



White City Ashgabat 2026
INTERNATIONAL EXPO & CONFERENCE

XXV INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE «WHITE CITY ASHGABAT 2026»

Architecture • Innovation • Sustainable Development

DRAFT AGENDA

24–25 May, 2026 Ashgabat, Turkmenistan



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PRE-CONFERENCE DAY

Saturday, 23 May

10:00 – 13:00	Guided tour of Ashgabat, featuring visits to the National Carpet Museum and the Old Nisa Cultural Reserve
16:00 – 19:00	Registration of participants in the foyer of the «Olympia» hotel
19:00 – 21:00	Cocktail reception and networking



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Sunday, 24 May

09:00 - 09:30

Transfer of delegates from Olympia Hotel to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Turkmenistan (CCIT)

09:30 - 11:30

Official opening and tour of the exhibition at the CCIT

11:30-13:00

High-Level United Nations Roundtable

MODERATOR

TOPIC

FROM GLOBAL DIALOGUE TO LOCAL ACTION: ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE, INCLUSIVE AND SMART CITIES

TBC

- Sustainable urban planning and infrastructure development
- Energy efficiency and low-carbon urban systems
- Smart cities and digital transformation
- Inclusive, livable and resilient cities
- Youth engagement and future urban leadership

SESSION
HOST

Erfan Ali – Regional Director for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, UN Habitat

Katja Schaefer – Inter-Regional Advisor Organization: United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Narine Sahakyan – UNDP Resident Representative in Turkmenistan

Tatiana Molcean – Representatives of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Rahym Gandymov – Mayor of Ashgabat

International experts and development institutions

Private sector representatives

Academic and youth representatives



SPEAKERS

13:00 - 13:30

Transfer of delegates from the CCIT to «Gul Zaman» Banquet Hall

13:30 - 14:30

Lunch at «Gul Zaman» Banquet Hall

14:30 - 15:00

Transfer of delegates from «Gul Zaman» Banquet Hall to the «Olympia» hotel

15:00-16:00

Plenary Session

MODERATOR

TOPIC

ASHGABAT 2045: BUILDING A RESILIENT, SMART AND GLOBALLY CONNECTED CAPITAL

As Turkmenistan advances its long-term national development strategy, Ashgabat is positioned as a model capital integrating modern urban planning, advanced infrastructure, and sustainable development principles. The session will outline the strategic vision for the city's future, highlighting the integration of infrastructure, energy systems, industrial growth, and environmental sustainability within a unified urban framework.

Dmitry Shlapachenko
UN Resident
Coordinator for
Turkmenistan

- Strategic vision of Ashgabat 2045 and integrated urban development
- Positioning Ashgabat as a regional hub for investment and innovation
- Integration of infrastructure, industry and energy systems
- Digitalisation and smart governance in urban management
- Environmental sustainability and clean city development strategies
- International partnerships shaping future-ready capital cities

SESSION
HOST

Baymyrat Annamammedov – Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan

Rahym Gandymov – Mayor of Ashgabat

Erfan Ali - Regional Director for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, UN Habitat

Beata Peksa – Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the European Union to Turkmenistan

Ahmet Çalik – Chairman, Çalik Holding

Fu Qu – Director of Changsha Zoomlion Environmental Industry Co., LTD



SPEAKERS

16:00 - 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30-17:30

Session 1

MODERATOR

TOPIC

SMART URBAN DEVELOPMENT: ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION, MATERIALS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS

The development of modern cities requires integrated construction ecosystems that combine engineering excellence, advanced materials, and digital technologies. This session will explore how construction policy, industrial capacity and international expertise can support large-scale, high-quality urban development.

Katja Schaefer
Inter-Regional Advisor,
United Nations Human
Settlements Programme

SESSION
HOST

- Delivery of large-scale urban infrastructure and project execution
- models Development and localisation of modern construction materials
- Digital construction technologies (BIM, AI, smart monitoring systems)
- Industrialisation of construction and prefabrication solutions
- Sustainable architecture and resource-efficient urban design
- Circular economy approaches in construction and material use
- International experience in large scale urban infrastructure delivery



SPEAKERS

Abdulla Geldiyev – Minister of Construction and Architecture of Turkmenistan
Hangeldi Kerimov – Minister of the Automobile Roads of Turkmenistan
Vladimir Petruk - Managing Director of "Interbudmontazh"
Torsten Retzlaff - Executive Director, Inros Lackner SE
Guiseppe Martini – President of the Board of Directors, Todini Costruzioni Generali S.P.A.
Nurmuhammet Meredov – Founder of "Dost Gurluşyk, Söwda, Önümçilik" ES

16:30 - 19:00

Pre-arranged B2G meetings

19:00 - 22:00

Dinner at the restaurant of the «Olympia» hotel

Monday, 25 May

MODERATOR

09:30 - 10:30

Session 2

TOPIC

FINANCING URBAN TRANSFORMATION: INVESTMENT MODELS, PPPs AND CAPITAL MOBILISATION

The successful delivery of infrastructure and industrial projects depends on robust financial frameworks, effective risk-sharing mechanisms and strong international capital participation. This session will focus on structuring investment-ready projects aligned with national priorities and international standards.

