN RIGHTS: DEMOCRACY AND THE CHALLENGES OF OUR TIMES”

Moderator:
- Zlatko Lagumdzija, Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2001-2002; deputy Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2012-2015

Speakers:
- Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2014
- Hikmet Cetin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey 1991-1994
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09:00 - 10:30  PANEL 8: WESTERN BALKANS IN THE EU CONTEXT

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Seyyagh Ballroom

Moderator:
- Zlatko Lagumdzija, Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2001-2002; deputy Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2012-2015

Speakers:
- Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, President of Croatia 2015-2020
- Jan Fischer, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic 2009-2010
- Petar Stoyanov, President of Bulgaria 1997-2002
- Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania 1996-2000
- Milica Pejanovic-Durisic, Minister of Defense of Montenegro 2012-2016

10:30 - 11:00  COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 12:15  PANEL 9: THE SEARCH FOR PEACE, STABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND BEYOND

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Seyyagh Ballroom

Moderator:
- Francis O'Donnell, Ambassador (ret., SMOM) and UN Resident Coordinator for Ukraine 2004-2009

Speakers:
- HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal AlSaud, Chairman of the Board of Directors, King Faisal Center for Research & Islamic Studies
- Farida Allaghi, Ambassador of Libya to the European Union 2015-2016; Senior Adviser to HRH Prince Talal Bin Abdulazeez Al Saud
- Amre Moussa, Secretary-General, Arab League 2001-2011; Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt 1991-2001
- Gila Gamliel, Minister of Intelligence of the State of Israel
- Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary-General, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation 2004-2014
12:15 - 13:30  PANEL 10: GEO-STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF AFRICA: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

Moderator:
- Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, President of Mauritius 2015-2018

Speakers:
- Aminata Touré, Prime Minister of Senegal 2013-2014
- Joyce Banda, President of Malawi 2012-2014
- Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of West Africa 2003-2007; United Nations Special Envoy for Somalia 2007-2010
- Hakima El Haite, President of the Liberal International; Minister of Environment of Morocco 2013-2017; Special Envoy for Climate Change of Morocco 2015-2017
- Aichatou Mindaoudou, Foreign Minister of Niger 1999-2010; Joint Special Representative UN/AU in Darfur 2011-2013; UN Special Representative in Côte d'Ivoire 2013-2017; Current CEO of IPITI Consulting

13:30-15:00  LUNCHEON SESSION 5

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Rast room

"THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION"

Moderator:
- Ismail Serageldin, Co-Chair NGIC; Vice-President of the World Bank 1992-2000

Special address:
- Rumen Radev, President of the Republic of Bulgaria

Speakers:
- Friedbert Pfluger, Head of the European Cluster for Climate, Energy and Resource Security, University of Bonn; Founding Partner of Strategic Minds Company GmbH, Berlin; former Deputy Minister of Defense of Germany

15:00 - 16:30  PANEL 11: YOUTH SPEAK, WE LISTEN

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

Moderators:
- Kateryna Yushchenko, First Lady of Ukraine 2005-2010
- Valdis Zatlers, President of Latvia 2007-2011
20:00  CLOSING DINNER

Venue: Four Seasons hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

Dress Code: Black Tie

Moderator:

- Rovshan Muradov, Secretary-General, Nizami Ganjavi International Center

Speakers:

- Bajram Begaj, President of the Republic of Albania
- Rumen Radev, President of the Republic of Bulgaria
- Jose Ramos Horta, President of East Timor; Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 1996
- HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal bin Al Saud, Chairman of the Board of Directors, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies
- Miguel Angel Moratinos, Under-Secretary General UN, High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations
- Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2014
- Milo Dukanovic, President of Montenegro (video message)
- Chau Chak Wing, Co-Chair of the Global Circle, NGIC (video message)
- Ismail Serageldin, Co-Chair NGIC; Vice-President of the World Bank 1992-2000
- Vaira Vike-Freiberga, Co-Chair NGIC; President of Latvia 1999-2007