



# CACI/CSIS Forum Tokayev's Kazakhstan: A New Reform Agenda

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This year's transition of power in Kazakhstan marks a turning point for Kazakhstan and the Central Asian region as a whole. Following the resignation of Kazakhstan's First President, Nursultan Nazarbayev, long-time Senate Speaker, former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Kassymjomart Tokayev won a June 2019 snap presidential election. Nazarbayev maintains a central role including chairing the National Security Council, and recently gained additional influence over personnel appointments. While Tokayev has pledged continuity with Nazarbayev's legacy, his September address to the nation also indicated a new urge for political reform, including what Tokayev labeled the "Listening State."

The CSIS and Central Asia-Caucasus Institute invite you to a discussion with leading Kazakh analysts, who will provide their perspectives on Kazakhstan's direction under President Tokayev.

Please join us for a discussion with  
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