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Speaker Profile



Azerbaijan



Specialist at the
Department of Analysis
and Monitoring
Center for Analysis and
Coordination of the Fourth
Industrial Revolution,
Ministry of Economy

Aygun Ahmadova

Over my extensive 20-year career, I have garnered experience in various research institutes and government ministries. My expertise extends to policy formation and project implementation in diverse areas such as e-government, smart cities, sustainable development, and digitalization.

Between 2019 and 2022, I served as the vice-chairman in the Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals of the World Summit on the Information Society (CWG-WSIS & SDGS) at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Within my current role, I am deeply engaged in analyzing and monitoring global trends, challenges, and initiatives in the digital economy, digital ecosystem, and technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. I formulate proposals for the implementation of these trends in our country, actively participating in projects and contributing to the development of the ecosystem in this dynamic field.



Chief Innovation Officer
Innovation and Digital
Development Agency

Ihor Ovcharenko

Igor is a startup enthusiast and tech-savvy professional with over ten years of experience developing startup ecosystems in emerging markets. Igor has extensive knowledge and experience in startup ecosystems building in Central & Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East & North America via his Estonia-based company with offices in Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and South Africa. He made angel investments in MyPlace, GreenBin, and seats on the advisory board of 5 other startups.



Managing Director
NEXT STEP Innovation
Center

Nazrin Asgarzade

Nazrin Asgarzade is a dedicated ecosystem supporter with a strong focus on empowering and increasing the representation of women in the startup, tech and innovation sector within the country and region. In 2020, she has launched FemTech platform which assists women to founded their startups. In several years, she has actively engaged with various startup teams, providing invaluable support to help their products to develop and have organized startup development and community programs.

Currently, she is Managing director of Next Step Innovation Center which incubate local startups. She is also a graduate of the IBA AMAN Center for Entrepreneurial Development at the University of Entrepreneurship and Business Management in Pakistan and the Global Job Skills, Employability and Leadership program at the University of Applied Science Koblenz in Germany and World Economy from Qafqaz University in Azerbaijan.

People's Republic of China



Hangzhou Bureau of
Commerce Party
member, chief
economist

Wu Changhong

Wu Changhong, an MBA graduate and a member of the Party Leadership Group at Hangzhou Municipal Bureau of Commerce, is a seasoned Chief Economist. She actively contributed to China's pioneering cross-border e-commerce comprehensive pilot zone, demonstrating profound insights into the industry's development, institutional innovations, policies, and talent development. Annually orchestrating over a hundred events, including the Global Cross-Border E-Commerce Summit, she enhances the zone's visibility with 500+ media articles. Wu successfully attracted key enterprises like Amazon and eBay to establish a presence in Hangzhou, influencing the sector. Her contributions extend to launching the country's first cross-border e-commerce academy and setting talent standards.



Senior regional country manager, Global Supplier Development Department, Alibaba International Station

Lu Xiaoli

Rocky Lu is a 15+ year employee of Alibaba Group and has led multiple businesses of the group. He is currently the regional director for Alibaba.com, India & Pakistan.

With extensive experience in the B2B Cross Border E-commerce, he has rich knowledge of the operation and execution of Cross Border E-commerce and team management.

He has helped thousands of traditional Small and Medium-sized export-led enterprises around the world to successfully transform through B2B Cross Border E-commerce.



Deputy Director of the Qiantang New Area Administrative Committee in Hangzhou
A member of the Party Committee of the District Government.

Li Jun

Ms. Li Jun has been deeply involved in the field of foreign trade and foreign economic affairs for many years. She has served as the Secretary-General of the Hangzhou International Chamber of Commerce and the Director of the International Liaison Department of the Hangzhou Promotion Association, accumulating rich experience in foreign affairs, international relations, and investment promotion. She has organized and conducted over a hundred major economic and trade exchange activities, facilitating the signing of cooperation memoranda with 42 countries and regions. In December 2021, she took on a new role in the Qiantang District, overseeing the construction of comprehensive bonded zones, free trade zones, cross-border e-commerce comprehensive pilot zones, as well as foreign trade, commercial consumption, foreign affairs, and assisting in investment promotion and related work in the economic development zones.



