

Azerbaijan as an Emerging Eurasian Business Hub An Overview of Business Opportunities and Legal Challenges

Webinar - 25 February 2021 (10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.) CET

When it comes to expanding business opportunities across borders, entrepreneurs, policymakers, lawyers, and corporate executives, can navigate more firmly when they possess the necessary information to tackle any challenges that may arise. As a country along the Silk Road, Azerbaijan is opening its doors to foreign investors, companies, and interested stakeholders seeking to do business in it, or alongside it. To harness the necessary information for a successful business venture, the HCLA- GSGS webinar will seek to allay inherent risks attached thereto, by virtue of presenting an overview of the business opportunities that Azerbaijan has to offer, as well as to highlight the legal reforms and challenges that have occurred in its development.

The event is part of the HCLA's "Think Global, Go Global" program and will be held in cooperation with the Graduate School of Global Studies at Doshisha University (Japan) ("GSGS"), the ADA University (Azerbaijan), Embassy of Azerbaijan in NL, Azerbaijan Ministry of Communications and High Technologies, Alat Free Economic Zone, Azerbaijan Export and Investment Promotion Foundation(AZPROMO), and local partners including Caucasus Consulting Group of Company.

Renowned lawyers, experts, officials, and academics will discuss contemporary issues within the legal, economic, and geopolitical perspectives as they relate to **Azerbaijan as one of the main hubs of Asian-European commerce and trade.**

PROVISIONAL TOPICS AND SPEAKERS (Subject to some adjustments)

Prof Hisae Nakanishi, Dean of GSGS- Welcoming Note (5 Min)

H.E Ambassador Fikrat Akhundov - Opening (5 Min)

- **Valeh Alasgarov, Chairman of the Board of Directors -Alat Free Economic Zone** "Investment opportunities in the non-oil sector in Azerbaijan: example of Alat Free Economic Zone." (15 Min)
- **Prof, Masanori NAITO, GSGS, Doshisha University,** "An overview of Azerbaijan's neighboring countries' foreign policies." (15 Min)
- **Fariz Ismayilzada, Vice-Rector of ADA University** " Economic and Political Benefits of the Transport Corridors." (15 Min)
- **Zohrab Gadirov, Director of Investment Promotion Department- AZPROMO,** "*Investment climate and business opportunities in Azerbaijan.*" (15 Min)
- **Shahin Ismayilov, Head of International Division, Ministry of Transport, Communication and High Technologies** "Strategic role of Azerbaijan in inter-regional transport and transit relations." (12 Min)

- **TBC- (15 Min)**

Q&A : 45 Min

Who Can Participate?

- This event is available free of charge to a limited number of legal professionals, scholars, diplomats, and business managers.
- Registration is required to attend the event. **TBA**
- For any further information, please contact HCLA via event@hclanl.com