Invitation
EBRD Business Forum at the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors
London, UK
13–14 May 2020

Developing the Future
Inspiring Private Sector Investment for Sustainable Development
It is my pleasure to invite you to the City of London, one of the world’s greatest financial centres, on the occasion of the EBRD 2020 Annual Meeting & Business Forum.

This key event in the yearly cycle of the Bank returns to the EBRD’s Headquarters in the UK capital after three years of being held in the EBRD’s regions of operations.

The theme of the EBRD 2020 Business Forum is Developing the Future: Inspiring private sector investment for sustainable development. The Business Forum will feature a dynamic programme of panel discussions and Investment Outlook Sessions, highlighting a wide range of issues that are shaping the future of all the Bank’s regions: The Green Economy, Thinking the Unthinkable, Capital Markets, Impact Investing, and The Future of Capitalism. All of these thematic events will bring together prominent international speakers from across sectors to share knowledge, inspire dialogue and spark debate.

The two-day EBRD Business Forum typically attracts more than 2,500 guests from the EBRD regions and beyond, including senior government officials and policy makers, leading financial and corporate executives, and entrepreneurs large and small – as well as representatives of civil society organisations, and the national, regional and international media.

We recognise the importance of making connections for doing business. As a valued guest of the EBRD 2020 Business Forum you will have unparalleled networking opportunities to meet, interact and connect with guests at a series of receptions and social events.

I look forward to welcoming you to the EBRD 2020 Annual Meeting & Business Forum in London!

Enzo Quattrociocche
Secretary General
Flagship Forum Partner
We are pleased to announce that Raiffeisen Bank International is the Flagship Forum Partner of the EBRD 2020 Business Forum.

Sponsorship Opportunities
If you would like to request further information on sponsorship opportunities, please send an email to: forumpartners@ebrd.com
The Meeting of the Board of Governors

The Opening Session of the Board of Governors will take place on the morning of Wednesday 13 May, with addresses from Guests of Honour representing the Host Country, the EBRD Governor for Spain as Chair of the Board of Governors, and the EBRD President.
The Business Forum will feature an engaging programme of Discussion Panels, Special Events, Investment Outlook Sessions and many networking opportunities.

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Thinking the Unthinkable

Being a senior business or political leader has never been more challenging. Events which were once ‘unthinkable’ are now commonplace. Nik Gowing, the author of ‘Thinking the Unthinkable’, talks about why companies are unable to cope with the turbulence of the modern world. How can leaders predict the unpredictable and navigate global issues more effectively? Nik will provide his insight, views and tips on how to accept, understand and embrace disruption.

Towards a Green Financial Sector and a Just Transition

The transition to a low carbon economy will require both the greening of the financial system and ensuring a ‘Just Transition’, where no-one is left behind. This requires mainstreaming physical climate risks in economic and financial policy, as well as decision-making. It includes disclosing climate risks, and considering the role of taxation, economic forecasting and macroeconomic tools for a green economy. This session will explore the significance of these new trends, as well as the ability of the EBRD to support them through investments, skills building and policy dialogue.
Deeper and More Integrated Capital Markets
Global interconnectivity makes borders frictionless but financing needs increase. This is why we need capital markets which are deep and increasingly integrated. Many EBRD countries lag behind their global peers in terms of the depth and liquidity of their capital markets. Despite significant progress (e.g. the European Capital Markets Union), there remain challenges to the availability, diversity and price formation of capital. A panel of experts – policy-makers, regulators, government authorities and innovators – will examine the meaning, practice and impact of building deep and integrated capital markets in the EBRD regions and beyond.

The Future of Capitalism: The State Strikes Back?
There is increasing debate about the roles which the state and market play in driving economic development in the EBRD’s regions of operations, and beyond. Key issues include the optimal size of the state, the role of industrial policy in the modern economy, the profiles and significance of national champions, as well as the workings of state-owned enterprises and state-owned banks. A panel of prominent academic, policy and business experts will discuss this important set of issues which have potentially significant policy implications for the EBRD and its countries of operations.

Structuring Partnerships for Impact – How Private Capital and DFIs Support the Global Development Agenda
With only ten years left to achieve the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the annual US $2.5 trillion financing gap has not narrowed. Mobilising ‘billions to trillions’ in development finance from the private sector looks increasingly challenging. At the same time, meeting the ambitious goals of the Paris Agreement on climate change will take both political commitment and innovative financing solutions.

What more can development banks do to leverage private capital in support of the SDGs? There is now more impact investment from governments, stakeholders and a massive wealth transfer to socially-conscious millennials, but what is keeping institutional investors from financing sustainable investments in emerging markets? This panel will discuss how stronger partnerships can support the global development agenda through innovation in impact investing.

