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AGENDA

OFFICIAL RECEPTION

Day I - May 19th, 2025 Official Reception/ networking
event - Invitation Only, Straus hall

Time	Subject
19:00 -19:30	Arrival of Guests
19:30 –20:00	Welcoming remarks by: Mr. Muhamet Mustafa - Economist Mr. Arben Malaj -President of Institute for Public Policy and Good Governance Mr. Astrit Panxha - Founder of Kosova Business Forum
20:00 –20:20	Posthumous award ceremony for Mr. Ajri Bajri
20:20 -20:40	Launching of “Kapitali” Business Magazine
20:40 –21:30	Networking

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Day II May 20th, 2025 - Beethoven Hall

Time	Subject
08:45 – 09:15	Registration of participants
09:15 – 10:00	Opening Remarks Mr. Astrit Panxha – Founder of Kosova Business Forum Mr. Ahmet Ismaili – Governor of Central Bank of Kosovo Mr. Visar Perani – IFC Country Officer for Kosovo and North Macedonia
10:00 – 11:00	Panel I Discussion – Financial stability, challenges to the Central Banks and Regional Cooperation Moderated by: Mr. Selim Thaçi – IMF Resident Representative Office in Kosovo Panelists: Mr. Dardan Fusha – Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo Ms. Natasha Ahmetaj – Deputy Governor of the Bank of Albania Mr. Nikola Fabris – Vice-Governor of the Central Bank of Montenegro Ms. Milica Arnaudova Stojanovska – Advisor to the Governor of the National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia Powered by: Central Bank of Kosovo
11:00 – 11:45	Panel II Discussion – Building a Resilient Financial Future: Transition Finance and Beyond Moderated by: Mr. Astrit Panxha – CEO of Kosova Finance Forum Panelists: Mr. Gem Maloku – CEO and Chairman of the Management Board at NLB Banka Mr. Sergiy Maslichenko – Head of EBRD in Kosovo Mr. Visar Perani – IFC Country Officer for Kosovo and North Macedonia Mr. Besnik Berisha – Managing Director KCGF Powered by: NLB Bank

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12:00 – 13:00	Executive Lunch-Invitation Only Powered by Fundway Scardian
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break for all participants
13:10 – 14:00	Panel III Discussion – Open Banking: turning regulatory obligation into business opportunities Moderated by: Mr. Matthias Timm – Associate Operations Officer – IFC Panelists: Mr. Gazmend Rrustemi-Member of the Management Board – BPB Bank Mr. Pavel Shust, IFC Financial Regulatory Expert Ms. Linda Shomo – Founder and CEO of EasyPay Mr. Gazmend Selmani – Founder IBAS Powered by: IFC
14:00 – 14:10	Key note Speaker Mr. Avni Ponari – Director of Sigal UNIQA Group Austria
14:10 - 15:00	Panel IV Discussion – Risk & Resilience: Shaping Kosovo’s Next Chapter in Insurance Moderated by: Mr. Visar Vokrri – Program Director, Riinvest Institute Panelists: Ms. Ramize Ramadani, Director of the Department of Insurance and Pension Supervision-CBK Mr. Genond Mesareja – Director, Sigma Insurance Group Mr. Shefik Gerbovci – Executive Director, Kosovo Insurance Bureau Powered by: Sigal UNIQA Group Austria
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break

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15:15 – 16:00	<p>Panel V Discussion - The Role of Microfinance in the Economic and Digital Transformation of Kosovo</p> <p>Moderated by:</p> <p>Mr. Shpresim Vranovci -Executive Director, AMIK</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mr. Lulzim Sadrija –CEO Rural Credit of Kosovo</p> <p>Mr. Gramos Lipovica –Chief Business Officer, OneFore Kosova</p> <p>Mr. Sokol Shasivari –Director of the Market Supervision Department, IMF, IFJB, IP, and IPE-CBK</p> <p>Powered by: AMIK</p>
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Panel VI Discussion – Enhancing Customer Experience and Compliance in Banking: Smart Digital Solution for Low-Risk Customer Data Updates</p> <p>Moderated by:</p> <p>Mr. Petrit Balija -Chief Executive Officer, Bank Association</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mr. Ilir Hasani –Head of Division PPP/FT, Central Bank of Kosovo</p> <p>Mr. Blerim Camaj- General Director of Civil Registration Agency</p> <p>Mr. Suat Bakkal- CEO, BKT Kosova</p> <p>Ms. Krenare Sogojeva Dermaku -Commissioner of The Information and Privacy Agency</p> <p>Mr. Pavel Shust, IFC Financial Regulatory Expert</p> <p>Powered by: Kosovo Banking Association</p>
17: 00 – 17:30	<p>Conclusions and closing remarks</p> <p>Mr. Gem Maloku - Executive Director of NLB Banka</p> <p>Mr. Petrit Balija - Petrit Balija CEO, Bank Association</p> <p>Mr. Shpresim Vranovci –Executive Director, AMIK</p>
17: 00 – 17:30	<p>Dinner - Invitations Only –Garden Open Kitchen</p> <p>Powered by: Kosovo Banking Association</p>

