

On behalf of the Republic of Azerbaijan's Ambassador to the United States Elin Suleymanov, I want to invite you to an event next week focused on the Trans-Caspian Trade and Transit Corridor – a vital link in East-West transcontinental shipments in the 21st century.

Azerbaijan and other countries along this corridor are hosting a two-day conference to discuss news and opportunities related to East-West trade and transit. More details and logistics below.

Please feel free to reach out to me or Vugar Gurbanov of the Azerbaijani Embassy with questions.

Best,
Tara

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Business, Investment and Transit opportunities along Central Asia, Caspian and Black Sea strategic regions on June 26

Trans-Caspian Corridor to Connect Transport Networks, Link East Asia to Western Europe

WHO: Embassies of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Afghanistan and Turkmenistan; George Washington University, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, Central Asia Program, Caspian Policy Center, World Bank Group and Boeing Company.

WHAT: Trans-Caspian East West Trade & Transit Corridor Forum

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WHERE & WHEN:

Monday, June 26, 8:00 AM – 7:30 PM

The City View Room, George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, 1957 E Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Tuesday, June 27, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

U.S. Congress – 2203 Rayburn House Office Building

Tuesday, June 27, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

World Bank Main Complex, 1818 H Street NW, Washington D.C.

RSVP: Please click [here](#) to register.

WHY: The Trans-Caspian East-West Trade and Transit Corridor is a vital link in the Silk Road of the 21st century. It unites the Central Asia, Caspian and Black Sea strategic regions to form a viable trade and transit corridor between Europe and East & South-East Asia. Connecting trade, people and economies, the modern Trans-Caspian corridor has an extensive and integrated network of infrastructure, special economic zones, harmonized customs, cross-border procedures and more along this route.

This forum is the result of the joint vision of the Trans-Caspian countries to make this corridor the go-to route for East-West trade and transit shipments. Regional governments will introduce infrastructure, business, investment, trade and transit opportunities to business leaders, policy-makers and experts across a variety of multinational industries. The forum also presents an exciting platform for public and private senior executives from regional countries and businesses to interact.

The United States played an important role in the development of this corridor, and its cooperation with the member countries has resulted in a robust strategic partnership and increased business between the region and the U.S. The forum will explore ways to deepen that relationship to the benefit of hundreds of millions of people along the Silk Road and in the U.S.

The following panels will take place on Monday, June 26:

1. "Regional Policy Outlook: Joint efforts to increase trade and investment in the region."
2. "New commercial and investment opportunities in the region: What projects are leading the way in maritime transportation?"
3. "Advantages of the Trans-Caspian transit/transport corridor in trans-continental shipments by rail."

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4. "Combined transit options and new business opportunities in air transport."

The following will take place on Tuesday, June 27 at the US Congress:

1. Keynote remarks delivered by US CONGRESS TBD
2. Keynote speech by the US TRANSCOM high-level representative
3. Panel discussions by the Trans-Caspian Corridor state representatives

Ambassadors and regional representatives from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Turkey will be participating. Official partners include the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, Central Asia Program, Caspian Policy Center World Bank Group, Boeing Company, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, U.S.-Kazakhstan Business Association, United States-Azerbaijan Chamber of Commerce, America-Georgia Business Council, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, American Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan, American Chamber of Commerce in Georgia and the American Turkish Council.

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