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Day 1 - Tuesday 7 October 2025

08:55	Official Opening of the CSS 2025 Conference
Introduction:	**Julia Romanenko,** Conference Director, Dialogue Events
Welcome:	**Sherzod Shermatov,** Minister for Digital Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan
	Yerzhan Seitkulov, Head, Information Resources Protection Department, President of Kazakhstan's Executive Office
	Olimjon Mirzaev, Director, Cybersecurity Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan

09:15	Plenary Session 1: The global cyber security threat landscape: Trends, forecasts and the critical role of international collaboration and intelligence sharing.
Moderator:	**Chris Gibson,** Executive Director at FIRST
Speakers:	**Azam Gafurov**, Head, UZCERT
	Elvin Shahverdiyev, Deputy Chief, Electronic Security Service, Ministry of Digital Development & Transport of Azerbaijan
	Hakim Ismoilzod, First Deputy Director, Agency of Innovation and Digital Technologies under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan
	Besnik Limaj, Cybersecurity Component Leader, Expertise France
	Merle Maigre, Cyber Security Programme Director, e-Governance Academy Estonia
	Karen Karagedyan, Account Executive, Cloudflare
10.30	Coffee Break

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10:30	Official Opening of the Cyberkent Hacker Games

11:00	Session 2: Navigating the evolving threat landscape with the best in the business – Strategic insights from leading cyber security solution providers.
Moderator:	**Mikhail Anisimov,** Global Stakeholder Engagement Sr. Manager, Eastern Europe & Central Asia, ICANN
Speakers:	**Nariman Kapkaev,** Regional Head of Digital Defense Products for External Cyberthreats, Group-IB
	Erkin Khalikov, Head of Cybersecurity Incident Response and CERT Services, UZCERT
	Vasily Dyagilev, Regional Director Middle East, Russia & CIS, Check Point Software Technologies
	German Pozankov, Director, Central Asia, Trend Micro
	Olzhas Satiyev, CEO, TSARKA
	Jafar Baghirov, VP of CIS Region, Soteryan
12:30	Lunch (By Invitation Only)

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14:00	**Session 3: Protecting your organisation and customers. Insights and international best practices from leading national and international cyber security solution providers.**
Moderator:	**Jamoliddin Yusupov**, Head of the Department for Certification of Information and Communication Technologies and Information Security Tools, Cybersecurity Center of Uzbekistan
Speakers:	**George Shebuldaev,** Managing Director, HWG Sababa Central Asia
	Dmitry Paleev, CEO, ONESEC
	Savlat Tolibov, CEO, Osiyotech
	Ruslan Barbasin, Regional Sales Manager Central Asia & Caucasus, CrowdStrike
	Ravi Baldev Singh, Senior Director, Systems Engineering for Emerging Markets, Commvault
	Yuli Yavich, Country Manager CIS Countries, A10 Networks, Inc

15:30	**EXHIBITION TIME: VIP Tours | CISO Raffle Prize Draw | Coffee Break**

15:45 – 17:45	**Closed roundtable of the Team Europe Initiative on Digital Connectivity in Central Asia**

16:30	**Panel Discussion 1: Meet the CISOs. Protecting strategic assets – Focus on primary and secondary sectors.**
Moderator:	**George Shebuldaev,** Managing Director, HWG Sababa Central Asia
Panelists:	**Yuriy Azarov,** CISO, SEG ENERA Group
	Valeriy Kalashnikov, CISO, UzCarlsberg LLC
	Savlat Tolibov, CEO, Osiyotech
	Nariman Khafizov, Head of the Information Technology Department, AKFA Group
	Kuyoshbek Mirzakamolov, CISO, Enersok FE LLC
17:15	End of conference day 1

19:00	**CSS CISO Community Drinks Reception** (By invitation only)
20:00	**CSS 2025 Gala Diner** (By invitation only)

Day 2 - Wednesday 8 October 2025

09:25	**DAY 2 Opening of the CSS 2025 Conference**
Introduction:	**Julia Romanenko,** Conference Director, CSS 2025 & Director, Dialogue Events
Welcome:	**Albert Khamzin,** Director, Cyber Park of Uzbekistan

09:30	**Session 4: Securing the Financial Ecosystem — Cybersecurity strategies and solutions for banking, payments and financial services.**
Moderator:	**German Pozankov**, Director, