

Conference Panel Discussions - 1

Reimagining the Silk Road-Regional Connectivity, Trade Integration, and Central Asia's Strategic Role

- **Overview:** This flagship panel examines the revival of the Silk Road as a modern framework for trade integration, regional connectivity, and economic cooperation. It brings together policymakers, economists, and regional experts to discuss Central Asia's evolving role in global and Eurasian value chains.

SDG Alignment: This panel aligns with SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure and SDG 17: Partnerships

- for the Goals



Objectives: This panel aims to assess Central Asia's positioning in global trade, examine cross-border integration mechanisms and will identify policy pathways for Silk Road connectivity.

Conference Panel Discussions - 2

AI and the Future of Human Capital – reshaping the Central Asian Economies and Silk Road

- **Overview:** This panel will cover how the introduction of AI is aiding in the advancement of human capital development throughout the economies located along the Silk Road corridor, as well as those of Central Asia in general. This panel will also discuss how government and private organizations can work together to create forward-thinking policies that will allow for inclusive growth from AI technology within the region.
- **SDG Alignment:** The session aligns closely with Sustainable Development Goal 4 on quality education, Goal 8 on decent work and economic growth, and Goal 9 on industry, innovation and infrastructure



Objectives: This session will discuss how human resources development, educational systems, and workforce readiness throughout Central Asia and the Silk Road region are being impacted by advancements in artificial intelligence (AI). Participants will evaluate the impact of AI-based reformation and trans-border labor movement in fostering regional collaboration and inclusive economic development.