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The Future of Development with Suma Chakrabarti
How do we achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030? How can the private sector do more? These will be some of the topics covered when Suma Chakrabarti, EBRD President, meets Jonathan Charles, EBRD Communications Managing Director, for an in-depth, one-to-one conversation about the future of development. Suma will look back at his eight years as EBRD President and previous decades of development experience to reflect on future trends.

‘The Future of...’ – A Lightning Talk Series
There is a relentless parade of new technologies in many spheres. Almost every advance is billed as a breakthrough, and the list of “next big things” grows ever longer. Although not every emerging technology will alter the business or the landscape, some technologies do have the potential to disrupt the status quo, and alter the way people live and work. It is therefore critical that business and policy leaders understand those technologies which will matter and prepare accordingly. This session – part of a series of TEDx-style Lightning Talks – will explore the key technological advances which are set to transform businesses and the global economy, and demonstrate how to best prepare for them.

Sustainability Event and Awards Ceremony
Sustainability is at the heart of the EBRD’s mandate and the flagship EBRD Sustainability Report showcases our achievements in 2019, explaining how we monitor and measure impacts, and demonstrating how we engage with stakeholders. This event begins with a dynamic presentation of EBRD’s 2019 Sustainability Report, including an expert review and discussion with active audience participation. The report launch is followed by the 2020 EBRD Sustainability Awards, where selected EBRD clients will be recognised for their remarkable achievements in four categories: Sustainable Energy; Climate Resilience; Environmental and Social Best Practice; and Environmental and Social Innovation.
Cities of the Future
By 2050, two out of every three people in the world will live in cities. There are significant external drivers which will influence how cities evolve – ranging from climate change to evolving technologies and migration. What will these future cities look like and what will life be like in them? In this session, we will explore the role which the EBRD needs to play to support the transition to sustainable cities. In particular, we will examine how EBRD Green Cities, smart technologies and Just Transition can be part of delivering the systemic change necessary to achieve sustainable cities of the future.

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Investing in Women’s Economic Empowerment and Equality
The aim of this event is to showcase how EBRD clients and governments work together to strengthen equal opportunities through investment climate and legislative reforms, corporate governance, access to finance and gender-sensitive infrastructure planning. Importantly, it will also be an opportunity to provide input into the EBRD’s new gender strategy consultation process and proposed areas of operational focus. The session will further provide insights into opportunities to strengthen the private sector contribution to the gender-related SDGs.

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EBRD Annual Donor Meeting
Donors are an integral part of the EBRD’s work and play a key role in delivering impact across the Bank’s regions of operations. The Annual Donor Meeting provides a unique platform for exchanging views on the strategic issues of importance to donors and the EBRD. This event will review the results of our partnership in 2019 and set out a future agenda for 2020 and beyond.

Invitation only – enquiries:
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Trade Facilitation Programme
This annual event (by invitation only) will present and reward the most active issuing and confirming banks in the EBRD’s Trade Facilitation Programme (TFP). The event is comprised of two parts. The Information Session provides guests with the unique opportunity to review and discuss current market challenges with leading industry specialists, regulators and representatives from the World Trade Organization, as well as representatives from the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) at the local, national and international levels. It will be followed by the highly-popular annual award ceremony for ‘The Most Active EBRD TFP Banks’ and ‘Deal of the Year’, co-hosted with the “Financial Times Special Editions”.

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EBRD 2020 Annual Meeting & Business Forum
Participants will enjoy ample opportunities to network, share ideas and develop new business contacts at the following key events.

Networking Lunch on Wednesday 13 May at the Guildhall, a rare and magnificent medieval Grade I listed landmark. Only 15 minutes walking distance from EBRD Headquarters.

Network Lunch at the EBRD Headquarters on Thursday 14 May

Reception for All Participants at the Museum of London on Wednesday 13 May
During the evening Reception, participants will have the opportunity to enjoy a great selection of food and drinks and to explore the different galleries of the Museum and enjoy a collection of the social history of London; the real history of its people, past and present. The Museum of London tells the story of the capital from its settlers to modern times as guests journey through prehistoric London and discover the change brought by Roman and Saxon rule. Examine London’s tumultuous years ravaged by civil war, plague and fire. Venture then into the Galleries of Modern London to see the city expand and walk the streets of Victorian London before reminiscing modern times including the mesmerising Cauldron Gallery, home to the London 2012 Olympic Cauldron.

