



**The First Kazakhstan Economic Freedom High-Level Conference**  
**The International Financial System in a New World**

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Freedom Holding Corp. and Reinventing Bretton-Woods Committee

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Astana International Financial Centre

## DAY 1 – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

- 8:00 AM-9:30 AM**      **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 09:30 AM-10:30 AM**      **Plenary Session: The Global Economy in a World of Global Shocks**  
**AIX Trading Hall**      **Chair:**
- **Marc Uzan**, Founder and Executive Director, Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee
- Keynote Speakers:**
- **Kuanyshbek Yessekeev**, Advisor to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan
  - **Renat Bekturov**, Governor, Astana International Financial Centre
  - **Dr. Hüseyin Özhan**, Acting Managing Director, Central Asia, EBRD
  - **Timur Turlov**, CEO, Freedom Holding Corp.
- 10:30 AM-11:00 AM**      **Coffee break**
- 11:00 AM-12:30 PM**      **Monetary Policy and New Inflation Cycle: The Higher For Longer Environment?**  
**AIX Trading Hall**      **Chair:**
- **Marc Uzan**, Founder and Executive Director, Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee
- Speakers:**
- **Prof. Vítor Constâncio**, President of the Council of ISEG, Former Vice President, ECB
  - **Athanasios Orphanides**, Professor of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
  - **Dr. Jacob Frenkel**, Chairman Emeritus of the Board, Group of Thirty, former Governor of the Bank of Israel, *online*
  - **Christian de Boissieu**, Emeritus Professor of Economics, University Paris la Sorbonne
  - **Sabit Khakimzhanov**, Advisor to the Governor, National bank of Kazakhstan
- 11:00 AM-12:30 PM**      **Cross Border Payments: The Rise of Regional Initiatives**  
**Astana Hall**      **Chair:**
- **Bekzhan Mutanov**, Chief Fintech Officer, Freedom Horizons
- Speakers:**
- **Kateryna Zhabska**, Financial Sector Expert, Payments, Currencies, and Infrastructure, IMF, *online*
  - **John Velissarios**, Managing Partner, Otranto
  - **Binur Zhalenov**, Chairman of the management board, National Payments Corporation, National Bank of Kazakhstan
  - **Salvador Perez-Galindo**, Senior Advisor, Global Government Engagement, Visa
  - **Feng Xingke**, Director, Center for BRICS and Global Governance, Secretary-General, World Finance Forum

12:30 PM-2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM-3:30 PM AIX Trading Hall	<p><b>Economic Policies in A World Of Increasing Geopolitical Fragmentation</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Tarek Oliveira Shayya</b>, Founder and Managing Director, Gratiya Advisory</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Shekhar Aiyar</b>, Visiting Scholar, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Eric Parrado</b>, Chief Economist, IDB</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Hans Genberg</b>, Professor of Economics and Senior Director of Central Banking and Finance Program, Asia School of Business</li> <li>• <b>Zhou Xin</b>, Deputy Secretary-General, International Finance Forum</li> </ul>
2:00 PM-3:30 PM Astana Hall	<p><b>Sustainability Leadership: Regional Efforts and The Road to COP 29</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Steven Pueppke</b>, Senior Scientist, Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Michigan State University</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Dr. Alexander Van de Putte</b>, Executive Chairman, Sustainable Foresight Institute and Corporate Governance 4.0</li> <li>• <b>Baglana Mussina</b>, Chief Sustainability Officer, Freedom Holding Corp.</li> <li>• <b>Dinara Seijaparova</b>, Country Manager, UN Global Compact</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Natig Shirinzade</b>, Deputy Chairman of the State Agency of Mineral Resources, Azerbaijan</li> <li>• <b>Hamza Ali Malik</b>, Director of Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, UNESCAP</li> </ul>
3:30 PM-4:00 PM	Coffee break
4:00 PM-5:00 PM AIX Trading Hall	<p><b>Future of Global Governance: “Bretton-Woods @ 80”</b></p> <p><b>Marc Uzan</b>, Founder and Executive Director, Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee</p> <p><i>in conversation with</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Atish Ghosh</b>, IMF Historian, Deputy Director in the Strategic, Policy, and Review Department, IMF</p>
4:00 PM-5:00 PM Astana Hall	<p><b>Masterclass:</b></p> <p><b>Identifying and Combating Harmful Disinformation</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alex Gilmore</b>, Head of Digital, Farrant Group</li> </ul>

## DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 8:30 AM-9:30 AM**      **Welcome coffee**
- 09:30 AM-11:00 AM**  
**AIX Trading Hall**      **The Global Financial System in A New World: Implications for Monetary Policy**  
**Chair:**
- **Marc Uzan**, Founder and Executive Director, Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee
- Speakers:**
- **Akylzhan Baimagambetov**, Deputy Governor, National Bank of Kazakhstan
  - **Nor Shamsiah Mohd Yunus**, Former Governor, Central Bank of Malaysia
  - **Natia Turnava**, Acting Governor, Central Bank of Georgia
  - **Nicolas Blancher**, Mission Chief for Kazakhstan, IMF
  - **Timur Turlov**, CEO, Freedom Holding Corp.
- 11:00 AM-11:30 AM**      **Coffee break**
- 11:30 AM-1:00 PM**  
**AIX Trading Hall**      **Think Globally – Act Locally: Development of Local Capital Markets**  
**Chair:**
- **Renat Bekturov**, Governor, Astana International Financial Centre
- Speakers:**
- **Sergey Lukyanov**, Chairman of the Board of JSC Freedom Finance, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Freedom Finance Global
  - **Marius Dan**, Deputy CEO, Corporate Strategy, Franklin Templeton
  - **Robert Wotczak**, Chairman of the Board, International Trading System
  - **Ayuna Nechaeva**, Head of Europe, Primary Markets, LSEG
  - **Dr. Zhao Yang**, Managing Director, CICC Global Institute, *online*
- 11:30 AM-1:00 PM**  
**Astana Hall**      **Central Asia and Caucasus: A New Regional Trade and Transit**  
**Chair:**
- **Prof. Volodymyr Tarabara**, Professor, Director of the Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Michigan State University
- Speakers:**
- **Theresa Sabonis-Helf**, Inaugural Chair of the Science, Technology, and International Affairs, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University
  - **Dr. Hans Holz hacker**, Chief Economist, CAREC Institute
  - **George Kvirikashvili**, Former Prime Minister, Georgia
  - **Alibek Kuantyrov**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
  - **Zhiqin Shi**, Professor and PhD supervisor, Academy of Social Sciences and the Institute of International Relations, Tsinghua University

1:00 PM-2:15 PM	Lunch
2:15 PM-3:45 PM AIX Trading Hall	<p><b>Fintech &amp; Connectivity: Bridging Finance and Communications</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Anthony Simon</b>, Director, Farrant Group</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Johannes Hummer</b>, Regional Head of Middle East, Africa, Caucasus, and Central Asia, Vodafone</li> <li>• <b>Natalya Malyarchuk</b>, Head, GR Practice, Markets Mentor</li> <li>• <b>Kairat Akhmetov</b>, CEO, Freedom Telecom</li> <li>• <b>Margery Kraus</b>, Founder and Executive Chairman, APCO</li> </ul>
2:15 PM-3:45 PM Astana Hall	<p><b>The New Geography of Trade: The Middle Corridor as a Driver of Regional Integration</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ekaterina Kozyreva</b>, President, IEC International</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Hüseyin Özhan</b>, Acting Managing Director, Central Asia, EBRD</li> <li>• <b>Maja Bakran Marcich</b>, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission, <i>online</i></li> <li>• <b>Assel Zhanassova</b>, CEO, KazPost</li> <li>• <b>Norman Graham</b>, Professor of International Relations, Michigan State University</li> </ul>
3:45 PM-4:00 PM	Coffee break
4:00 PM-5:30 PM AIX Trading Hall	<p><b>Innovative Pathways to Democratize Financial Market Access</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Renat Tukanov</b>, CTO, Freedom Holding Corp.</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Timur Turlov</b>, CEO, Freedom Holding Corp.</li> <li>• <b>Alina Aldambergen</b>, CEO, Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE)</li> <li>• <b>Nurkhat Kushimov</b>, CEO, Astana Financial Services Authority</li> <li>• <b>James Martin</b>, CEO and Founder, Oak Road Ventures</li> </ul>
4:00 PM-5:30 PM Astana Hall	<p><b>Digital Transformation in Financial Institutions</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yernur Rysmagambetov</b>, CEO, Phoenix Fund LP</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kuanyshebek Yessekeev</b>, Advisor to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan</li> <li>• <b>Aidos Zhumagulov</b>, Member of the Board of Directors Freedom Bank Kazakhstan JSC</li> <li>• <b>Philippe Vogeleer</b>, Chairman of the Board, Global Partners for Digital Development</li> <li>• <b>Andr�s Havas</b>, Partner, McKinsey &amp; Company</li> <li>• <b>Faizan Chaudhary</b>, CTO and Managing Partner, Open Insights</li> </ul>