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- 17th September – evening cocktail reception (18:00 – 21:00)
- 18th September – all-day conference with closing gala dinner (9:30 – 21:30)
- 19th September – technical site visit to Baku Hovsan Port (10:00 – 14:00)

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Session 1. International Transport Corridors in the Black and Caspian Sea Region.

- Azerbaijan as a sea and overland transport and logistics hub for Asia-Europe connectivity.
- Development of Azerbaijan's transport logistics infrastructure. New railway routes and transit through Azerbaijan.
- Transit potential of Kazakhstan and Georgia as vital links for the development of international transport corridors.
- European transport hubs and new services for receiving and distributing cargo from Asia.
- China's role in enhancing the capacity of existing corridors – current and planned investment projects.
- Impact of regional conflicts on changes in international transport routes and redistribution of cargo flows to the Black and Caspian Sea region.
- Legal issues of Europe-Asia corridors: tariff policy, investments, electronic document management.

Panel Discussion: Trans-Caspian International Transport Route (Middle Corridor) – current state, development prospects, bottlenecks.

- What are the current difficulties and challenges facing the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route, and how can they be resolved?
- Practical cases on working along the route.
- What legal and tariff issues need to be addressed to simplify and expedite transportation through the Middle Corridor?
- Which investment projects are most important for accelerating the route in the short term?
- Impact of the modernization of the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars section on transportation dynamics.

Session 2. Sea shipping and freight market overview.

- Key commodity markets in the region: export-import operations.
- Grains and oilseeds, fertilizers, mining and metallurgy, and liquid bulk: major suppliers and routes, current issues, and forecasts.
- Development of the regional container shipping market. Containerization as a growth factor for cargo flows.
- Prospects for shipping in the Black Sea.
- Ferry services as a component of effective intermodal logistics.
- Aktau-Baku feeder service as a way to enhance the efficiency of the Caspian transport corridor.
- Prospects for opening connections with Ukrainian ports.
- New trends in legal issues of maritime shipping.
- Marine insurance – is it really worth it?

Session 3. Seaports and terminals. Infrastructure development in the Black and Caspian sea region.

- Increasing port capacity and adapting facilities for new cargo types.
- Seaport as a multimodal transport hub - Port-side logistics optimization.
- Investments in the development of ports and terminals infrastructure in the Black and Caspian Seas.
- Energy efficiency of ports as a way to become more environmentally friendly.
- Intelligent port technologies: equipment, automation, and IT solutions.

Panel Discussion: The Future of the Region's Seaports – Opportunities and Challenges:

- What are the main challenges facing the region's ports in the near and long term, and ways to overcome them.
- Customs legislation and control as one of the bottlenecks and solutions for improving the speed and efficiency of transportation.
- Key factors for productivity and competitiveness of ports in handling cargo from Asia.
- What IT technologies are being implemented in the region's ports and how are they changing operational processes?

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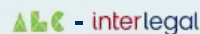
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