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8:30–9:30 Registration. Welcoming coffee

9:30–9:45 Opening remarks

9:45–11:30 **RULE OF LAW**

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11:30–12:00 Coffee break

12:00–13:30 **NEW ECONOMY**

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13:30–14:30 Lunch

14:30–16:00 **ENERGY**

The old social contract included subsidized prices for the population, yet opaque and politicized pricing that made energy insiders spectacularly rich. How can Ukraine liberalize its energy market and move to a transparent competitive model that encourages production, efficiency and conservation?

16:00–16:30 Coffee break

16:30–18:00 **VISIONARY LEADERSHIP**

Often in its history, Ukraine lost control of its destiny to outsiders. How can its leaders create national unity and a shared vision for the future?

18:00–20:00 Evening cocktail

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MOHAMMAD ZAHOOR

Chairman of Istil Group
and Publisher of the Kyiv Post

As chairman of the ISTIL Group and publisher of the Kyiv Post, I welcome you to the fourth annual international Tiger Conference.

This week Ukraine commemorates two years since the start of the EuroMaidan Revolution, an uprising that changed a government, but, unfortunately, still did not transform the nation in the way that millions of Ukrainians wanted.

Can it happen? Or has Ukraine missed another chance?

Today the Tiger Conference gathers decision-

makers and experts from Ukraine and around the world in the hopes of finding answers.

This year we are taking on the big question of creating the new social contract in Ukraine. What will this mean – what is expected from each of us, from government, society and from business?

We are honored by your presence here today and we hope together that we can find common purpose and unity to meet the challenges ahead of us.



NATALIYA BUGAYOVA

Chief Executive Officer
of the Kyiv Post

Two years after the start of EuroMaidan Revolution and Russia's continuous war against our nation, Ukraine has indisputably made a lot of progress – more responsive and professional officials in government, a national instinct for survival that has improved our defenses and several progressive changes in laws and partial reforms.

However, the fundamental change for which the Maidan stood has yet to happen. How much time does Ukraine have left to "get its act together" and write a social contract that everyone will live up to?

We hope to gain enlightenment from discussion of the four big issues confronting Ukraine today, namely: building rule of law, a new economy, an open and competitive energy market and exercising visionary leadership to drive change and move the country forward.

We hope this year's Tiger Conference inspires answers and reinvigorates the sense of purpose and unity among Ukrainian leaders to put the national interests ahead of their own.

Thank you all for coming. Have a productive day.

Panel 1. **9:45 – 11:30**

RULE OF LAW

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PANEL SPEAKERS



BOHDAN POSHVA

Judge of the Supreme Court of Ukraine

Poshva was elected as a judge of the Supreme Court of Ukraine in 2004.

Upon graduating from Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, he worked as an assistant to a prosecutor, then as a senior assistant to the prosecutor of the City of Ternopil, and then as a senior assistant to the prosecutor of Ternopil Region. Later he served as a judge of Ternopil City People's Court, and as a judge of Ternopil Regional Court.

Poshva has undergone training at the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the DC Superior Court, as well as at various courts in Philadelphia, Salt Lake City (Utah), and Reno Judicial College (Nevada). He has also

trained at Supreme Courts of the UK, Germany and Poland.

Poshva actively took part in drafting the law on bail. Since 2006, he has been a member of the Working Group on Reform of the Criminal Procedural Code of Ukraine. From 2010 to 2012, he worked as an expert of the Joint Programme of the European Union and the Council of Europe "Combating Ill-treatment and Impunity" in the countries of the South Caucasus, Moldova and Ukraine, and as a member of the Working Group on Reforming Criminal Justice set up by the president of Ukraine.

Bohdan is the author of numerous publications. He is also a Merited Lawyer of Ukraine.



DAVIT SAKVARELIDZE

Deputy Chief Prosecutor of Ukraine
and Regional Prosecutor of Odesa

Sakvarelidze is a deputy chief prosecutor of Ukraine and regional prosecutor of Odesa. He is also in charge of reforming the Prosecutor's Office. Among his first measures, Sakvarelidze developed the Inspector General's Unit, which has since been investigating alleged corruption among prosecutors. He is now coordinating the work of the Department of Procedure Leadership in Criminal Cases against Corrupt Employees of the Public Prosecutor's Office, and a department dealing with corrupt high-ranking officials. Sakvarelidze is also in charge of setting up Local Prosecutor's Offices across Ukraine.

A detailed description of the reforms process

is provided in the policy paper "Reforms Agenda," presented by Sakvarelidze shortly after his appointment to the new position.

Formerly, Sakvarelidze served as a member of Georgian parliament. He has extensive prosecutorial experience, served on various positions in Georgia prior to his appointment as first deputy chief prosecutor of Georgia.

Sakvarelidze is a graduate of the Law School of Tbilisi State University. He also graduated from St. Bonaventura University of New York in Political Science, and Toyo University of Itakura (Japan) in Regional Development Studies.

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OKSANA SYROYID

Vice Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada
of Ukraine

Syroyid is a Ukrainian politician, and a vice chair-speaker of the Ukrainian parliament.

She started her career as an assistant to Mykhailo Horyn, the leader of the Ukrainian Republican Party, and later to MP Ihor Yukhnovskiy. Later Syroyid worked as an expert at the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, an expert for the USAID Fair Justice Project, and as the OSCE project coordinator in Ukraine. She also cooperated as an expert with the OECD within its SIGMA program. From 2012 to 2014, Syroyid was the director of the Ukrainian Legal Foundation NGO.

As a member of parliament, she has drawn up draft laws on judicial reform, reform of the police and prosecution, local government reform and

reform of the decision-making process in the Cabinet of Ministers. Syroyid has also actively participated in the work of the Constitutional Commission established in March 2015.

Syroyid is a regular lecturer on administrative justice issues and ruling writing at the National School of Judges of Ukraine, and is an associate professor of the Law Faculty of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. She is a co-founder of Kyiv-Mohyla School of Public Administration. Syroyid holds law degrees from the University of Ottawa, and Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, as well as a degree in Political Science from National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.



VIRGILIJUS VALANČIUS

Team Leader, EU Project "Support to Justice Sector Reforms in Ukraine", former President of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania

Valančius is the team leader of the EU Project "Support to Justice Sector Reforms in Ukraine," a member of the Council on Judicial Reform under the President of Ukraine, and a member of the Constitutional Commission.

He has vast professional experience in judicial sphere. In 1986, Valančius started his career at a prosecutor's office. From 1990 to 1994, he served as a judge, the vice president of the Vilnius City District Court; from 1995 to 2002, as the president of the Civil Chamber of the Court of Appeal of Lithuania; and from 2002 to 2008, as the president of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania.

From 2006 to 2008, Valančius was the president of the European Association of Judges. Since 2006 he has been the vice president of the International Association of Judges; and a member of the Consultative Council of European Judges of the Council of Europe. As an expert with the Council of Europe, he has worked in Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Serbia, Turkey and other countries.

Valančius is also the author of numerous publications on constitutional, administrative and civil law.

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DARIA KALENIUK

Co-founder and Executive Director,
Anti-Corruption Action Centre

Kaleniuk is the co-founder and executive director of the Anti-Corruption Action Centre, Ukraine.

She is experienced in international legal mechanisms for anti-corruption measures, particularly in stolen asset recovery and anti-money laundering initiatives. During the EuroMaidan protests Daria ran the yanukovich.info cam-

paign aimed at freezing those assets that former President Viktor Yanukovych and his associates kept in Western jurisdictions.

Kaleniuk holds a master's degree in Financial Services Law from Chicago-Kent College of Law. Daria was a Fulbright Program student in 2010-2011.

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DANIEL BILAK

Managing Partner, CMS Cameron McKenna

With 25 years of experience working in the private and public sectors in Ukraine, Bilak has extensive knowledge of the local market and recognised expertise in managing legal risk on behalf of clients.

Bilak's practice focuses on major international and Ukrainian clients working in the energy, agribusiness, infrastructure and IT sectors. Between 1995 to 2006, Daniel was a senior United Nations Development Programme governance expert, providing advice and assistance on administrative and legal reform and anti-corruption

issues to the Ukrainian government, including the president and prime minister of Ukraine, and the minister of justice of Ukraine. As part of Bulgaria's and Lithuania's process of accession to the European Union, Daniel directed a project leading to the adoption of a new Bulgarian Administrative Procedure Code and helped facilitate reforms to Lithuania's system of administrative justice.

Bilak is consistently highly recommended by Chambers Europe and Legal 500.

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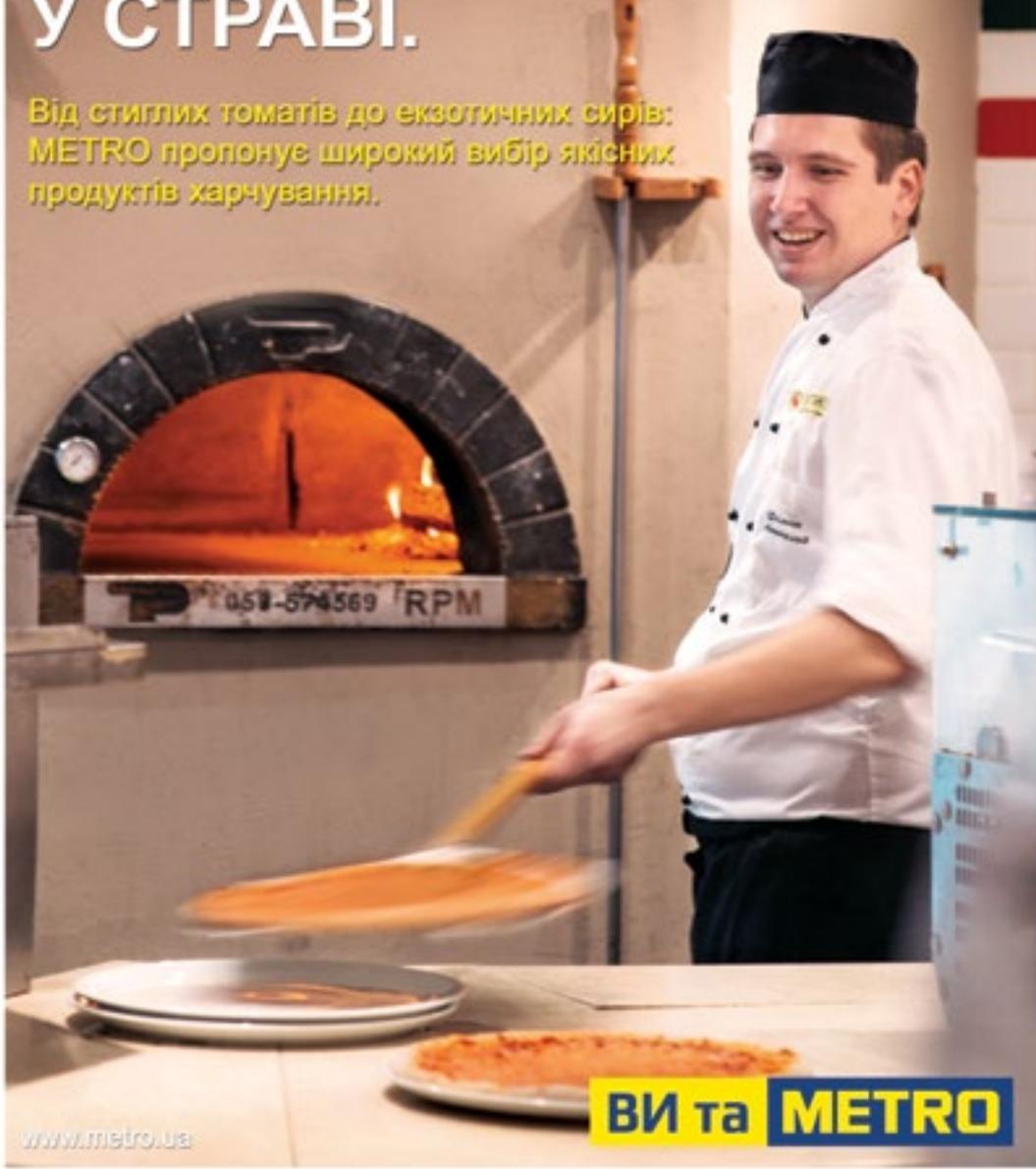
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Robert Bensh, Partner and Managing Director of Pelicourt LLC, is an energy and energy security expert with over 20 years of experience leading oil and gas companies and energy investments in the United States and Europe, and over 13 years of experience in Ukraine. He has been involved in various roles in finance, capital markets, mergers and acquisitions and government for the past 25 years.

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Panel 2 | **12:00 – 13:30**

NEW ECONOMY

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PANEL SPEAKERS



ANDREI KIRILENKO

Visiting Professor of Finance at the Brevan Howard Centre for Financial Analysis,
Imperial College Business School, London

Kirilenko is a visiting professor of Finance at the Brevan Howard Centre for Financial Analysis at the Imperial College Business School. Prior to joining Imperial College in August 2015, he was professor of the Practice of Finance at MIT Sloan and Co-Director of the MIT Center for Finance and Policy.

Kirilenko's work focuses on the intersection of finance, technology and regulation. He is a recognized world expert on high frequency and algorithmic trading. He is also a top expert on the principles of regulation of automated financial markets.

Before MIT Sloan, he served as chief economist of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) between December 2010 and December 2012. In his capacity as chief

economist, Kirilenko was instrumental in using modern analytical tools and methods to improve the commission's ability to develop and enforce an effective regulatory regime in automated financial markets.

In 2010, he was the recipient of the CFTC Chairman's Award for Excellence (highest honor). Prior to joining the CFTC, Kirilenko spent 12 years at the International Monetary Fund working on global capital market issues. His scholarly work has appeared in a number of peer-reviewed journals and received multiple best-paper awards.

Kirilenko received his PhD in Economics from University of Pennsylvania, where he specialized in Finance.



AIVARAS ABROMAVICIUS

Minister of Economic Development
and Trade of Ukraine

Prior to his appointment as minister, Abromavicius was a partner of Swedish firm East Capital, focusing his work on the Eastern European markets.

He started his career at the largest Baltic bank, Hansabank, where he was soon appointed head of equities. Over the next three years Aivaras headed the Trading Department at Brunswick Emerging Markets.

Abromavicius holds a bachelor's degree in International Business from Concordia International University (Estonia) and Concordia University (Wisconsin, USA).

He has lived in Ukraine for over six years and has personally witnessed the changes going on within society. The latter motivated him to contribute to reforming Ukraine and to join the government.

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SAM KINGSTON

Chief Operating Officer,
Ciklum Group

Kingston is the chief operating officer at Ciklum Group.

After a successful career in chemistry research, during which Kingston published several scientific papers and was granted a number of patents, he moved into the IT industry in early 1990. Kingston has since then held international board level positions in both client and supplier organisations. His appointment as chief information officer for East Midlands Electricity (now E.ON Energy) was the prelude to his working within the IT services sector.

Prior to working for Ciklum, Kingston had executive leadership roles at Perot Systems, SAIC,

Oracle, EDS, Unisys and Deutsche Telekom Group based at locations in Europe, Africa, the Americas and Australasia.

His broad management experience includes a track record of growing and restructuring diverse businesses within consulting services, IT applications & infrastructure services, and process outsourcing, with an emphasis on ensuring sustainable performance and structured staff development programmes.

Kingston holds an honours degree in Chemistry, and master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees in Polymer Science.



CARL STUREN

President and Co-founder,
Chumak

Sturen is the president and co-founder of the food company Chumak and also the managing director and co-founder of the wind-power company Vindkraft Ukraina. Prior to Chumak, he worked with a number of businesses in Eastern Europe; among other things carrying out research and preparations for the initial stages of developing agriculture and food business in Eastern Europe.

Sturen is the honorary consul of Sweden to Ukraine. He is also a member of the East Capital

advisory board for Ukraine, and a member of the board of AgroRegion, an agricultural company within East Capital's sphere in Ukraine.

For his outstanding achievements, Carl has received the State Ukrainian Orders of Merit of the III and II degrees.

Sturen graduated from Sveskolan Gymnasium, Visby, in 1993, earning a degree in Natural Science. In 2002, he took a special course at IMD, Lausanne, Switzerland, called Building on Talent.

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TIMOTHY ASH

Head of CEEMEA Credit Strategy at Nomura International, London

Ash is head of Central Eastern Europe, Middle East & Africa credit strategy for Nomura International, a Japanese financial holding company. Before that, he was head of emerging markets (ex-Africa) research at Standard Bank based in London. Ash joined the bank from RBS, where he was global head of emerging markets research. Prior to RBS, he was head of CEEMEA research at Bear Stearns, following similar stints with West Merchant Bank/West LB, ABN Amro and Caspian Securities.

Tim holds a master's degree in economics from Manchester University. He was a postgraduate research fellow at Exeter University and Herriot-Watt University, where he specialized in transitions from a planned to market economy. He has also worked as a development consultant in the CIS and Emerging Europe, and was a country economist at the Economist Intelligence Unit.

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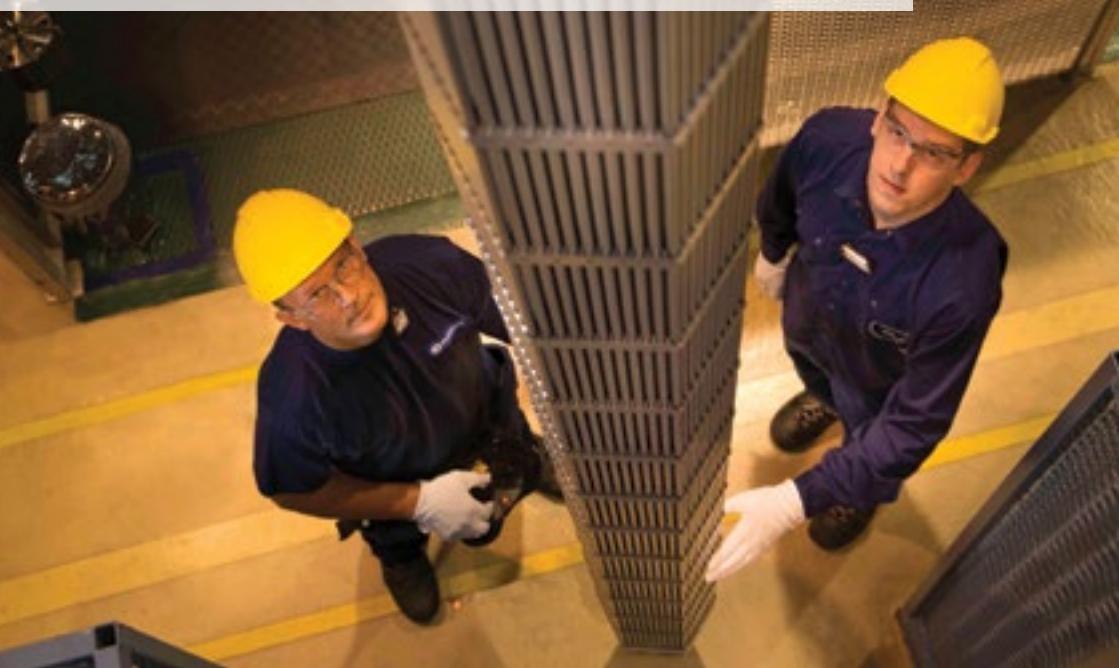
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Panel 3 | **14:30 – 16:00**

ENERGY

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EDWARD CHOW

Senior Fellow, Energy and National Security Program at Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

Chow is a senior fellow in the Energy and National Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington D.C. He is an international energy expert with more than 35 years of oil industry experience, working in Asia, Middle East, Africa, South America, Europe, Russia and the Caspian region.

Chow specializes in oil and gas investments in emerging economies. He has developed policy and business strategies, and successfully negotiated complex, multi-billion dollar international business ventures. Chow has advised U.S. and foreign governments, international financial institutions, international oil companies, leading U.S. multinational corporations, and European

firms. In particular, he spent 20 years with Chevron Corporation in the United States, much of it on overseas assignments. His last position at Chevron was head of international external affairs at company headquarters in California.

A graduate of Ohio University with degrees in economics and international affairs, Chow has published articles in leading academic and foreign policy journals on global energy developments, spoken at energy at international conferences, and appeared in major international media. He has testified before the U.S. Congress and lectured at leading universities around the world.



