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**Time**                      **Saturday 6 June**

**DILIJAN**

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| <b>Morning</b>     | <p><b>Dilijan</b><br/>Participants arriving early in the morning at Zvartnots airport transfer from Yerevan to Dilijan</p> <p>Those who are already in Dilijan benefit from specific ateliers organised by "The Start-up Armenia" Foundation. Alternatively, they are given an opportunity to discover some of the cultural and natural treasures Dilijan has to offer.</p>   |   |
| <b>12.00-13.30</b> | <p><b>Ice Breaking Opening Lunch</b><br/>Our participants come from all over the world and all walks of life, and yet a special alchemy and mutual trust unites them at the Summit of Minds. The purpose of this lunch is to kick-start the process of our guests getting to know each other better. At each table, a Summit "returner" will facilitate the conversation.</p> |   |
| <b>13.45-14.00</b> | <p><b>Welcoming Remarks</b></p>   |   |
| <b>14.00-15.15</b> | <p><b>Opening Plenary: Geopolitics and AI</b><br/>These two macro categories may seem distant relatives; yet they are closely intertwined. This plenary session sets the tone of the Summit by exploring the latest major issues in both and surveying the global geopolitical and tech outlook.</p>  |   |
| <b>15.30-17.00</b> | <p><b>Workshops: Going deeper into Geopolitics and AI</b><br/>Join a conversation in breakout groups with prominent experts and practitioners for a much deeper understanding on the future of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AI and the Technological Future</li> <li>2. Eurasian geopolitics</li> </ol>   |   |
| <b>17.00-17.30</b> | <p><b>Networking Break</b></p>  |   |
| <b>17.30-18.45</b> | <p><b>Plenary Interactive Session: What have we learnt?</b><br/>Speakers from the opening plenary and the workshops distil the outcome of the previous sessions and workshops. A conversation with all participants ensues, aimed at better understanding the policy and investment consequences of both AI and Geopolitics.</p>  |   |
| <b>19.30-22.00</b> | <p><b>Armenian Dinner</b><br/>An informal and memorable taste of Armenian hospitality and warmth in an iconic restaurant.</p>   | <p><b>Flying Ostrich<br/>by Dolmama</b></p> |



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| Time        | Sunday 7 June  | Location                   |
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|             | <b>DILIJAN and YEREVAN (evening)</b>   |                            |
| 07.45-08.45 | <b>Breakfasts in various hotels</b><br>The conversation continues!   |                            |
| 09.00-10.30 | <b>Interactive Workshops</b><br>Specific topics pertaining to AI and Geopolitics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the most promising AI applications?</li> <li>• AI with Purpose: how will AI redefine our moral and ethical responsibilities?</li> <li>• Where will the Belt and Road Initiative be in 3 years from now?§</li> <li>• AI and Geopolitics: distant from each other and yet closely intertwined, shaped in particular by the rising rivalry between China and the US</li> <li>• The Future of 5G.</li> <li>• “Quantum Behaviour of Global Risks”: the Age of Quantum Revolution and the ineffectiveness of handling global risks in a classical way.</li> <li>• Global Risks: Food and Water Security.</li> <li>• What are the prospects for regional collaboration in the Caucasus and Central Asia regions?</li> <li>• What does it take to become a successful “start-up nation”?</li> </ul> |                            |
| 10.45-12.00 | <b>Plenary Wrap-Up</b><br>A speaker from each of the morning workshops distils their outcome. A conversation with all participants ensues. The purpose is not reach a consensus view, but to stir the pot and spur ideas!  |                            |
| 12.15-13.00 | <b>Informal Light Lunch</b>  | <b>Café Bridge</b>         |
| 13.15       | <b>Departure for Yerevan</b><br>With a stop on Lake Sevan to visit the Sevanavank Monastery or the Hayravank Monastery<br><br>“Walkshops” - a great source of inspiration and creativity – will be organized, with participants encouraged to share with each other those issues that matter most to them, personally and professionally.  |                            |
| 18.00       | <b>Participants arrive in their respective hotels</b>  |                            |
| 19.30-20.30 | <b>Reception</b>   | <b>Presidential Palace</b> |
| 21.00-22.30 | <b>Private Dinners</b>   |                            |

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| Time           | Monday 8 June   | Location |
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| <b>YEREVAN</b> |   |          |
| 09.30-11.45    | <p><b>Series of Keynote Addresses followed by conversations on AI and Geopolitics</b><br/>Dignitaries from all over the world (including some who could not join us in Dilijan) engage with our guests and a broader group of students, young professionals, social activists and foundations to discuss the future of AI and Geopolitics and what it means for both Armenia and the region, and all of us.</p>   |          |
| 11.45-12.15    | <p><b>Networking Break</b></p>  |          |
| 12.15-13.30    | <p><b>Closing Plenary: AI and Geopolitics in a Quantum World</b><br/>In a quantum world, change comes fast and in unpredictable ways. Coping well with such an environment depends on two core attributes: (1) the on-going ability to learn and to adapt; (2) the realisation that in a data-centric planet and tech-dominated world, personal relationships and the ability to engage with diverse networks matter more than ever. Come and discuss how to get an edge (as a country, as a business, or simply as a person) in a quantum world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Armen Sarkissian</b>, President of the Republic of Armenia</li> <li>• More names will soon be confirmed</li> </ul> |          |
| 13.15-14.30    | <p><b>Late Lunch</b><br/>Hosted at an intriguing location destined to surprise you!</p> <p>At the end of the lunch, each guest will be given the chance to place a short message in a box on "what to do next" based on the content of the Summit. These will be curated by your hosts and sent to all participants with a Summit report mid-June.</p> <p>The community of the Armenian Summit of Minds will make some ideas actionable and report back in June 2021 at the next Armenian Summit of Minds.</p>  |          |
| 15.00-17.30    | <p><b>Cultural visits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit of the Genocide Museum with historians, or</li> <li>• Visit of specific museums and foundations in Yerevan</li> </ul>  |          |
| 19.30-22.00    | <p><b>Town Hall Dinners</b><br/>Organized in various parts of the capital, they will combine groups of Summit participants with groups from schools, universities and citizens of Yerevan. They will include street dinners.</p> <p>The idea is simple: open-up the Summit to all those willing to engage in a lively and courteous conversation on tech and geopolitics: What will do they do for us and to us? And what can we do (at our own, very modest level) to make the world a better place?</p>   |          |