International Congress and Exhibition "Hydropower. The Caspian and Central Asia 2017" (15-16 February, Tbilisi, Georgia) www.hydropowercongress.com

An international congress "Hydropower. The Caspian and Central Asia" takes place 15-16 February in Tbilisi, Georgia, and is a professional platform for high-level participants to discuss key topics to guide the course for hydropower construction and operation in the Caspian and Central Asia region. High-profile speakers will discuss the changing role of hydropower in the energy mix and the benefits of interconnections beyond national borders. Participants will review initiatives and commitments and discuss action priorities that enable better hydro.

Congress highlights:

- It is an exclusive, invitation only, **forum for heads of delegations**. It includes representatives from sponsor and partner organisations, and gives participants an opportunity to launch and report on their own initiatives, through special sessions and side-events.
- Presentation of 40+ projects for the greenfield construction and modernization of large, small and medium HPPs in the Caspian and Central Asia region (Turkey, Armenia, Iran, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Tajikistan, Kirgizia and Kazakhstan);
- **Business meets Ministers of Energy** regarding the international cooperation that will enable better hydro;
- **Meetings with investors,** who will discuss how the early understanding and management of sustainability can remove barriers to investment;
- Round tables: the opportunity to discuss the most pressing issues facing hydropower (projects financing, ecological safety and technology innovations). The congress includes high-level plenary discussions as well as focused specialist sessions.

Among the speakers:

- Ayk Arutyunyan, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Armenia
- Nurbek Abaskanov, Deputy Chairman of the Board, National Energy Holding Company
- Duisen Mergaliyev, President, AES Kazakhstan
- Ronny Solberg, CEO, Adjaristsqali Georgia
- Robert L Schenck, Executive Director, CASA-1000 Secretariat
- David Managadze, Associate, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- Jakob Todua, Main Expert, Georgian Energy Development Fund
- Aieti Kukava, CEO, Alliance Group Holding
- Byoung-Seub Choi, CEO and President, Nenskra Hydro
- Roman Zorabyants, Chairman of the Board, RusHydro International
- Taalaybek Tolubaev, General Director, Electric Power plants (The republic of Kyrgyzstan)

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