



Karakum Leadership Forum

August 20-21, 2015
Elliott School of International Affairs, Room 505
The George Washington University
1957 E Street NW
Washington, DC

August 20, 2015

09:00 – 09:20	Maya Saryyeva, Introduction of the event and participants
09:20 – 09:45	Welcome address by Sari M. Long and Dr. Laura Adams, Arzuw Foundation BOD
9:45: 10:45	Amy Bernath, IREX «Developing Youth Adult Partnerships»
10:45 – 11:25	Mike Clarke, International Media Solutions, «Role of technology in shaping youth participation»
11:25 – 12:30	Aynabat Yaylymova, Turkmenistan Health Initiative «To blog or not to blog» why your opinion matters
12:30 – 1:30	«Gender Equality» power lunch – moderated by Maya Saryyeva
1:30 – 2:30	Umida Hashimova, GWU Central Asia Program Associate «Youth economic empowerment: entrepreneurial and smart living, investing, saving and engaging»
2:30 – 3:00	Dursunjemal Halimova, «Comparative analysis of youth challenges and opportunities in Myanmar and Turkmenistan»
3:00 – 3:30	Jahan Taganova “The impact of the Internet on performativity of Turkmen girls”
3:30 – 4:30	Working Groups – Session I This session will serve to initiate the work of developing recommendations and action points that will be presented at the end of the Forum.

Split Participants into 2 Groups:

Voice (moderated by Umida Hashimova): In-depth thematic discussions with a key panelist on developing an ideal scenario for delivering youth voice.

Influence (moderated by TBD): In-depth thematic discussions with a key panelist on developing an ideal scenario for delivering youth influence.

4:30 – 4:45

Break

4:45 – 5:45

Debate (“The power of Technology in Democracy”) -Debate on Larry Diamond’s article “Liberation Technology”/ Split teams into 2 groups.

Friday August 21, 2015

9:30 – 11:30	Digital Security Awareness Training by Sami Al-Amil
11:30 – 12:00	Jill Miller, IREX “Social enterprise and civil society”
12:00 – 12:30	Presentation of recommendations/action points resulting from thematic discussions and the way forward: Representatives of each group present the recommendations and action points. The floor will then be opened for final remarks and questions. Presenting and adopting a final youth engagement summary. Introduction of Global Turkmenistan Youth Network and integration of youth engagement ideas into the network. Discussion of establishment of the general rules and network set-up.
12:30 -1:30	Lunch on the go
1:30 – 2:30	Visit to ABA ROLI, Meeting with E&E Director, Alexandra Belenkaya
3:00 – 3:45	Meeting with the Team at the Department of State and USAID

3:45 – 5:30
5:30

Visit to NED «Youth Civic Engagement projects»
Reception, Vapianos