

Macedonia2025 Summit 2023
26-27 April 2023 | Skopje Marriott Hotel

A G E N D A

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

Skopje Marriott Hotel

08:30 - 09:30 **Registration over coffee**

09:30 - 09:50 **Official Opening**
[Nikica M. Blazhevski](#)
CEO at Macedonia2025

09:50 - 10:10 **Address by Prime Minister Kovacevski**
H.E. [Dimitar Kovachevski](#)
Prime Minister of the Republic of North Macedonia

10:10 - 11:00 **Keynote Address**
[Robert Doar](#)
President, American Enterprise Institute
[Mike Zafirovski](#)
Founder, Chairman and President of the Zaf Group
Co-founder & Member of the Board of Directors at Macedonia2025

11:00 - 11:40 Networking over coffee

11:40 - 12:40 **Strategy vs. Execution: An Oxymoron or a Success Formula?**
Moderator:
[Borko Handjiski](#)
Head of Strategic Projects and Policies, Abu Dhabi Department of Finance
Member of the Board of Directors at Macedonia2025
Speakers:
[Adrian Shehu](#)

CEO at TCN Albania

[Ketevan Bochorishvili](#)

Former Vice Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia; Managing Partner “Business Georgia”

[Zhivko Mukaetov](#)

CEO and President of the Management Board in Alkaloid

Member of the Board of Directors at Macedonia2025

12:40 - 13:10 **The Importance of Institutions in Young Democracies**

A talk with [Kam Buckner](#)

Illinois State Representative

[Michael Cklamovski](#)

President, Northern California at Northern Trust

Chair of the Board of Directors at Macedonia2025

13:10 - 14:10 Lunch Break

14:10 - 15:10 **From Digitalization to Digital Transformation: A Guide to Success**

Moderator:

[Vladimir Ristevski](#)

Partner and Creative Director at Pikel LTD

Speakers:

[Saša Bilić](#)

CEO at APIS IT d.o.o.

[Gerhard Laga](#)

Head of E-Center of the Austrian Federal wEconomic Chamber

[Vladimir Đorđević](#)

General Manager South East Europe, Visa

15:10 - 16:10 **ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) Investing Strategies: From Purpose to Impact**

Moderator:

[Elizabeth Naumovski](#)

Vice President Marketing at Caldwell Securities Ltd.

Speakers:

[Beatriz Orrantia](#)

Board Member, International Strategic Advisor

[Viktor Mizo](#)

Vice President – Governmental Affairs at Kostal Group

Member of the Board of Directors at Macedonia2025

[Eliza Prendzov](#)

Head of Partnerships - 17 Asset Management

[Branko Stanchev](#)

Chief Commercial Officer at Makedonski Telekom AD

19:00 - 21:00 **Networking Event (Skopje Marriott Hotel)**

Thursday, 27 April 2023

Skopje Marriott Hotel

08:30 - 09:00 **Registration over coffee**

09:00 - 09:30 **Transforming Companies in the Digital Age**

A talk with [Ted Souder](#)

Former Google Executive, Keynote Speaker

[Vasko Kronevski](#)

CEO of Nextsense

Member of the Board of Directors at Macedonia2025

09:30 - 10:30 **Leading by Design: Performance Management through Employee Training and Development in 2023**

Moderator:

[Daniel Cunningham](#)

Learning Designer, Founder of eLearning Solutions

Speakers:

[Val Jusufi](#)

CEO at LEORON Institute

[Tome Eftimov](#)

Head of AI at TeamLift and Senior Researcher at Jožef Stefan Institute

[Borijan Borozanov](#)

Manufacturing Director Central/East Europe at Johnson Matthey

Member of the Advisory Board at Macedonia2025

[Vlaho Kostov](#)

Executive Engineer, Head of CEE, Mediterranean and Baltic Region at Panasonic

Member of the Advisory Board at Macedonia2025

10:30 - 11:00 **Navigating the Changing Business Landscape in North Macedonia: Building Resilient Businesses**

A talk with [Nikola Jurisic](#)

Founder and Managing Partner at Transfiguration Advisory

[Venera Krliu Handjiski](#)

Deputy CEO, COO and Vice President of the Board of Directors at University American

College Skopje

Member of the Board of Directors at Macedonia2025

- 11:00 - 11:30 **Networking over coffee**
- 11:30 - 12:00 **Building a Global, Family Owned Business**
A talk with **Ivan Artuković**
CEO of Franck
[Metodija Papazoski](#)
Co-founder & Managing Partner at EMBS Group
Member of the Board of Directors at Macedonia2025
- 12:00 - 13:00 **In focus: Doing WELL to Boost Longevity and Productivity (wellness industry)**
Moderator:
[Olga Rajcic](#)
Co-founder of Challenger
Speakers:
Dr. Aleksandar Mitov
Public Health Specialist
[Dr. Jasmina Boban](#)
Radiologist at Center for Diagnostic Imaging, Vojvodina Institute of Oncology
[Sourav Sinha](#)
Partner & Head of Strategy, Longevity Vision Fund
[David Evangelista](#)
President and Managing Director, Special Olympics Europe Eurasia and Senior Advisor
for International Development at Special Olympics, Inc.
[Nikola Boglev](#)
Fitness and Spa management, Palestra Fitness Center
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00 - 14:30 **Chat GPT Unplugged: A look into the Future of AI**
A talk with [Guruduth Banavar](#) (online)
Science & Tech Innovator, Entrepreneur, Investor, Humanist
[Nevenka Dimitrova](#)
Biomedical Data Science & Technology Executive
Member of the Board of Directors at Macedonia2025
- 14:30 - 15:30 **Startups vs. Industry Leaders: A Conversation on Innovation and Growth**
Moderator:
[Dan Ram](#)
Event MC | 5x TEDx Speaker | Public Speaking Coach
Speakers:
[Jovana Tufegdžić](#)



Corporate Communications Manager at Visa SEE

[Nikola Velkovski](#)

Co-Founder & CEO at Howitzer

[Visar Ramajli](#)

Co-Owner and Managing Partner of KIVO L.L.C.

[Dorđe Dimitrijević](#)

Founder of SignAvatar, ChainImpact, Red!Tech

15:30 - 15:45

Closing Ceremony

H.E. Stevo Pendarovski

President of the Republic of North Macedonia

20:00 - 23:00

Networking Mixer (Location TBD)

Training Sessions Schedule

25 April

11:30 - 13:00 Smart Girls, Smart Money: Financial Literacy Training

Elizabeth Naumovski Session (American Corner, Struga)

26 April

12:30 - 13:30 Dan Ram (University American College Skopje)

14:30 - 15:30 Dan Ram (Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, UKIM)

15:00 - 16:00 Tech Leadership: Insights from a Former Google Executive

Ted Souder Session (Marriott Room A/B)

27 April

11:00 - 11:45 ABF scholars meeting with Mitre and Sophie Kutanovski

12:00 - 13:00 Social Innovation: Working with Culture & Systems Change

Nikola Jurisic Session (Marriott Room A/B) with PCPE (School of Politics)