Director of Marketing
and Public Affairs
Department , TradeGo

Wang Shang

Ms. Wang Shang has over 8 years of expertise in internet innovation and commercialization. After joining Sinochem in 2018, Ms. Wang has been dedicated to trade digitalization exploration, and has participated in the establishment of the joint-venture digital platform of commodities trading based on blockchain technology, TradeGo. In 2020, She led the planning, editing and release of the first Whitepaper on Application of Block Chain in Energy and Petrochemical Trading Industry in China.



Associate Professor at
Zhejiang Gongshang
University, Postdoctoral
Fellow at McMaster
University, Vice Dean
of the China
(Hangzhou) Cross-
border E-commerce
College.

Zhang Rui

Zhang Rui is an associate professor at Zhejiang Business University, a postdoctoral fellow at McMaster University, and the vice dean of the China (Hangzhou) Cross-border E-commerce College. The main research areas include logistics and e-commerce service innovation, supply chain resilience, etc. Led and participated in over 10 national and provincial level projects, and provided consulting and technical services for dozens of enterprises. Participated in drafting e-commerce and logistics industry standards, won one Zhejiang Science and Technology Award and one National Business Science and Technology Progress Award, and authored and published 8 textbooks and 1 monograph.



Specially appointed professor at Zhejiang University

Ma Shuzhong

Ma Shuzhong is a specially appointed professor at Zhejiang University, a national-level professor, and a Chang Jiang Scholar Distinguished Professor appointed by the Ministry of Education. He has been selected as part of the Ministry of Education's "New Century Excellent Talents Support Program." Currently, he serves as the Dean of the China Digital Trade Research Institute at Zhejiang University, Vice Chairman of the China Information Economics Society, and a member of the National Graduate Education Steering Committee for International Business.



Ph.D., Professor, and Dean of the School of Management Engineering and E-commerce (Cross-border E-commerce School) at Zhejiang Gongshang University.

Li Xiaojun

Dean of the School of Management Engineering and E-commerce (Cross-border E-commerce School) at Zhejiang Gongshang University, and the leading figure in the youth discipline in Zhejiang Province, China. In recent years, he has published over 30 papers in domestic and international core journals, presided over one national social science project, one provincial key project of the Natural Science Foundation, two major projects of the Provincial Department of Science and Technology, and participated in several collaborative projects with enterprises. He has led two national teaching reform projects, one provincial teaching reform project, published one provincial key textbook, and authored three other textbooks. As a key member, he has received one second prize for national teaching achievements, two first prizes, and three second prizes for provincial teaching achievements.

Research Areas: Business Intelligence and Big Data Analysis, Manufacturing Informatization, Smart Education, etc.



Senior Marketing
Operations Manager,
Global Supplier
Development
Department, Alibaba
International Station

Amy Li

Amy has worked extensively in textile and apparel in some of the well known global brands before joining Alibaba.com. She has deep understanding on global supply chain and currently she is working as marketing and operation manager for global potential countries' business growth.



Founder and CEO of
Hangzhou Hoomi
Technology Co., Ltd.

Deng Yahui

Deng Yahui is associated with Hoomi Technology Co., Ltd., focusing on cross-border live-streaming e-commerce and the community of international students in China. The company has been the organizer of the national university "Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Venture Creation" (known as "Three Creation") competition's cross-border live-streaming segment for three consecutive years. Deng Yahui serves as a mentor for entrepreneurship at universities such as Zhejiang University of Technology and Zhejiang University of Finance and Economics. He is recognized as a Global Shaper by the World Economic Forum, one of the Top 20 youth leaders in the "Belt and Road" initiative by the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China, and an invited guest at the G60 Science and Innovation Corridor Talent Summit.