MICHAEL E. KIRST

Vice President for Strategy and External Relations for Europe, Middle East and Africa, Westinghouse Electric Company

Kirst is the vice president for Strategy and External Affairs for Europe, Middle East and Africa. His prior roles in Westinghouse include vice president for Central and Eastern Europe; director of Central and Eastern European Fuel for Westinghouse's European Fuel Business and director of Government and International Affairs for Westinghouse in Washington D.C.

Prior to joining Westinghouse in 1996, Kirst was director of the Economic Committee of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in Brussels, Belgium, responsible for advising members of

parliament from the NATO member nations and representing the Atlantic Alliance in international forums and throughout the former Soviet Union.

Kirst began his career as a legislative aide to congressman Leon E. Panetta, where he was responsible for issues within the jurisdictions of the Budget, Banking and Energy and Commerce Committees. He is a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the US-Ukraine Business Council and a member of the Nuclear New Build Working Group of FORATOM in Brussels.

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RAZVAN NICOLESCU

Former Minister-Delegate for Energy of Romania, Executive Lead Advisor in Energy, Deloitte Central Europe

Nicolescu has more than 15 years of experience in the energy sector, holding positions both in the public and private sectors. Razvan has been the chairman of the Administrative Board of the European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), and was designated a member of this body by the Council of the European Union in 2009. The Administrative Board is responsible for the governance of this institution. During his mandate, ACER became a leading EU institution in terms of Conflict of Interests Policies.

In 2014, Nicolescu was the Romanian minister for energy without being member of any political party. In this position Nicolescu contributed to the biggest IPO (Electrica SA) which has ever taken place successfully on the Romania capital

market. Between September 2008 and February 2014 he held the position of director for Public and Regulatory Affairs of Petrom, the biggest Romanian energy company. During this period, he initiated a successful program to improve energy efficiency in the company's filing stations with the financial support of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

He was the energy attaché of Romania to the European Union for almost four years. During this period he was involved in the successful negotiations of the energy, climate change and the third market liberalization packages.

He has an electrical engineering educational background and graduated a Master Business Administration Program at Solvay Business School, Brussels, Belgium.



ICHIRO KUTANI

Assistant Director and Manager, Strategy Research Unit, The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan

Kutani is an assistant director and manager at the Strategy Research Unit of the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ).

Kutani has been engaged in energy policy analysis since joining the IEEJ in 2007. His main field of research is analysis of the global energy market and energy security issues, with an emphasis on Asia. The latest study project engagement includes ASEAN power grid connectivity, energy efficiency in the transport sector, and a quantitative assessment of energy secu-

rity policies. Prior to his current role, Kutani held positions of leader of the Gas Group and visiting researcher at IEEJ, where his research addressed the U.S., European, and Asian gas and LNG markets, the global coal markets, and clean coal technology. Ichiro began his career at JFE Engineering Corp., where he designed and managed gas pipeline projects.

He holds a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Waseda University, Japan.

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YURIY VITRENKO

Managing Director, Head of International Business, NAK Naftogaz of Ukraine

Vitrenko has about 10 years of experience with Naftogaz of Ukraine, as well as substantial experience in the financial sector in Ukraine, Russia and the UK.

He graduated from the Kyiv National University of Economics in 1997 and began his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers, where he advised leading Ukrainian companies on financial management.

In 2002 Vitrenko was invited to help with the reform of the National Joint Stock Company Naftogaz Ukrainy. He has been working with

the company in a variety of roles, including head of corporate finance and senior advisor to the chairman, and most recently as head of international business.

In 2004 Vitrenko obtained an MBA from INSEAD Business School (France, Singapore). Vitrenko worked in the London Office of Merrill Lynch until 2006, where he consulted clients on successful M&A deals in Eastern Europe. In 2008-2011, he was a COO and VP of Amstar Europe, member of Amstar Private Equity Group headquartered in Denver, the United States.

REMARKS



OLGA BIELKOVA

Member of Parliament, Deputy Head of the Verkhovna Rada's Committee on Fuel and Energy Complex, Nuclear Policy and Nuclear Safety

Bielkova is a member of the Ukrainian parliament and deputy head of the Verkhovna Rada's Committee on Fuel and Energy Complex, Nuclear Policy and Nuclear Safety. She is a member of the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko parliament faction, and a permanent member of the Ukrainian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of OSCE. Bielkova co-chairs the Parliamentary Non-Partisan Caucuses "For the Energy Independence of Ukraine" and "For the Digital Future of Ukraine".