Day II May 20th, 2025 - Workshops – Verdi/Vivaldi conference rooms

Time	Subject
10:00 –12:00	<p>Workshop I - Topic: Digitalization and AI in financial sector</p> <p>Trainer:</p> <p>Mr. Arton Lena -Chief Executive Officer of WVP Fund Management Tirana</p> <p>Mr. Igor Madzov -Co-Founder and Chief Innovation Officer at FinqUP</p> <p>Ms. Leonora Kusari -Principal Manager and Regional Coordinator at EBRD</p> <p>Powered by: EBRD</p>
10:00 –12:00	<p>Workshop II – Topic: - Financial Reporting, Corporate Governance and Information Security</p> <p>Trainer:</p> <p>Mr. Lirik Bakalli -Director of Cabinet at NLB Banka</p> <p>Mr. Visar Kabashi -Head of Finance, Accounting and Financial Control at NLB Banka</p> <p>Ms. Xhanan Karaqa -Head of Security at NLB Banka</p> <p>Powered by : NLB Bank</p>
10:00 –12:00	Lunch Break
10:00 –12:00	<p>Workshop III – Topic: Cyber Resilience and Information Sharing</p> <p>Workshop: Enhancing Preparedness and Response</p> <p>Trainer:</p> <p>Mr. Jose de Barreda -Principal Digital Finance & Fintech Advisor at IFC</p> <p>Ms. Renuka Pai -Digital Financial Sector Consultant at World Bank Group</p> <p>Powered by : IFC</p>
10:00 –12:00	<p>Workshop IV –Topic: "Are we ready for CBAM? Kosovo's exports facing the EU's new rules"</p> <p>Trainer:</p> <p>Mr. Agron Demi -Co-Founder & CEO at Atlas Institute</p> <p>Powered by : Atlas Institute</p>

Day II May 20th, 2025 - Forefront Finance - Straus room

Time	Subject
11:00 – 11:30	Presentation I: The Balkan Fintech Association -our journey so far and what is coming Mr. Jose de Barreda, IFC Fintech Development Expert Mr. Kristian Kabashi, CEO Numarics AG
11:30 – 12:00	Presentation II: New Trends in the Green Economy Mr. Damien SORRELL – EIB, Head of Regional Hub for the Western Balkans
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
13:10 – 13:30	Presentation III: The work of KCGF –Challenges and Opportunities Ms. Nora Arifi –Senior Portfolio Manager, KCGF
13:30 – 14:00	Presentation IV: The work of NLB Bank way ahead -strategic focus, plans and innovative products Mr. Astrit Panxha - Moderator Mr. Gem Maloku –NLB Bank Acting Director
14:00 -14:30	Presentation V: Impact of Trade Tariffs on Western Balkans Ms. Sytrime Dervisholli -Executive Director of the PREFAB Kosovo Cluster - Moderator Mr. Arben Malaj -President -Institute for Public Policy and Good Governance Mr. Alban Hashani –Director of Riinvest Institute
14:30 -15:00	Presentation VI: Digital Futures: digitalization as key to survival for MSMEs with BPB and the EBRD Ms. Argjira Kadrijaj Dushi –Head of Retail Business, Digital Banking and Marketing -BPB Bank
15:00 -15:20	Coffe Break

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15:20 -15:50	<p>Presentation VII: Role of Investments Funds in the Economy: Sovereign Fund vs Private Fund</p> <p>Mr. Michael Gold - Managing Director, Crimson Capital</p> <p>Mr. Endrit Cela – Partner and Fund Manager, AMF Capital, Frankfurt</p>
15:50 –16:20	<p>Presentation VIII: Exploring CBDC and the Digital Euro –Insights from a Wholesale Perspective</p> <p>Mr. Besfort Shala -Senior Technology Expert and Tech Lead, Deutsche Bundesbank</p>
16:20 –16:50	<p>Presentation IX: Importance of development of Alternative Financing: Investment Funds</p> <p>Mr. Visar Vokrri – Program Director -Riinvest Institute- Moderator</p> <p>Mr. Artan Sadiku -Managing Partner & Head of Financial and Investment Services –EMPWOER</p> <p>Mr. David King –PHD Professional Development Economist, Bosnia</p>
16:50 –17:20	<p>Presentation X: Creating Regional Stock Exchange: is it Doable?</p> <p>Mr. Florin Aliu -Assistant Proffesor at VŠTE České Budějovice</p> <p>Mr. Xhulio Shyti –Vice President, Tikehau Capital, Paris</p>