Ph.D., Professor, Vice Dean of the International Business School at Zhejiang International Studies University

Fang Meiyu

Fang Meiyu, Ph.D., Professor, and Associate Dean of the International Business School at Zhejiang International Studies University. She has long been dedicated to research in cross-border e-commerce education and industry. She is an expert committee member of the National E-commerce and Education Development Alliance ("50 People Forum") and a committee member of the Zhejiang Province University Student E-commerce Competition Organizing Committee. Fang Meiyu has led over 10 projects at the provincial and ministerial levels and county-level cross-border e-commerce projects. She has served as the chief editor for three national "14th Five-Year Plan" textbooks and two provincial first-class courses. She is also the head of the provincial "14th Five-Year Plan" off-campus cross-border e-commerce base. Fang Meiyu has guided students to achieve over 20 national and provincial awards in academic competitions and has successfully incubated numerous students who have ventured into the cross-border e-commerce industry.



Pioneer Fountain Group

Zhao Tong

Zhao Tong, a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, USA, is currently a partner at Pioneer Fountain Group, dedicated to the construction of cross-border B2B trading platforms. With 14 years of experience in the cross-border industry, Zhao has gained extensive career and management experience in well-known companies both domestically and internationally, including Deloitte, UnionPay International, Google, Shopify, and others.



Head of
Telecommunications,
Information and Modern
Technologies Department
Ministry of Economy and
Sustainable Development

Eka Kubusidze

Eka has been working in a different leading positions, including in the Telecommunication's Administration of Georgia and in the Ministry of Communications and Post of Georgia. She was one of the initiator of the project "Georgian Governmental Network", first biggest regional ICT Conference "Georgian IT Innovation Conference" and etc. As a head of the department, she is committed to develop strategies, projects and legislative framework of ICT to promote the field as a major driving force for socio-economic development, bringing the unprecedented benefits of broadband networks and services to remote and rural regions of Georgia and support formation of digital economy and society in the country. She is the country coordinator for project of Harmonization of Digital Market of the EaP with the EU, which is established under the EU4Digital platform, etc.



Administrative Dean of
Innovation and
Entrepreneurship
Master program
University of Georgia

Medea Janjgava

Medea Janjghava is a seasoned expert in innovation and entrepreneurship, co-authoring the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program in collaboration with UC Berkeley SCET and the University of Georgia. As the Managing Director of Future Laboratory and Administrative Dean of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Master's Program, Medea has completed the UC Berkeley SCET entrepreneurship program management module and implemented it in the Master program.

Her experience extends to managing corporate and university acceleration programs, providing mentorship to startups, and overseeing the Innovation Center at the University of Georgia.

Kazakhstan



Head of Corporate
Innovation Office at
Astana Hub -
International
technopark of IT

Valeriya Tyo

Head of Corporate Innovation Office at Astana Hub - International technopark of IT Startups. MSc in Built Environment, GRI certified professional. Over 12 years of work experience in development projects, corporate innovation, and ESG. TechWomen leadership program alumni.



Vice Rector
Almaty Management
University

Kendrick White

Kendrick White has over 30 years of experience in banking, corporate finance, VC fund management, and angel investing in Russia and the FSU. He is the founder of Marchmont Capital Partners, a leading tech scouting, market research and event management firm, and the former Vice-Rector for Innovation, at Lobachevsky University, where he created a pioneering tech transfer and commercialization infrastructure. He was the Director of the highly successful first-generation EBRD VC fund (1998-2005) and has developed unique investment experience in early-stage technology commercialization. Kendrick is currently the Vice Rector for Commercialization at the Almaty Management University in Kazakhstan and the Director of the AlmaU Technology Commercialization Center. Kendrick has an MBA from Kellogg (1990) and a BA in economics from Stetson in 1985.

