



The Ninth Meeting of the CICA Think Tank Forum

**A New Beginning for Rebuilding Mutual Trust in the
Post-pandemic Era: Trends and Missions**

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December 28, 2021

Opening Ceremony

Time: December 28, 15:00-15:40 (GMT+8)

Speakers: Chen Dongxiao, President, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS), China

Kairat Sarybay, Executive Director, the Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measure in Asia (CICA), Ambassador

Xiao Qinghua, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China,

Adoption of the Agenda

Time: December 28, 15:40-15:45 (GMT+8)

Moderator: Chen Dongxiao, President, SIIS, China

Session 1: Security Challenges to CICA Member States in the Post-pandemic Era

Time: December 28, 15:45-17:45 (GMT+8)

In this session, participants are expected to discuss the status-quo and security challenges in Eurasia under the impact of COVID-19. We hope to collect general opinions from CICA Member States on regional security amid the pandemic and propel the restructuring of confidence-building measures in

security by discussing and recognizing their major security concerns.

Moderator: Qiang Xiaoyun, Director, Center for Russian-Central Asian Studies, SIIS, China

Speakers: (10 minutes/speaker)

1. Yang Jiemian, President Emeritus and Chairman of the Council of Academic Affairs, SIIS, China
2. Srikanth Kondapalli, Chairman and Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
3. Khalid Mahmood, Chairman, Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI), Pakistan
4. Dewanamuni Kathya Senevirathne, Research Assistant, Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute International Relations and Strategic Studies (LKI), Sri Lanka
5. Khurshed Ziyoi, Director, Center for Strategic Researches under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Tajikistan
6. Sun Zhuangzhi, Director, Institute of Russia, Eastern Europe & Central Asian Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), China

Discussion: December 28, 16:45-17:45 (GMT+8)

December 29, 2021

Session 2: Cooperation among CICA Member States on Security in the Digital Era

Time: December 29, 13:00-15:00 (GMT+8)

In this session, participants are expected to discuss how CICA Member States can explore new sustainable development paths under the impact of the new sci-tech revolution. Most CICA Member States are developing countries and many are typical energy producers. Under the impact of digital economy and the new sci-tech revolution, many of them are facing an uncertain future in terms of economic development. This session focuses on the future of CICA Member States and the exploration of their cooperation in the new era.

Moderator: Liu Jun, Dean of School of Advanced International and Area Studies, Deputy Director of Center for Russian Studies, East China Normal University (ECNU), China

Speakers: (10 minutes/speaker)

1. Xu Bu, President, China Institute of International Studies (CIIS), China
2. Ilgar Velizade, Chief, Caspian Centre for Spatial Analyses, Azerbaijan
3. Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Science Diplomacy Fellow, Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS), India

4. Yuri Bocharov, Ph.D. Political Scientist, Head of the Center for Electoral Technologies, Israel
5. Kairat Abdrakhmanov, General Director, International Science Complex "Astana", Kazakhstan
6. Quan Heng, Professor and Secretary, CPC Committee of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS), China

Discussion: December 29, 14:00-15:00 (GMT+8)

Coffee Break

Time: December 29, 15:00-15:30 (GMT+8)

Session 3: Views of CICA Think Tanks on the Transformation and Upgrade of CICA

Time: December 29, 15:30-17:30 (GMT+8)

In this session, participants are expected to discuss the opportunities and challenges in strengthening the capacity building of CICA and its further institutionalization, including analyzing the pathway of the transformation into an international organization and upgrade of CICA and discussing the major directions for CICA future work, the priorities in the next phase, and other issues. We hope to inspire intellectual contribution to the transformation and development of CICA by seeking the views of the think tanks. The participants are encouraged to express their thoughts on the paper

by the Kazakh CICA Chairmanship “Conceptual Approaches to the Transformation of CICA into an International Organization for Regional Security” (26 August 2021).

Moderator: Doulat Kuanyshiev, Expert, the Secretariat of the CICA, Ambassador

Speakers: (10 minutes/speaker)

1. Bolat Nurgaliev, Chairman, Foreign Policy Research Institute under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Ambassador
2. Alexander Lukin, Director, Center for East Asian and SCO Studies, Moscow State Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russia
3. Alper Aktaş, Deputy General Director, Center for Strategic Research (SAM) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey
4. Chheang Vannarith, President, Asian Vision Institute, Cambodia
5. Khalid Taimur Akram, Executive Director, Center for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Pakistan
6. Aydin Nurhan, Senior Adviser, Ankara Center for Crisis and Policy Studies (ANKASAM), Ambassador

Discussion: December 29, 16:30-17:30 (GMT+8)

Closing Ceremony

Time: December 29, 17:30-17:45 (GMT+8)

Speakers: Bolat Nurgaliev, Chairman, Foreign Policy Research Institute
under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of
Kazakhstan, Ambassador

Chen Dongxiao, President, Shanghai Institutes for
International Studies, China
