

FORUM PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVES Keynote Speech by Chair/Moderator: Javid Huseynov, AACC	10:00am – 10:15am
PANEL DISCUSSIONS	
1. U.S.-AZERBAIJANI CULTURAL EXCHANGE (Panel Chairs/Speakers: Leyla Kazvin & Betty Blair) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common culture as a bridge between the North and the South • Defending Azerbaijani culture against plagiarism & abuse • Azerbaijani view of regional history and its adversaries • Azerbaijani literature, music, cinematography 	10:15am – 11:30am
<i>15-minute break</i>	
2. PRESS/MEDIA COVERAGE & GRASS ROOTS/LOBBYING (Panel Chair/Speaker: Adil Baguirov) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and presenting Azerbaijani views in U.S. press • Lobbying vital Azerbaijani interests • Creating ideological unity through forums, grass-roots activity • Educational exchange, scholarly 	11:45am – 1:00pm
LUNCHEON	
3. AZERBAIJANI STRATEGIC INTERESTS 3.1 GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT (Panel Chair/Speaker: Taleh Ziyadov, USACC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign policy priorities • Regional and geopolitical interests of Azerbaijan • Security and peace in South Caucasus 3.2 GLOBAL ECONOMIC CONTEXT (Panel Chair/Speaker: Natig Mustafayev) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caspian oil development and export pipelines • Non-oil sector development • U.S.-Azerbaijani economic relations & perspectives 	1:00pm – 2:00pm 2:00pm – 4:00pm
<i>15-minute break</i>	
4. SCIENTIFIC & EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE (Panel Chair/Speaker: Javid Huseynov, AACC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking of Azerbaijani scientists in the U.S. • Scholastic relations between U.S. and Azerbaijani universities • Educational and scientific exchange programs 	4:00pm – 4.15pm 4:15pm – 5.15pm
INVITED SPEECHES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consul General, Elin Suleymanov • Professor Nayereh Tohidi • TBD(s) 	5:15pm – 6:15pm
CONCLUSION Javid Huseynov, AACC	6:15pm – 6:30pm
DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT FIESTA	
	6:30pm – 10:30pm