Kyrgyz Republic



Deputy General Director,
State Enterprise "Single
Window Center

Kanybek Khudaiberdiev

Khudaiberdiev Kanybek has been working in the system of the Ministry of Economy and Commerce of the Kyrgyz Republic. Currently, his responsibilities include the organization of current organizational and executive work to address issues related to the financial, economic and economic activities of the Enterprise. "It is a great honor for me to serve the bright future of our country and the well-being of our people."



Deputy Director
High Technology Park
of the Kyrgyz Republic

Chubak Temirov

Chubak Temirov is actively involved in recruiting both international and local IT companies as residents, gives consultations on joining to the HTP (tax regime, required documents, benefits and etc). He also constantly helps in the development and support of HTP residents and their developed products by linking them with local and international partners, investors and businesses. He has more than 10 years experience in IT and sales. He received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from AUCA and his Master's degree in Supply Chain Management and Logistics from the University of East Anglia, UK.



Country Director,
Acceleration Manager
Accelerate Prosperity

Jyldyz Isabekova

A result driven Senior Business Development Manager with 20 years of expertise in finance, banking and project management in ICT. Skilled in optimizing teams' dynamics to deliver results; last 4 years in venture finance sector. Currently Ms. Isabekova is working as a Country Director in an investment accelerator. Also, she is the member of Investment Committee for the startups evaluation.



CEO
ULUT Soft LLC

Mirbek Okenov

Mirbek Okenov is an IT Entrepreneur from Bishkek/Kyrgyzstan. After graduating from Middle East Technical University gaining degree in Computer Sciences in 2005, he has been involved in various digitization projects in Türkiye, Russia and Kyrgyz Republic. Currently he is a CEO and General Manager of ULUT Soft LLC, a company which is specialized in e-gov projects. Company is also working on AI chatbot in Kyrgyz language using frontier NLP models.

Mongolia



Advisor to Minister
Ministry of Digital
Development and
Communication

Temuulen Bayaraa

Temuulen currently serves as the Digital Economy Advisor for the Minister of Digital Development and Communications of Mongolia. In this capacity, she plays an essential role in investment promotion and market entry of global tech firms like Google and Starlink into the Mongolian market. She also coordinates Mongolia's global communications efforts, fostering strategic partnerships with industry leaders such as Warner Bros.

Previously, Temuulen spent over 7 years in Singapore. She served as a PPP consultant at the World Bank Infrastructure Hub, managed analytics consulting projects with MNC clients such as Microsoft and Sanofi, as well as Singapore Government institutions such as SkillsFuture, a lifelong learning agency. In addition, Temuulen led a team that developed an ESG-based AI procurement system and successfully commercialized its patent in Singapore.

Temuulen graduated from the National University of Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Master's Program in Public Policy with the Valedictorian and Dean's Leadership Award, and in 2011, she graduated from the School of International Affairs of the National University of Singapore with a major in International Economic Relations.



Specialist
National Data Center

Oyunzul Purevdulam

Oyunzul Purevdulam holds a legal bachelor's and master's degree. In addition, her professional experience provided her with a solid understanding of the administration and education sectors. She is currently Specialist of National Data Center. This position allows her to swiftly adapt to new processes, communicate effectively, and solve problems efficiently.



Head of State
Administration and
Management Division
SME Agency

Munkhtsetseg Bazar

The Department of Public Administration provides leadership in the organization's human resources management, directs the daily activities of employees, and monitors their implementation within the framework of Mongolian laws. It will carry out the functions of organizing training on improving the knowledge and skills of civil servants, ensuring, and regulating social security, and enforcing the standards of archive and record keeping.



CEO
Shopyy.mn

Batzul Sharavdagva

Experienced Product Development with a demonstrated history of working in the telecommunications industry. Skilled in Business Planning, Analytical Skills, C++, Strategic Planning, and Attitude Change. Strong product management professional with a Master's degree focused in Distributed Computing from University of Seoul.



