

Data Center & AI Infrastructure Central Asia 2026

April 16th-17th Astana · Kazakhstan

April 16th AM

Policies & Market Trend: Data Centers & AI in Central Asia



Chairperson:

Amina Baikenova
Deputy director of Products and External affairs
Institute of Smart Systems and artificial intelligence

09:00-09:10

➤ Opening Speech



Miras Zakiyev

Deputy Chairman of Digital Assets and Breakthrough Technologies Committee
Ministry of AI and Digital Development of Kazakhstan

09:10-09:25

➤ Keynote: Building a Data Center Hub in Central Asia: Uzbekistan's Regulatory Framework and Investment Incentives



Ibrokhim Kamolov
Advisor to the Minister

Lead specialist in the Department of Telecommunications Infrastructure Development
Ministry of Digital Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan

09:25-09:50

➤ Keynote: Data Fuels AI — And NetApp powers your Data



Peter Kos

Regional Sales Director, Eastern Europe, Türkiye & CIS
NetApp

09:50-10:15

➤ ☕ Coffee Break & Social Networking

10:15-11:05

➤ Panel Discussion: Building AI-Ready Infrastructure Ecosystems: Policy, Investment, and Collaboration

Makhmut Tomanov, Advisor to the Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Ibrokhim Kamolov, Advisor to the Minister / Lead specialist, Ministry of Digital Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Temirlan Ziyatov, Chairman, Qaz.AI Association

Bayan Konirbayev, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Alem.AI Foundation



11:05-12:00

➤ Panel Discussion: Building Reliable and Scalable Data Centers — Opportunities and Challenges in Emerging Markets

Andrew Hardisty, General Director, DSS Data Centers Central Asia

Vladislav Minkevich, CEO, Akashi Data Center

Syrym Toleuliyev, Deputy CEO, Kazteleport JSC

Konstantin Korolev, Director, Business Development, CIS, Uptime Institute

Marcel van Drunen, Senior Technical Enablement Manager HPC, AI and Datacenter, Supermicro



12:00-13:30

➤ 🍴 Lunch Break (Aroma Restaurant, 1st Floor)

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AI Infrastructure & Data Center Innovation

13:28-13:30

 Lucky Draw

13:30-14:05

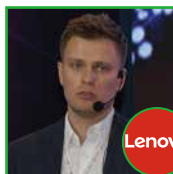
Keynote: AI and Cloud Transformation in Financial Services: Enabling the Next Generation of Digital Infrastructure



Igor Ivaniuk
Team Leader Solutions Architecture, FSI CEE / EMEA
Amazon Web Services

14:05-14:30

Keynote: Lenovo Infrastructure and AI portfolio



Anton Utkin
Senior Solution Consultant
Lenovo

14:30-14:55

Keynote: Data Center Commissioning and Transition to Operations



Andrew Hardisty
General Director
DSS Data Centers Central Asia

14:55-15:20

 Coffee Break & Social Networking

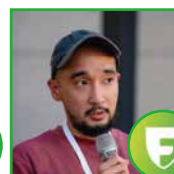
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 Lucky Draw

15:22-16:10

Panel Discussion: From Data Centers to AI Infrastructure—How Data, AI, and Digital Platforms are Transforming the Market

Stanislav Streltsov, SVP, Chief Data and AI Officer
Roman Lefarov, Head of Development, QazCloud
Evgeniy Vishnevskiy, CEO, Pro-Data
Arman Nurgaliyev, CTO Cloud Native, Freedom Cloud Kazakhstan
Ospanov Turar, Director of Business Development, Beeline Kazakhstan



16:10-16:35

Keynote: Defining the AI Infrastructure Era: From Data Centers to Digital Reality



Sergei Butenko
Head of Modern Data Center Solutions
Eastern Europe & Central Asia, Dell Technologies

16:35-17:00

Enabling Digital Infrastructure in Central Asia: The Role of Telecom Operators in Data Centers, Cloud, and AI



Ospanov Turar
Director of Business Development
Beeline Kazakhstan

18:30-21:00



Gala Dinner Night (Balkhash+Tengiz Ballroom)

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Building AI-Ready Data Center Infrastructure



Chairperson:

Yanwei Wang

*Head, Center of Digital Modelling and AI in Energy
Institute of New Materials and Energy Technologies (INMET)*

09:00-09:50

Panel Discussion: Building AI-Ready Digital Infrastructure: Cloud, GPU Capacity and Enterprise Adoption in Emerging Markets.

*Stanislav Streltsov, SVP, Chief Data and AI Officer
Taha Benssiba, VP and Head of AI, EMEA, Oracle
Mike Golubev, Tech Lead, Amazon Web Services
Bauyrzhan Aubakir, Chief Data Officer, Ipak Yuli Bank
Aleksi Chistiakov, Chief BD Officer, CloudFort*



09:50-10:15

Keynote: While You Are Building Data Centers, Market Demand Has Already Doubled - How to Avoid Losing Capacity and Revenue



Nikolay Korolev
CEO
Amperel

10:15-10:40

Coffee Break & Social Networking

10:40-11:05

Kazakhstan as Central Asia's Digital Hub: How Akashi Data Center Opens the Region to Global Players and Investment



Yerassyl Ayubekov
Chief Commercial Officer
Akashi Data Center

11:05-12:00

Panel discussion: Powering Data Centers for AI and Cloud: Energy and Cooling Challenges
· As data center demand grows with cloud and emerging AI workloads, reliable power supply and efficient cooling are becoming critical challenges. This panel will explore how operators and infrastructure providers can balance energy availability, thermal management, and cost to support scalable data center development.

*Saniya Perzadayeva, Founder & Partner, Unicase Law Firm
Iskander Buranov, Head of CIS Business Initiatives, Larsen & Toubro
Aliya Salimzhuarova, Founder, CAN SET
Radjan Taisarinov, Regional manager Kazakhstan and Central Asia, Attom Technology
Yeldos Abakanov, Chairman of the Board JSC "Electric Power and Energy Saving Development Institute"*



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AI Infrastructure Demand & Ecosystem Development

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Uzbekistan as an Emerging Digital Hub: IDC Market Dynamics, Regional Demand, and Investment Opportunities



Farrukh Alimukhamedov
Deputy General Director, New Business Development Department
East Telecom LLC

13:55-14:20

Legal analysis of data centres for AI: regulatory barriers and integration into legislation



Sanzhar Amangeldy
Partner
Unicase Law Firm

14:20-14:45

Beyond Hardware: How Local Service Support Builds Customer Trust



Muratbek Zhussupekov
Chief Strategy Officer
KT Cloud

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Event Closure