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Dear Esteemed Guest,

We're delighted to invite you to **Web Summit Spotlight: Uzbekistan** – the first Central Asian edition of the world's leading technology event, bringing together global experts, investors, and innovators in Tashkent.

The event is organized by IT Park Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Digital Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in partnership with Web Summit.

Every year, the flagship Web Summit in Lisbon gathers more than 70,000 participants – startup founders, executives of global corporations, investors, and researchers who set the global tech agenda. The arrival of Spotlight in Tashkent expands the geography of the Web Summit ecosystem, which already includes Lisbon, Rio de Janeiro, Vancouver, Hong Kong, and Doha. It opens up direct access for Central Asia to global networking, capital, and knowledge.

Web Summit Spotlight: Uzbekistan is designed as a bridge between the country's rapidly growing tech ecosystem and international markets. The event will bring together international experts, venture capital funds, entrepreneurs, and industry leaders to discuss strategic directions for development and launch new partnerships.

What to expect:

- Inspiring keynote speeches from global tech leaders
- Discussions on digital transformation, investment, and innovation
- Networking with investors, startups, and industry pioneers
- Opportunities to showcase Uzbekistan's growing role in the global tech map

Who should attend:

- Startup founders and innovators
- Investors and venture capitalists
- Corporate executives and decision-makers
- Researchers, policymakers, and students passionate about technology

We are delighted to welcome you to this historic event and look forward to building the future of technology together in Tashkent.

Warm regards,
IT Park Uzbekistan

GLOBAL STARTUP AWARDS – CENTRAL ASIA FINAL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

LOCATION: MINISTRY OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 09:40	Opening Remarks Sherzod Shermatov – Minister of Digital Technologies
09:40 – 09:50	Welcome Remarks Ciara Haley – Executive Producer, Web Summit
09:50 – 10:00	Uzbekistan: Unlocking its potential as an innovation hub Alfredo Gomez Soria – Director of Corporate Relations, Plug and Play Tech Center
10:00 – 10:15	Uzbekistan in the Global Innovation and Startup Ecosystem Katrín Calledo – Chief of Ecosystem Success, StartupBlink
10:00 – 10:40	Panel: Global venture investment trends and their impact on emerging markets Moderator: Nada Shaheen – Managing Director of GB Ventures Alexey Kolegov – Director, Tax and Law Services in Uzbekistan, EY Yagiz Karadeniz – Managing Partner, DOMiNO Ventures Soumaya Ben Beya Dridje – Partner, Rasmal Ventures Nikolay Seleznev – Co-founder & Strategy and M&A Director, Uzum
10:40 – 10:50	Future-Proofing Companies: XR, AI, and IoT Amy Peck – Founder & CEO, Endeavor XR
10:50 – 11:30	Panel: Why invest in Central Eurasian startups? Moderator: Andrea Kates – Managing Partner, SUMA Ventures Imtiyaz Basharat – Partner, Heartfelt Ventures Michael Lints – Partner, Golden Gate Ventures Mammad Karim – General Partner, Caucasus Ventures Abbas Kazmi – Managing & Co-Founding Partner, SABAH.fund
11:30 – 11:45	Breaking Borders, Building Futures: The Uzbek Founder’s Playbook Beknazar Abdikamalov – Co-Founder, HUPO
11:45 – 12:25	Panel: Opportunities for global corporations in emerging IT markets Moderator: Iro Tsagareishvili – Managing Director, Axel – Georgian Business Angel Network Ben Guerin – Co-Founder, Topham Guerin Walid Barsali – President, La French Tech Warsaw Cliona Jordan – Early Stage Startup Lead, Google for Startups Matthew Neff – CPO, Snoonu
12:25 – 12:30	Closing Remarks Abdulakhad Kuchkarov – CEO of IT Park Uzbekistan
12:30 – 13:30	Networking Lunch

INVESTOR’S ROOM — STARTUP X VC SPEED NETWORKING

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

TIME: 13:30 - 15:30

LOCATION: MDT

Meet more startups in 2 hours than you could in 2 months. Curated, time-efficient meetings designed to match startups with the right investors.

- 7–10 minute speed meetings with pre-qualified founders
- Deal flow acceleration and discovery of early-stage opportunities

→ Ideal for: venture capitalists, angel investors, scouts

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our coordinators:

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