Global Investments Forum
Preliminary Programme
17 October 2023, Samarkand, Uzbekistan
09:30 – 13:15

09:30 – 09:45 Opening Ceremony and Welcome Remarks
- Aziz Abdulkhakimov, Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change, Republic of Uzbekistan
- Umid Shadiev, Chairman of the Tourism Committee, Republic of Uzbekistan
- Zurab Pololikashvili, Secretary-General, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

09:45 – 10:00 “Global Trends on Tourism Investments: UNWTO’s Investment Framework to Make Tourism a State Policy” & Official Presentation of the “Tourism Doing Business: Investing in Uzbekistan”
- Natalia Bayona, Executive Director

10:00 – 10:40 High-Level Dialogue with Ministers

10:40 – 10:50 Uzbekistan’s Investment Landscape and Opportunities

10:50 – 11:30 High-level dialogue with CEO’s and high-level executives from the private sector: The next generation of tourism investments: Investing into our future for People-Planet and Prosperity

11:30 – 12:05 Tourism Investments Perspectives: Promoting New Ways of Investments in Hospitality and Sustainable Infrastructure, the Shifting Role of Private Equities and Corporates

12:05 – 12:40 The tourism next big thing: The role of Venture Capital in tourism innovation

12:40 – 13:05 Pitch Challenge: Finalists of the Startup Competition for Mega Events and MICE Tourism

13:05 – 13:15 Awards Ceremony and Announcement of the Winner: Startup Competition for Mega Events and MICE Tourism

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