Prior to her election in 2012, she was one of the managing partners of EastLabs.co – a startup business accelerator in Kyiv. Before that, Bielkova was director of international pro-

grams at the Viktor Pinchuk Foundation. She served as financial and administrative director for the Land O'Lakes, a USAID-funded agricultural marketing project in Ukraine. Olga also worked as deputy director for the Junior Achievement International branch in Ukraine, introducing economic education to more than 30,000 Ukrainian high school students.

She is a Harvard Mason fellow, holds an MA in Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School, a law degree from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, and a degree in economics from Cherkassy State Engineering University.

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ROBERT BENSH

Senior Managing Partner, Pelicourt LLC

Bensh is an energy executive with over 20 years of experience leading and operating oil and gas companies and energy portfolios in Europe, South America and the United States.

Bensh is the managing shareholder of Leadville Resources and a managing partner of Pelicourt LLC. He is also the Director of Gastek – the third-largest private oil and gas producer in Ukraine, which was successfully westernized under his governance. Besides, Bensh has occupied leadership positions at Glen Rose Petroleum (Texas, United States), Condor Exploration

(Colombia), New Frontier (Colorado, United States) and other energy companies.

Bensh is responsible for strategic planning and development of over 1.7 million acres of conventional and unconventional reservoirs in Ukraine and Turkey. He led takeovers and westernized multiple oil and gas, coal and thermal generation businesses in Ukraine, having attracted foreign investment, technology and management to Ukraine worth a total of over \$600 million.

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Panel 4 | **16:30 – 18:00**

VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

Often in its history, Ukraine lost control of its destiny to outsiders. How can its leaders create national unity and a shared vision for the future?

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NATALIE A. JARESKO

Minister of Finance of Ukraine

Jaresko was appointed the minister of finance of Ukraine in December 2014. Prior to that, she was one of the co-founders and chief executive officer of Horizon Capital. In 1995-2001 Jaresko served as president and chief executive officer of Western NIS Enterprise Fund. Before joining WNISEF, she served as the chief of the Economic Section of the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine, and in various positions at the State Department in Washington, D.C..

Natalie is a member of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on the Future of Financing and Capital. She served on the boards of Ukrainian Catholic University, Kyiv School of Economics, Open Ukraine Foundation. She also served as a member of the President's Foreign

Investment Advisory Council, the Council of Competitiveness of Ukraine, and the Kyiv City Strategy 2025 Public Council.

Jaresko holds a master's degree in Public Policy from Harvard University, and a bachelor's degree in Accounting from DePaul University. She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

Jaresko received the Order of Princess Olha award from the President of Ukraine in 2003 for her contributions to the Ukrainian economy, a medal of honor from the Prime Minister of Ukraine in 2009 for her contributions to USA-Ukraine bilateral economic relations, as well as the Order of St. Nicholas from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyiv Patriarchate in 2011.



EREZ ESHEL

Former Director and Head of the Ein Prat Israeli Social Leadership Pre-Military School

Eshel is a highly experienced Israeli executive with a proven track record in founding, establishing, managing and leading educational and leadership organizations, schools and nongovernmental organizations.

Since 2012, Eshel has been a deputy general manager and director of the Youth and Society Division at the Israeli Ministry of Education.

From 1996 to 2012, Eshel founded and then worked as a board member and professional mentor at a number of leadership and pre-military schools and programs, among them – the Ein Prat Israeli Social Leadership Pre-Military School, the Ma'ayan Baruch School of Leader-

ship, the Meizar School of Leadership, and others. He has also headed several social and educational nongovernmental organizations, namely, Lev Ehad (One Heart), Hashomer Hahadash, MindSpinning, Tru Laavod Bechavod, etc.

Eshel's roles also included being a political advisor to Israeli leaders, and to the governments of Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria and Serbia, as well as a strategic consultant to senior executives in the banking system.

Erez holds a master's degree in political leadership, and a bachelor's degree in general and Jewish philosophy from Tel Aviv University.

