



# 2021 eCAMCA Panel 4: Will a New Entrepreneurial Class Drive CAMCA Economies

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Despite many challenges, the economies of CAMCA countries grew significantly in the decades preceding the COVID-19 pandemic. This growth was stimulated by natural resources and large scale government and private sector investments, with several ambitious leaders and a rising bevy of small and medium size companies driving the process. Now, in the dawning post-COVID era, the region's rising entrepreneurial class is bound to play an increasingly important role in the economic development of their countries. This panel features some notable entrepreneurs who have launched and nurtured successful businesses all across the CAMCA region. Among the questions they will address will be: What will facilitate the process of private sector growth? What will be the major impediments? How can the personal experience of successful regional entrepreneurs guide and inspire others?

**Moderator:** Zabihullah Ziarmal, Director General, Afghanistan National Standard Authority; Chairman, World Trade Centre Kabul Afghanistan; CAMCA Network Member

**Panelists:** Valeri Chekheria, Serial entrepreneur and hotelier; Founder and CEO of Hospitality Projects; Adviser to the Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia Abdullo Kurbanov, Co-founder and CEO, Alif Bank; CAMCA Network Member, Tajikistan

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