



## **Macedonia2025 Summit 2023**

### **Draft Agenda**

#### **Tuesday, 25 April 2023**

18:30 - 19:00 Macedonia2025 Recognition for Diaspora Contribution awarded by the President of the Republic of N. Macedonia (invite only)

19:00 - 20:30 Reception (Cabinet of the President of the Republic of N. Macedonia)

#### **Wednesday, 26 April 2023**

09:00 - 10:00 Registration over coffee

10:00 - 10:20 Official Opening

[Nikica M. Blazhevski](#), CEO at Macedonia2025 (Confirmed)

[Michael Cklamovski](#), Chair of the Board of Directors at Macedonia2025 (Confirmed)

10:20 - 11:20 Can the region deliver long-term growth? / Rebuilding Societal Trust

Speakers:

H.E. [Dimitar Kovachevski](#), PM of Macedonia (Confirmed)

H.E. [Edi Rama](#), PM of Albania (TBC)

[Kristalina Georgieva](#), Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (TBC)

H.E. [Angela P. Aggeler](#), US Ambassador to Macedonia (TBC)

[Vera Stavroff](#), Member of the Board of Directors (Confirmed)

11:20 - 11:50 Networking over coffee

11:50 - 12:30 Keynote Address

A talk with [Robert Doar](#), President, American Enterprise Institute (Confirmed)

Interviewer: [Mike Zafirovski](#), Member of the Board of Directors (Confirmed)

12:30 - 13:30 Strategy Execution: An oxymoron or a Success Formula?

Moderator: [Borko Handjiski](#), Member of the Board of Directors (Confirmed)

Speakers:

[Adrian Shehu](#), CEO at TCN Albania (Confirmed)

[Ketevan Bochorishvili](#), Former Vice Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia; Managing Partner "Business Georgia" (Confirmed)



[Zhivko Mukaetov](#), CEO and President of the Management Board in Alkaloid (Confirmed)  
[Ebru Özdemir](#), Chairperson of Limak Holdings, Founder of Limak Education Culture and Health Foundation (TBC)

- 13:30 - 14:00 **The Role of STEM Education in Building a Sustainable Economy**  
A talk with [Kam Buckner](#), Illinois State Representative (Confirmed)  
Interviewer: [Michael Cklamovski](#), Chair of the Board of Directors at Macedonia2025 (Confirmed)
- 14:00 - 15:00 Lunch Break
- 15:00 - 16:00 From Digitalization to Digital Transformation: A Guide to Success  
Moderator: [Vasko Kronevski](#), Member of the Board of Directors (Confirmed)  
Speakers:  
[Sasa Bilic](#), CEO at APIS IT d.o.o. (Confirmed)  
[Mark Boris Andrijanič](#), Member of the Governing Board, EIT - European Institute of Innovation and Technology (Confirmed)  
[Gerhard Laga](#), Head of E-Center of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (Confirmed)  
[Azir Aliu](#), Minister of Information Society and Administration, North Macedonia (TBC)
- 16:00 - 17:00 **ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) Investing Strategies: From Purpose to Impact**  
Moderator: [Elizabeth Naumovski](#), Vice President Marketing at Caldwell Securities Ltd. (Confirmed)  
Speakers:  
[Beatriz Orrantia](#), Board Member, International Strategic Advisor (Confirmed)  
[Viktor Mizo](#), Vice President – Governmental Affairs at Kostal Group (Confirmed)  
[Eliza Prendzov](#), Head of Partnerships - 17 Asset Management (Confirmed)  
[Branko Stanchev](#), Chief Commercial Officer at Makedonski Telekom AD (Confirmed)
- 19:00 - 21:00 Networking Event (Location TBD)

#### Thursday, 27 April 2023

- 09:00 - 09:30 Registration over coffee
- 09:30 - 10:00 "Transforming Companies in the Digital Age:A talk with [Ted Souder](#), Former Google Executive, Keynote Speaker" (Confirmed)  
Interviewer: TBD



10:00 - 11:00 **Leading by Design: Performance Management through Employee Training and Redevelopment in 2023**

Moderator: [Daniel Cunningham](#), Learning Designer (Confirmed)

Speakers:

[Val Jusufi](#), CEO at LEORON Institute (Confirmed)

[Tome Eftimov](#), Senior AI Researcher at Jožef Stefan Institute, Head of AI at TeamLift (Confirmed)

[Borijan Borožanov](#), Manufacturing Director Central/East Europe at Johnson Matthey (Confirmed)

11:00 - 11:30 A talk with [Nikola Jurisic](#), Founder and Managing Partner at Transfiguration Advisory (Confirmed)

Interviewer: [Venera Krliu Handjiski](#), Member of the Board of Directors (Confirmed)

11:30 - 11:50 Networking over coffee

11:50 - 12:10 **Chat GPT Unplugged: A look into the Future of AI**

Moderator: [Nevenka Dimitrova](#), Board Member at Macedonia2025 (Confirmed)

[Guruduth Banavar](#), Science & Tech Innovator, Entrepreneur, Investor, Humanist (Confirmed online)

[Mislav Malenica](#), Founder/CEO of Mindsmiths (TBC)

[Dragan Tomic](#), Microsoft Vice President, Head of the Microsoft Serbia Development Center (TBC)

12:10 - 13:10 **In focus: Doing WELL to Boost Longevity and Productivity (wellness industry)**

Moderator: [Aleksandra Miloseska](#), Founder & CEO at Quick Fit Bites (Confirmed)

Speakers:

Dr. Aleksandar Mitov, Public Health Specialist (Confirmed)

[Dr. Jasmina Boban](#), Radiologist at Center for Diagnostic Imaging, Vojvodina Institute of Oncology (Confirmed)

[Nikola Boglev](#), Fitness and Spa management, Palestra Fitness Center (Confirmed)

[Sourav Sinha](#), Partner & Head of Strategy, Longevity Vision Fund (Confirmed)

13:10 - 14:10 Lunch Break

14:10 - 14:40 **Building a Global, Family Owned Business**

A talk with [Ivan Artuković](#), CEO of Franck (Confirmed)

Interviewer: [Metodija Papazoski](#), Member of the Board of Directors (Confirmed)



- 14:40 - 15:40 Startups vs. Industry Leaders: A Conversation on Innovation and Growth  
Moderator: [Dan Ram](#), Co-founder, Igniter-Media (Confirmed)  
Speakers:  
Representative of the Economic Chamber of North Macedonia (Confirmed)  
[Olga Rajcic](#), Co-founder of Challenger (Confirmed)  
[Petar Kajevski](#), Management and IT consultant, Ambassadors Club Member at Macedonia2025 (Confirmed)  
[Nikola Velkovski](#), Co-Founder & CEO at Howitzer (Confirmed)  
[Visar Ramajli](#), Co-Owner and Managing Partner of KIVO L.L.C. (Confirmed)  
[Nikola Bubevski](#), Co- Founder of Native Teams (TBC)  
[Sava Pavlovic](#), Project Manager at PETSIE (TBC)
- 15:40 - 16:00 Closing Ceremony
- 20:00 - 23:00 Networking Event (Location TBD)