PANEL SPEAKERS



ILYA PONOMAREV

Member of Russian Parliament

Ponomarev is an opposition member of the Russian Parliament, the Duma. He is a Social Democrat representing Novosibirsk — the capital of Siberia. With more than 20 years of prominent political activities, complemented with international entrepreneurial and investment experience, with a primary focus on IT and energy, he is also a chairman of the Russian parliament's Innovations and Venture Capital subcommittee, introducing legislation to support the emerging innovation economy in Russia.

Among Ponomarev's recent achievements is the passing of amendments to the Civil Code, legalizing limited liability partnerships in Russia, the Net Businesses Act, and new State Procurement Regulations, as well as numerous other fiscal and economic measures to support small- and medium-sized businesses in Russia, with the aim of fostering competition.

Previously, Ponomarev was the vice president of the Yukos Oil Company, formerly Russia's largest oil and gas corporation. He also worked as the vice president for Strategy, Regional Development and Government Relations at IBS, Russia's largest systems integrator and consulting company, and as the director for CIS Business Development and Marketing for Schlumberger Oilfield Services — the world's largest supplier of oil exploration and production services, solutions and technology to the international petroleum industry.

Ponomarev holds a BSc in Physics from Moscow State University and an MPA from Russian State Social University. As one of the leaders of the anti-Putin opposition in Russia, Ponomarev was the only member of Russia's parliament to vote against annexation of Crimea.



LYUBA SHIPOVICH

Chief Technology Officer at Odesa Reformers Team, President of American NGO Razom

Shipovich is the chief technology officer at the Odesa Reformers Team and the president and co-founder of U.S. nongovernmental organization RAZOM.

Shipovich is a software developer by profession and until recently was a lead software engineer at Callfire, a software company headquartered in Santa Monica, CA, which has affiliated offices in Hoboken, N.J., and Kyiv, Ukraine. She

managed teams of developers in the Hoboken and Kyiv offices.

Prior to joining Callfire, she worked as a senior software engineer at SNAP Interactive and as a project manager at Tangram and ITfine Business Solutions.

Shipovich holds a master's degree in computer science from the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.

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DMYTRO SHYMKIV

Deputy Head of the Administration
of the President of Ukraine

Shymkiv is responsible for the implementation of administrative, social, and economic reforms. Currently Shymkiv chairs the Executive Reforms Committee of the National Reforms Council, an advisory body to the president. He is also responsible for change management and the reorganization and implementation of e-governance in the Presidential Administration.

Shymkiv is a technology entrepreneur and innovator with 20 years of leadership experience in the IT industry across Ukraine, Europe and the United States. From May 2009, as General Manager at Microsoft Ukraine, he successfully led the company out of the downturn towards new growth across all product groups and customer segments. Before joining Microsoft in 2007, Dmytro had established a software devel-

opment startup, which, as a result of a series of acquisitions, eventually became part of a global IT company, where Shymkiv later served as head of R&D and director for Central and Eastern Europe.

Shymkiv holds a degree in system engineering in IT, electronics and telecommunication from Lviv Polytechnic State University. He is a member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) – a worldwide network of CEOs and business owners. Dmytro serves on the Board of the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine, on the Board of Advisors to AIESEC in Ukraine, on the Board of Bohdan Hawrylyshyn Charitable Foundation, and on the Supervisory Board for the Lviv Polytechnic State University.

PANEL MODERATOR



LENNA KOSZARNY

Founding Partner and Chief Executive Officer,
Horizon Capital

Koszarny was appointed Horizon Capital chief executive officer in December 2014, formerly serving as founding partner and chief financial officer from 2006, and an officer of Western NIS Enterprise Fund (WNISEF) since 2003.

Prior to co-founding Horizon Capital and joining WNISEF, Koszarny co-founded a leading consulting firm in Ukraine, EBS, in 1998. She is a board member and vice president of the Ukrainian

World Congress, representing over 20 million Ukrainians worldwide, the chair of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Advisory Council in Ukraine, and the vice-chair of the Advisory Council of Kyiv-Mohyla Business School.

Originally born in Canada, Lenna has lived and worked in Ukraine for nearly 22 years. She is a Canadian CPA and received her HBA at the Ivey School of Business in Canada.



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