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9 – 10 June 2025, Astana, Kazakhstan

Sheraton Hotel, Syganak Street, Astana, Kazakhstan
(address: 60/1 Syganak Street, Z05T6B0, Astana, Kazakhstan)

Program: Day One (9 June 2025)

8.30 – 9.10 am **Registration and Morning Coffee**

9.10 – 9.30 am **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

Satzhan Ablaliyev, Vice - Minister of Transport, *Kazakhstan*

Berik Kamaliyev, Chairman of the National Committee of PIARC in the Republic of Kazakhstan, *Kazakhstan*

Irakli Khergiani, Member of FIDIC Membership Committee, President of ACEG, Founder and Director of Intelligent Solution, *Georgia*

Karl Pörnbacher, Partner, Hogan Lovells, *Germany*

9.30 – 9.50 am **Keynote Speech**

Prashant Kapila, FIDIC Board Member, Managing Director of Intercontinental Consultants & Technocrats Pvt Ltd., *India*

Greg Smith, Global Programme Director of iRAP, *UK*

Signing of the Agreement on the Establishment of KazRAP

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9.50 – 11.00 am

Panel 1: Connecting the Region through Infrastructure

Moderated by: **Zhandos Amanbaev**, Director of Kazakhstan National Association of Professional Engineers and Consultants, *Kazakhstan*

Satzhan Ablaliyev, Vice-Minister of Transport, *Kazakhstan*

Tolegen Abdullin, Chairman of Committee for Roads Ministry of Transport, *Kazakhstan*

Darkhan Imanashev, Chairman of the Board of NC KazAvtoZhol JSC, *Kazakhstan*

Bulatbek Aitbayev, General Director of the National Center for the Quality of Road Assets, *Kazakhstan*

Cosmin Tobolcea, FIDIC Board Member, Managing Partner at PROTOBY & Euro Finance Advisors, *Romania*

Aiday Soltobaeva, Legal Expert, Ministry of Transport and Communication of the Kyrgyz Republic, *Kyrgyzstan*

Irakli Khargiani, Member of FIDIC Membership Committee, President of ACEG, *Georgia*

11.00 – 11.20 am

Coffee Break

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11.20 am – 12.20 pm

Panel 2: Role of International Financial Institutions in dealing with Construction Projects

Moderated by: **Prashant Kapila**, FIDIC Board Member, Managing Director of Intercontinental Consultants & Technocrats Pvt Ltd., *India*

Galiya Ismakova, Procurement Director of the Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department (PPFD) at Asian Development Bank, *Philippines*

Margulan Abdirov, Division Chief of Transport, Industry and Infrastructure Directorate at Eurasian Development Bank, *Kazakhstan*

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Sanjeet Kumar, Senior Procurement Specialist at World Bank,
Kazakhstan/Uzbekistan

Shukhrat Khojaev, Regional Procurement Officer of the Regional Hub of Almaty at
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), *Saudi Arabia*

12:20 – 1.30 pm

Panel 3: Role of Engineers in Construction / Infrastructure Projects

Moderated by: Irakli Khergiani, Member of FIDIC Membership Committee, President
of ACEG, Founder and Director at Intelligent Solution, *Georgia*

Adam Bialachowski, FIDIC Board Member, Chief Executive Officer of B-Act S.A.,
Poland

Himanshu Batra, Director - Expert Services at Masin, *UAE*

Kim Jin Woo, Vice President of Dongsung Engineering, *South Korea*

Kim Noh Sung, Vice President at ISAN Corporation, *South Korea*

Saniya Ayambekova, Chief Executive Officer at Advanced Controls & Project
Management LLP, *Kazakhstan*

1.30 – 2.30 pm

Gourmet Lunch Break

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2.30 – 3.40 pm

Panel 4: Road Safety Engineering

Moderated by: Arystan Massanov, Director of the Kazakh Scientific Research
Institute of Road Safety LLP, *Kazakhstan*

Andy McLoughlin, Road Safety Expert, Managing Director (I.T. Transport I.T. Ltd,
United Kingdom

Bruce Hamilton, Executive Director of the Roadway Safety Foundation, *USA*

Francisco Reina Barranco, Co-founder of FRED Engineering, *Italy*

Greg Smith, Global Programme Director of iRAP, *United Kingdom*

João Pimentel, Managing Director of Swedish National Road Consulting AB,
Sweden

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Dr. Kasem Choocharukul, Director of the Thailand Road Assessment Programme (ThaiRAP), *Thailand*

