

## Media Accreditation Opens for the World Economic Forum Strategic Dialogue on the Future of the South Caucasus and Central Asia

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- The World Economic Forum Strategic Dialogue on the Future of the South Caucasus and Central Asia will take place in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 7-8 April 2013
- 200 leaders will gather to discuss the future of the region
- Media accreditation is now open; please register online at [www.weforummedia.org](http://www.weforummedia.org)

**Geneva, Switzerland, 12 March 2013** - The South Caucasus and Central Asian region has recorded significant economic growth and development over the past decade. Individual countries have been at the forefront of this growth: Azerbaijan's economy has grown at double-digit rates over the past decade while Kazakhstan, along with other countries in the region, has made great strides in business capacity. With potential growth for most countries expected to reach 5-7% in 2013 (IMF), the region as a whole presents significant untapped potential given its natural resources and strategic location at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

This meeting will serve as a timely and unprecedented opportunity for the region's current and potential stakeholders to define, assess and take forward some of the promising visions for its future. Industry sectors such as natural resources, transport, infrastructure, agriculture, mining, finance and telecommunications will be featured.

On 7-8 April in Baku, the World Economic Forum will gather 200 regional and global leaders from

business, government and civil society to appraise key challenges and opportunities as well as shape

the future pathways of the region.

If you would like to cover this event, please register online at [www.weforummedia.org](http://www.weforummedia.org).

The registration deadline is 27 March 2013. As the number of accreditations will be strictly limited, the Forum will not be able to accommodate late registrations. No accreditation will be granted on site.

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