Co-Founder and CEO
Erxes Inc

Mend-Orshikh Amartaivan

As the co-founder and CEO of erxes Inc, he steers a pioneering open-source Experience Operating System (XOS), revolutionizing how Enterprises, SaaS providers, digital marketers, and developers deliver customer experiences. Erxes has been downloaded over 1 million times, serving users across 100 countries in more than 30 languages. With our XOS at its core, erxes is the infrastructure enabling 25,000 businesses to thrive. Their robust platform underpins diverse industries, from logistics and fintech to e-commerce, fueling businesses to construct seamless, scalable solutions. They're on a mission to redefine business operating systems, propelling a new era of digital experience.



Executive Vice President
Gobi JSC

Misheel Otgontugs

Misheel is the Executive Vice President of Gobi JSC. Gobi JSC is a top vertically integrated cashmere manufacturer from Mongolia. I oversee everything related to Gobi Cashmere Globally, from the North American market to European market and China market. They operate through their website, physical stores, and Marketplace such as Zalando. He was recently selected as a Forbes 30 under 30 Asia in the retail and ecommerce category, with that selection he was the 5th Mongolian to be selected for this award.



CEO
GoLab LLC

Usukhbayar Enkhjargal

Usukhbayar Enkhjargal is specialized in project development, digital transformation, technology consulting, and technology capacity building. His education background in engineering and technology, which led to his early career decision of pursuing and executing digital transformation projects, specifically ERP implementations, in five different countries across 20 manufacturing plants. Currently, their team is spearheading the development of digital literacy in Mongolia's youth, civil servants, and SMEs in collaboration with Google. The overarching goal of mine is to bridge the digital divide and reduce the gap in digital knowledge by equipping individuals with the necessary expertise.



Deputy CEO
Intelmind LLC

Baasankhuu Khisgdorj

Experienced Legal Advisor and competent Business Developer with over 15 years of experience with government, private institution, and e commerce sector, skilled in researching, examining, interpreting, and presenting proposals and conclusions on wide range of market information, complex situations, and cases. Excellent leader and team player with acknowledged recognition from the management, highly motivated individual with a strong commitment towards visible and measurable results with business partners.



Head of Business
Development
TI Logistics

Gunbiligt Bayasgalan

With over a decade of professional experience in both private and public sectors across Singapore and Mongolia, Gunbiligt has cultivated a deep expertise in Public Relations and Business Development. His career journey has been marked by a passion for transformation, particularly in the realms of transportation and logistics. As he aspires to further evolve my career, he is committed to driving digital transformation in the logistics sector, with a focus on 3PL (Third-Party Logistics) solutions and the thriving e-commerce industry. His goal is to forge new partnerships with Chinese counterparts, enriching Mongolian warehousing and intermodal terminal operations, and facilitating the seamless flow of goods, contributing to the dynamic landscape of modern logistics.



CEO
Airee felt LLC

Batdorj Ganbat

Batdorj Ganbat is a CEO of Airee Felt LLC. Batdorj is an entrepreneur with 20+ years of experience gained from working for major local and international companies. From which, past 12 years has been holding senior managerial positions. From 2018, started an own consultanting firm to provide business consultancy for Start-up's and SME's. From past experience, Batdorj have developed quite extensive professional network and obtained knowledge of the ways to operate in the local market in its diverse, sometimes unique conditions. Batdorj holds BA and MBA degrees in Finance, Bacheor of law.



Chief Human Resource
and Administration
Officer
APU JSC

Ichinkhorloo Jargalsaikhan

Ichinkhorloo did her masters degree from University of New South Wales (UNSW) in Australia as international business management.

Currently, she works as a Chief Human Resource and Administration Officer at APU Company from 2021. APU Company is the one of the leading beverage manufacturing and trading company since 1924 in Mongolia. Her main duty is responsible for formulating a human resource digital strategy, implementing a recruitment, talent, compensation and benefit policy through the company of 2300 employees.