Aizhan Issagulova, Project Manager at the Kazakh Research Institute of Road Safety LLP, *Kazakhstan*

3:40 – 4.00 pm

Coffee Break

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4.00 – 5.20 pm

Panel 5: Construction Projects

Moderated by: Serik Imashev, Chief Engineer of KazAutoZHol, Kazakhstan

Maxat Bayakhmet, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Roads, Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Kazakhstan, *Kazakhstan*

Darkhan Rakhimov, Director at InnSight, BI Group, *Kazakhstan*

David Carmichael, FIDIC Specialist, Dispute Board Practitioner at the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, *Kazakhstan*

Serkan Kaplan, Manager of the Kazakhstan branch of KLV Insaat, *Turkiye*

5.20 pm

Closing Remarks – End of Day One

8:00 pm

Gala Dinner at Vechnoe Nebo, address: Barayev Street 23

[Transportation available at 19:00 pm]

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Program: Day Two (10 June 2025)

9.00 – 9.30 am **Registration and Morning Coffee**

9:30 – 9:40 am **Introductory Remarks**

9.40 – 11.10 am **Panel 6: FIDIC-based contracts**

Moderated by: **Nata Ghibradze**, Counsel at Hogan Lovells, *Germany*

Andrey Artyushenko, FIDIC Certified Trainer, Managing Partner at Artyushenko & Partners, *Kazakhstan*

Asel El Housan, Managing Director of AEH Consultancy LLC, *UK*

Daduna Kokhreidze, General Counsel at FIDIC, *Switzerland*

Gagan Anand, Managing Partner at Legacy Law Offices LLP, *India*

Zhambyl Bakhtyar, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Roads, Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Kazakhstan, *Kazakhstan*

11.10 – 11.30 am **Coffee Break**

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11.30 am – 1.00 pm **Panel 7: Dispute Boards**

Moderated by: **Nina Tsaturova**, Management Board Member at ACEG, Head of Legal and Director of Intelligent Solution, *Georgia*

Birzhan Zharasbayev, Office Managing Partner at Dentons, *Kazakhstan*

Cremona Cotovelea, Board member representing Europe, Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, Managing partner at SCPA Tecuci Paltineanu, *Romania*

Leo Grutters, Dispute Board Member, International Dispute Resolution Services, *Germany*

Sophie Tkemaladze, Managing Partner at Resolve, Assistant Professor at New Vision University, *Georgia*

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Taner Dedezade, International Construction Lawyer at International Construction Chambers, FIDIC Certified Trainer, *UK*

1.00 – 2.00 pm

Lunch Break

2.00 – 3.30 pm

Panel 8: International Arbitration

Moderated by: *Karl Pörnbacher, Partner, Hogan Lovells, Germany*

Almat Igenbayev, Managing Director of the Case Management Department, the AIFC Court and AIFC International Arbitration Centre, *Kazakhstan*

Maria Jonker, Counsel at London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), *UK*

Niamh Leinwather, Secretary General of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC), *Austria*

Tom Smith, Partner at Hogan Lovells, *UK*

Violeta Saranciuc, Partner at Zamfirescu Racoti Vasile & Partners, *Romania*

Xin Zhang, Counsel at the ICC International Court of Arbitration, *Hong Kong*

3.30 – 3.50 pm

Coffee Break

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3.50 – 5.10 pm

Panel 9: Capacity Building and Education

Moderated by: *Kamilla Maxatova, Deputy Director of Kazakhstan National Association of Professional Engineers and Consultants, Kazakhstan*

Gulzhamal Umarova, Director of Competence Development Center at Kazakhstan Road Research Institute JSC, *Kazakhstan*

Feruza Bobokulova, Partner of MY LAWYER Law Firm, Board Member of UzACE, *Uzbekistan*

Kirill Lonovenko, Contract and Procurement Manager (Oil and Gas, Green Energy, EPC, FIDIC, CESMM4), *Kazakhstan*

Nikola Pavlovic, President of the Association of Consulting Engineers of Serbia (ACES), Founder of Construction Claim, *Serbia*

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Zhandos Amanbayev, Director of the Kazakhstan National Association of Professional Engineers and Consultants, *Kazakhstan*

5.10 pm

Closing Remarks

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