

Belarusian Forum

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INVESTMENT. FINANCE. DEVELOPMENT.



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GOAL OF THE FORUM:

The main objective of the forum is to stimulate public dialogue between international financiers, international investors, Belarusian authorities, local business circles and the expert community on the subject of investment cooperation, to attract attention of international investors to Belarus as prospective project site. The Forum is designed to elaborate a joint action plan that will enhance country's economic institutions, and thus promote the public and private sectors of the Belarusian economy through the attraction of finances and investments.



Participation

International financial institutions, investment and equity funds and foreign investors, funds and technical assistance programs which are either providing funding for Belarusian economy, or considering working in Belarus, government of the Republic of Belarus, Belarussian business cycles, expert community and will take part in the forum.

HOSTS OF THE FORUM:



UNITER Investment Company – leader in M&A, financial and corporate consulting in Belarus



National Agency of Investment and Privatization of the Republic of Belarus – Investment Promotion State Agency



Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies – country's leading independent think-tank





Program of the first day of the forum comprises the following topics:

- > What is the current state of the affairs with regard to the financing of projects in Belarus by international financiers and investors?
- > What are the advantages of investment cooperation with the Republic of Belarus: investment climate and investment opportunities of Belarus?
- > What are the perspective areas of investment activities in Belarus?
- > The presentations of investment projects of the Republic of Belarus
- > What explains insufficient activity in respect to the financing of projects in Belarus?
- > What are the main barriers to an increase of financial and investment cooperation?
- > What measures should be adopted to increase the amount of funds invested in Belarus?
- > What directions for investment/financing do financiers consider as the most promising ones?
- > What can the EU, EEU, USA, Chinese financial institutions, and other stakeholders do for Belarus from the financing and developmental perspective?
- > What opportunities does not Belarus miss in regards to the financial cooperation with the USA?

Second day of the forum entitled "Institutional changes – ways to improve the game rules" concentrates on practical issues:

- > What pathways for institutional change will suit Belarus' development the best?
- > What sectoral reforms are needed mostly and what exactly needs to be done?
- > What ways of institutional changes would be best perceived by international community and how can the external actors assist Belarus' development?

PROGRAM OF THE FORUM

First day

8.30-9.30	Participants registration
9.00	Arrival of official delegations

9.30-10.30 OPENING OF THE FORUM

- 1. Speech by the official representative of Belarus
- 2. Speech by a world-famous person (the EU or another country)
- 3. Speech by an expert of the Eurasian community
- 4. Speech by an expert representing the USA
- 5. Speech by an expert representing China
- 6. Speech by an expert representing the Middle East

10.30-12.00 The investment potential of the Republic of Belarus: Opportunities and Perspective areas of cooperation

The representative of the National Agency of Investment and Privatization

The representative of the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus

The representative of the Ministry of Finance

The representative of the Ministry of Economy

The representative of the Industrial Park Great Stone

The representative of the High Tech Park

12.00 - 13.00	Lunch break

13.00 - 15.00 Presentation of existing funding programs (investors, financial institutions, funds)

- 1. The EU or the European Commission representatives
- 2. The EAEU representatives
- 3. China representatives or/and the USA representatives
- 4. Representatives from Middle East
- 4. The OECD representative
- 5. International financial institutions representatives

15.00-16.00	The ways of broadenning opportunities to increase financing for Belarus - round table (practical discussion)
16.00-16.15	Coffee break
16.15-18.00	Consultants, professional participants about the capital and financial market of Belarus
18.15 – 20.00	Cocktail dinner

20.15 – 22.00 Night owl sessions (Chatnam house rule)



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Second day

Pathways of Institutional Developments: Improving the Rules of the Game

9.00 - 9.30	Registration (Welcome-break)	
9.30 – 11.00	Panel discussion (A)	Panel discussion (B)
	Attraction of FDI in Belarus	Improving the quality of human capital assets: education, labor market, migration
11.00 – 12.30	Panel discussion (C)	Panel discussion (D)
	Effective management of the state property	Improving the inbound tourist sector
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch break	
13.30 - 15.00	Panel discussion (E)	Panel discussion (F)
	Developing innovative economy and IT	Developing economic infrastructure: banks / insurance market / stock market and securities
15.00 – 16.30	Panel discussion (G)	Panel discussion (H)
	Improving the legal environment: antitrust law, property right protection, bankruptcy law, competition law	Improving the environment for non-profit organizations

CLOSING OF THE FORUM / COCKTAIL







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