Eric Livny
Head of Turkmenistan
at European Bank for
Reconstruction and
Development

SESSION
HOST

- Structuring bankable infrastructure and industrial projects
- Public-private partnership (PPP) models adapted to national frameworks
- Role of development finance institutions and export credit agencies
- Attracting long-term institutional and strategic investors
- Financing sustainable and environmentally responsible projects
- Risk management, investment protection and regulatory frameworks



SPEAKERS

Mammetguly Astanagulov – Minister of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan
Rahymberdi Jepbarov – Chairman of the Board of the State Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs of Turkmenistan
Artur Andrysiak – Country Director, ADB Turkmenistan Resident Mission
William Leaf - Head of centre of the OSCE in Turkmenistan
Hydyrberdi Abdurahmanov – "Aýdyň Gijeler" Economic Society

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 - 12:00

Session 3

MODERATOR

TOPIC

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ECOSYSTEMS: MATERIALS, CHEMICALS AND MANUFACTURING

A competitive construction sector requires a strong industrial base supported by modern manufacturing, chemical industries and integrated supply chains. This session will examine how industrial development can support urban growth and create long-term economic value.

Sasaki Hiroshi
Ambassador
Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary of Japan
to Turkmenistan

**SESSION
HOST**

- Development of construction materials industries (cement, glass, ceramics, composites)
- Expansion of gas-chemical and petrochemical value chains
- Integration of industrial production with infrastructure development
- Advanced manufacturing and industrial digitalisation (Industry 4.0)
- Resource efficiency and cleaner industrial production technologies
- Localisation strategies and supply chain development
- Investment opportunities across industrial clusters



SPEAKERS

Toyguly Nurov – Minister of Industry and Construction Production of Turkmenistan
Resul Myradov – Chairman of the State Concern “Turkmenhimiya”
Kim Bo Hyun – President & CEO, Daewoo Engineering & Construction Co. Ltd.
Tomohiro Takashina - Director of the Representative Office, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.
Tetsuji Miyazaki –Director of the Toyo engineering Corporation in Turkmenistan

12:00 - 13:00

Session 4

MODERATOR

TOPIC

ENERGY SYSTEMS FOR MODERN CITIES: SECURITY, EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Urban development and industrial expansion require reliable, efficient and forward-looking energy systems. This session will explore the role of conventional and renewable energy solutions in supporting sustainable urban growth and enhancing environmental performance.

Stephen Conlon
Ambassador
Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
United Kingdom and
Northern Ireland in
Turkmenistan

**SESSION
HOST**

- Integration of reliable energy systems into urban infrastructure planning
- Role of natural gas in supporting urban and industrial development
- Development of renewable and hybrid energy solutions
- Energy efficiency in buildings and infrastructure systems
- Gas-based industrialisation and energy-intensive industries
- Urban air quality improvement and decarbonisation pathways
- Strengthening energy security in urban development



SPEAKERS

Annageldi Saparov – Minister of Energy of Turkmenistan
Andrew Beadl – Regional Sales Director, Siemens Energy
Alisbah Ahmet Anil – Business Development Director Çalik Energy Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S.
Thomas Routhiau – Climate & Environment Manager at Bouygues Turkmen

13:00-14:00

Lunch at the restaurant of the «Olympia» hotel

14:00-15:00

Session 5

MODERATOR

TOPIC

FUTURE CITIES: TALENT, INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

The long-term success of modern cities depends on the strength of their human capital, innovation capacity and environmental sustainability. As Ashgabat advances its development strategy, particular emphasis is placed on building a skilled workforce, fostering innovation ecosystems and ensuring a clean, green and liveable urban environment.

Vladimir Valetka
Economist,
UN Resident
Coordinator's office
in Turkmenistan

**SESSION
HOST**

- Clean air strategies and environmental management in urban development
- Circular economy approaches in infrastructure and city systems
- Role of education, universities and research institutions
- Workforce development for construction, energy and industrial sectors
- Digital skills, AI and innovation in urban and industrial systems
- Public-private collaboration in skills development and training
- International cooperation on sustainability, innovation and urban resilience



SPEAKERS

Jumamyrat Gurbangeldiyev - Minister of education of Turkmenistan
Muhammetseyit Sylapow - The Minister of Labor and Social Protection of Population of Turkmenistan
Oxana Lipcanu - Project Manager in Turkmenistan, International Labor Organization (ILO)
Begli Atayev - Rector of the Turkmen State Institute of Architecture and Construction
Nurnepes Kuliev - Rector of the Institute of Telecommunications and Informatics of Turkmenistan

15:00-15:30

Conference Summary and Closing Remarks

15:30 – 16:00

Address of the Conference Participants to the President of Turkmenistan

15:00 - 19:00

Pre-arranged B2G meetings

19:00 - 22:00

Gala dinner at the «Gul-Zaman» Banquet Hall