EBRD Alumni Event
The EBRD’s Alumni Association is a global community of around 3,000 members – a unique network of skilled people from many different sectors. Join us at the Association’s get-together, where you can network and reconnect with former colleagues in a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere. The event will also give you an opportunity to meet current members of the Bank’s management and staff.

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Youth are the Future: Mobilising Young People to Shape the Next Decade of Transition

Decisions taken today on how to address the pressing global challenges of climate change, inequality, migration and fast moving technological change will affect young people profoundly. Their active engagement is key to achieving sustainable and inclusive market-based economies and stable societies.

This panel will examine new and innovative forms of youth participation in decision-making processes, working with private sector businesses, development institutions and government agencies to manage global challenges, develop skills needed for the jobs of the future and maintain open and inclusive societies. It will consider how partnerships across institutions can leverage and scale promising solutions which young people contribute to and benefit from.

The Civil Society Programme takes place alongside the Annual Meeting and Business Forum and provides an opportunity for dialogue between civil society and EBRD staff, senior management, the President and Board Directors. This will be an occasion for civil society stakeholders to learn more about the Bank and discuss issues of mutual interest regarding the EBRD’s policies and investment projects.

Civil Society Programme

The Civil Society Programme is open to representatives from civil society only, to ensure open dialogue with the Bank. Attendance is free of charge. Note that Annual Meeting and Business Forum guests are welcome to join a multi-stakeholder session on the theme of youth engagement for sustainable development, as well as an event on local initiatives to global challenges which is organised by civil society organisations.

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Sustainability is at the core of our mandate, so it is no surprise that sustainability is integral part of the EBRD Annual Meeting and Business Forum. This important event in the Bank's annual calendar became carbon neutral for the first time in 2013 and this is now a standard practice. For 2020, we aim to follow the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a roadmap to reduce the event’s footprint, offset unavoidable emissions, support local communities and increase participants’ awareness about their own footprint and the steps to minimise it.

Over recent years, we have taken vital steps to make the Annual Meeting and Business Forum sustainable, including:

- **Reducing paper:** We ceased printing promotional materials and documents and rely more on the event website, the mobile app and digital signatures. We encourage our valued sponsors, suppliers and participants to support these efforts towards a paperless event. (SDG 12 & 15)

- **Reducing plastic:** We source eco-friendly merchandise; bags made of recycled PET; lanyards made of bamboo; pens and pencils made of recycled or biodegradable materials; and flasks for participants which reduce the need for plastic bottles and disposable cups. (SDG 12 & 14)

- **Reducing food waste:** We offer buffet lunches made from locally produced, seasonal food and, when possible, distribute any surplus to people in need. (SDG 2 & 12)

- **Reducing and offsetting transport emissions:** When the event is outside the UK we provide a shuttle bus service to and from the airport, hotel and venue/s for all participants. The travel emissions, particularly flight emissions, account for most of the event’s carbon footprint. These emissions are offset by purchasing carbon credits from an EBRD-funded energy efficiency project. Importantly, the event venues are selected to be within walking distance from each other whenever possible, to avoid the need for transport. (SDG 11 & 13)

- **Supporting the community:** We hire local staff to support us deliver various aspects of the event. Event stationery and other materials are donated to the local community after the event. (SDG 4 & 8)

Green actions are ongoing and event participants can also make a difference. Look out for regular updates and suggestions for the different ways to get involved!
Registration

The registration fee for the EBRD 2020 Business Forum is £800 and is applicable to all business participants (except government officials, representatives of the press and civil society organisations). Payments will be accepted in GBP only.

To register and for more detailed information on all aspects of the registration process please visit: www.ebrd.com/am

If you are unable to register online and would like to request a hard copy of the registration form, please contact:

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**Museum of London**
150 London Wall
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**NatWest Conference Centre**
250 Bishopsgate
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  - due 2024
  - Bookrunner
  - Nov 2019
  - Czech Rep.

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  - Schuldschein loan
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  - Bookrunner
  - May 2019
  - Czech Rep.

- **EUR 53,500,000**
  - Schuldschein loan
  - due 2024/2026/2029
  - Bookrunner
  - Feb 2019
  - Austria/France

- **EUR 500,000,000**
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  - due 2021
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  - Jan 2019
  - Poland

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  - 6.75% Senior Bonds
  - due 2024
  - Bookrunner
  - Apr 2019
  - Belarus

- **BYN 100,000,000**
  - 12.00% Senior Bonds
  - due 2022
  - Bookrunner
  - May 2019
  - Belarus

- **EUR 170,000,000**
  - Schuldschein loan
  - due 2023/2025/2027
  - Bookrunner
  - Feb 2019
  - Czech Rep.

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