Co-Founder and CTO
Intelmind LLC

Gundsambuu Natsagdor

Gundsambuu is a co-founder of Mongolia's leading e-commerce marketplace and SAAS system, possessing a high level of expertise as a skilled software developer across various domains. His versatile skill set encompasses proficiency in application development, database administration, and project management, spanning a diverse spectrum of business applications. His primary areas of specialization revolve around client/server architecture and relational database design, where he excels in SQL utilization. He is also well-versed in NoSQL databases like MongoDB and Cassandra. He thrives when tackling migration projects and maintaining close, hands-on interaction with databases."



Intelmind LLC, CEO

Mendbayar Tseveen

Mr. Menbayar Tseveen is currently running as the CEO of Intelmind, which he originally co-founded. He is a serial entrepreneur and a prominent figure in the local start-up scene. Over the last 18 years of his career, he has held numerous management positions in diverse sectors ranging from construction, energy, and technology to trading. He has led technology-driven businesses, co-founded the Intelmind Group, and successfully introduced projects such as Shoppy.mn, Cody, Joinme, and Coinhub. In recent years, he has been giving public speeches and leading panel discussions at conferences and events to motivate the youths and contribute to industry development through sharing his expertise in e-commerce, business management, and technology innovation.



Head of Global Sales
Division (China)
Gobi JSC

Urantsetseg Buyanjargal

Urantsetseg is the Head of Global Sales Division/CN/ of Gobi JSC. Gobi JSC is a top vertically integrated cashmere manufacturer from Mongolia. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in international trading, both earned at Shanghai University of International Business and Economics. She currently serves as the Head of the Chinese Market Department at Gobi JSC. Notably, Gobi Cashmere has been operating in the Chinese marketplace since 2020, actively engaging with prominent sales channels such as TMALL, TAOBAO, JD, and DOUYIN.



Founder, Executive
director
Chief Technologist,
Lkhamour LLC

Khulan Davaadorj

Founder, director and chief technologist of multi-award winning organic skincare brand LHAMOUR. Indeed Mongolia' first ever organic skincare brand.

We are a social start-up that created Mongolia's first organic skincare production that takes a holistic approach regarding environmental sustainability and social responsibility through zero waste natural products with unique Mongolian ingredients and giving back to the community from each success we achieve.

The main philosophy we want to share is love – love for your own health, love for others and love for the environment and future generations.



Co-Founder & CEO
FIBO Cloud Pte

Purevbazar Purevjav

He is passionate about the sole purpose of technology which is to make human work simpler, and closer.

Forbes30Under30 Ulaanbaatar.

Google For Startups | Astana 22' Alumni

Pakistan



Additional Secretary
Ministry of IT and
Telecommunication
of Pakistan

Aisha Humera Moriani

Aisha Humera Moriani Chaudhary is a career Civil Servant from the Secretariat Group. During her 28 years of service, Ms. Aisha Humera Chaudhary has worked on various key positions in Federal Government including Joint Secretary (WTO), Ministry of Commerce, dealing with trade matters with United States, European Union, Central Asia Regions, Africa and Middle East. Economic Counsellor, Pakistan Mission to the WTO, Geneva. She played an instrumental role in the implementation of E-Commerce Policy of Pakistan and successfully negotiated Pakistani sellers access to Amazon market place. She joined the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication on 18th April 2022 as Additional Secretary.

Ms. Aisha Humera Moriani holds degrees of Executive Masters International Negotiation & Policy Making from Graduate Institute Geneva Executive Education, Mastering Trade Policy from Harvard University, USA and M.Sc – Development Management from London School of Economics, UK.



Manager Tourism,
Agriculture & IT
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
Board of Investment and
Trade

Gul Muhammad

Gul is an accomplished professional currently serving as the Manager of Tourism, IT & Agriculture at Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Board of Investment and Trade (KP-BOIT) aligns perfectly with CAREC's objectives. In this pivotal role, Gul deeply committed to promoting, developing, and advancing the ICT, Tourism, and Agriculture sectors in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province of Pakistan. Gul's diverse responsibilities span various dimensions of these critical industries.



