



Central Asian Microfinance Summit 2024

Supporting MSMEs
beyond borders,
back to basics.

19-20 September 2024

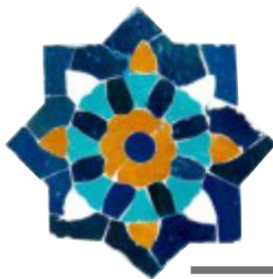
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Background

Central Asian Microfinance Alliance was founded by four Central Asian microfinance associations of Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan in 2022. The Alliance was created to act as a regional knowledge hub in the field of microfinance. Among the initial initiatives, there are the topics of increasing financial inclusion, supporting women's entrepreneurship, introduction of ESG standards.

Background of the regional summit

The Alliance has been organizing the annual Central Asian Microfinance Summit since 2022. The summit aims to coordinate microfinance development initiatives in the region, share best practice, bring new products and services to the market, discuss potential risks, communicate with regulators, attract investment, promote digital solutions, and reward those who have contributed to the development of the industry.

Expected participants of the regional summit

200 participants are expected to participate in the summit. Including representatives of Central banks of Central Asia, leading development financial institutions active in the region, heads of associations, microfinance organizations, Microfinance Center (MFC), software and FinTech organizations, investors and others.

Objectives of the regional summit

- Identify and Address Financing Gaps for MSMEs.
- Attract investment to Central Asian microfinance markets.
- Promote Gender-Inclusive Microfinance Products.
- Advance Climate Adaptation through Microfinance.
- Strengthen Policy and Regulatory Frameworks.
- Promotion of the Islamic finance services.
- Enhance Knowledge Sharing and Collaboration.
- Develop Capacity Building Initiatives.

Expected outcomes of the regional summit

- Enhanced MSME Financing Strategies.
- Ideas for tailored microfinance products for women.
- Potential microfinance solutions for climate adaptation.
- Increased Awareness and Capacity Building.

Main topic and preliminary sessions of the regional summit

The main theme of the summit is "MSME support without borders, back to basics". The preliminary agenda is as follows:

- Regulators roundtable
- Prevention of climate change and adaptation to new conditions, green microfinance products
- Implementation of ESG standards
- MSME financing
- Introduction of Islamic finance
- Digitization and FinTech
- Supporting women entrepreneurship.





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Preliminary detailed agenda of the regional summit (subject to change)

September 19, 2024 – first day of the summit

Start	end	Chatkal ballroom	Registan boardroom	Sharq	Afrasiab
9:00	10:00	Delegate registration			
10:00	10:30	Summit official opening		Open for networking	Open for networking
10:30	11:15	Uzbekistan's microfinance regulatory framework		Open for networking	Open for networking
11:15	11:30	Coffee break			
11:30	13:00	Financial Services for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises	Environmental Sustainability in Microfinance	Open for networking	Open for networking
13:00	14:00	Lunch			
14:00	15:30	Supporting women entrepreneurship	Microfinance opportunities in Argo sector	Central banks roundtable (investors by invitation only)	Open for networking
15:30	15:45	Coffee break			
15:45	17:00	Microfinance Strategies for Climate Resilience and Adaptation	Impact investors and their role in microfinance development	Central Asian Microfinance Alliance membership meeting	Open for networking
17:00	18:30	Networking		Open for networking	Open for networking
18:30	19:00	Awards ceremony			
19:00	21:00	Gala dinner			

September 20, 2024 – second day of the summit

Start	end	Chatkal ballroom	Registan boardroom	Sharq	Afrasiab
10:00	11:15	ESG standards implementation	AI for increased microfinance outreach	Open for networking	Open for networking
11:15	11:30	Coffee break			
11:30	13:00	New growth opportunities: Potential of Islamic Microfinance	Microfinance support for Youth initiatives	Open for networking	Open for networking
13:00	14:00	Lunch			
14:00	15:30	Advancements in Digitalization and Financial Technology	Client protection in rapidly growing microfinance sector	Open for networking	Open for networking
15:30	15:45	Coffee break			
15:45	16:30	Microfinance trends and challenges			
16:30	17:00	Official closing			

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