Head of
Platformization
Easypaisa

Muhammad Asim Farooq

Muhammad Asim Farooq is a highly accomplished Payments leader with 14 years of experience in the Telecom Banking and Fintech industry. As the Director - Head of Digital Payments at easypaisa, he is a visionary leader driving innovation and transforming digital payments in Pakistan. Known for his exceptional leadership skills and a strong foundation in the country's financial regulatory landscape, Asim has successfully positioned easypaisa as a leader in the Payments industry of Pakistan, achieving remarkable milestones and driving strategic initiatives. His expertise in managing end-to-end business from product delivery to P&L, identifying innovative use cases, and fostering partnerships, has contributed to the growth and success of easypaisa. With a proven track record of driving teams to excellence, Asim's strategic vision and ability to inspire and motivate others make him an ideal fit for driving payments initiatives.



Executive Director
Voyagersol Group

Syed Mohsin Shayan

Shayan has over a decade of experience in innovation and entrepreneurship across Asia Pacific, South Asia and Middle East regions. He has mentored over 1,300 startups and have helped founders raise more than \$20m in investments. He specializes in building organizations and businesses from scratch and taking them from 0 to 1.

He is currently working as the Executive Director of the Voyagersol Group in Islamabad - a thriving business entity with businesses spread across different verticals including incubation and acceleration, coworking spaces, virtual learning platform, tech development and digital services.

Tajikistan



Head of Digital Economy
Development
Department
Ministry of Economic
Development and Trade

Farukh Soliev

Mr. Farukh Soliev is an expert in International Economic Relations and Trade. He received his master's degree from the Tajik Technical University in Transport Management and Economics, and a Master of Science degree from Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (Japan) in International Cooperation Policy.

Mr. Farukh Soliev has been working at the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan for 29 years, including as Head of the Trade Department and Head of the International Economic Development Department. Currently, he is the Head of the Digital Economy Development Department.



Country Head of
School of Professional
and Continuing
Education (SPCE)
Tajikistan
University of Central
Asia

Farukhsho Fraidonov

Farukhsho Fraidonov has over 15 years of progressive teaching and education leadership experiences at the Aga Khan Education Services in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, Aga Khan University (AKU), and University of Central Asia. He has experience working with key stakeholders including the Ministry of Education, Aga Khan Development Network institutions, international organizations, as well as donors, to improve the quality of education in the region. He has conducted research, as well as designed and delivered professional development programs for Schoolteachers and Directors in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. Fraidonov graduated with distinction from the Faculty of International Economic Relations at Khorog State University in 1999. He also earned a master's degree in education (MEd) with a specialization in Social Studies and Teacher Education, and Educational Leadership and Management from the Aga Khan University's Institute for Educational Development in Karachi, Pakistan.



Head for Venture Capital
Department of FiftyFive
Group, Managing
Director in Tajikistan
Venture Capital

Nozanin Tuychieva

Nozanin's experience in investment management and Tajikistan Venture Capital organization management has perfectly developed in her all the necessary skills of an executive manager, at the same time a multifaceted profile: commerce and marketing, grant and tender operations, creation of products and projects and networks. Today, together with the TVC, she is working on forecasting venture trends, attracting more investments in local startups from domestic investors, promoting the development of legislation for the turnover of transactions and attracting the expertise of foreign investors to the Tajikistan market. Most of her work today consists in conducting in-depth research of the Tajik investment market and analytics of startup ratings and monitoring tracking and forecasting of ecosystem development towards innovations and improvement of the state of business players.

Turkmenistan



Head of Computer
Technologies Division
Ministry of Finance and
Economy

Guvanch Shamuhammedov

Mr. Shamuhammedov is the head of the Department of Computer Technologies under the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan and a leader in the implementation of advanced technologies and solutions in the field of digitalization of the economy.



Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Centre of Technologies of the Academy of Sciences

Jeren Ashirmuhammedova

Jeren Ashirmuhammedova graduated from Turkmen State University named after Magtymguly in 2006. Mathematician, mathematics teacher, in September 2022 became candidate of physics-mathematics sciences. The winner of the competition for scientific work among young scientists and students of Turkmenistan in 2012. Jeren knows Russian, Turkish, English languages and has more than 20 publications.



Lecturer, Department of Economics of Innovation
Oguz Han Engineering and Technology University

Geldi Berdiyev

Geldi is an instructor at the Oguz han Engineering Technology University of Turkmenistan. He studied in Gazi University, Ankara, Turkiye and got my bachelor's degree of "economics" in 2017. After that he got my MBA degree at the International University for the Humanities and Development of Turkmenistan in 2020.

Uzbekistan



Chief Specialist of the
Tariff and Non-Tariff
Regulatory Measures
Department
Ministry of Investments
and Foreign Trade

Timur Shakhnazarov

Shakhnazarov Timur takes part in the development of attracting technical assistance to hire international experts in the field of international trade (improving the legislative framework in the field of foreign trade). He also provides assistance to entrepreneurs in the field of customs legislation and technical regulation, application of safeguard, anti-dumping and compensation measures in relation to goods. He has more than 5 years of experience in trade facilitation, including foreign trade regulation. He received his Bachelor's degree in finance and his Master's degree in economics from Tashkent State University of Economics, Tashkent. He also has a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the All-Russian Academy of Foreign Trade, Moscow.



Head of Department for
Residents Affairs
IT Park Uzbekistan

Lazizbek Khudaev

Mr. Lazizbek Khudaev currently occupies a position of Head of Department for residents affairs in the Directorate of the Technological Park of Software Products and Information Technologies – IT Park Uzbekistan. There are three divisions under his direct supervision. Mr. Lazizbek's primary duties include registration of IT-companies that apply for residency, support and promotion of more than 1500 IT companies that became residents of IT-Park and also monitoring and analyzing their financial performances and business activities. Due to his huge experience, Mr. Lazizbek was involved in drafting of governmental decrees and organizing big events that contributed to the development of IT sector in Uzbekistan.



Director of InnoWIUT
Westminster
International University
in Tashkent (WIUT)

Sarvar Djalalov

Sarvar Djalalov, Director of InnoWIUT Innovation and Entrepreneurship Lab at Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT), boasts over a decade of entrepreneurship experience. As a founder and owner of various Canadian companies, he brings a wealth of knowledge in sales, operations, supply chain management, logistics, and marketing. A proven business consultant, Sarvar excels in delivering tangible results. He specializes in business process automation, education management, and digital marketing, contributing to his clients' growth and success. His leadership at InnoWIUT Innovation and Entrepreneurship Lab is instrumental in nurturing innovative ideas and fostering a culture of entrepreneurship within the academic community. Sarvar's dedication and expertise continue to drive progress in the entrepreneurial and innovation landscape.



CEO, Co-founder
TASS VISION

Shakhzod Umirzakov

Winner "Startups-Initiatives" in Uzbekistan (2018); Winner "DAR lab" in Central Asia (2019); Alumni 500Global (B3) (2022)

TASS Vision is a computer vision company that leverages AI and embedded technologies to detect, track and analyze camera data. It optimizes the operations of businesses and governments using its 3 main products: Visitor analytics, Heatmap, and FaceHR. TASS Vision has started cooperation with the largest network of electronics stores in Uzbekistan - Ishonch, had a partnership with Bosch, and set an agreement with one of the largest Kazakh chains of supermarkets. TASS Vision also reports they have adapted the software to service a first domestic Smart city in Uzbekistan by performing video surveillance of playgrounds with smart cameras, automatic observation, plate recognition for parking and other services.

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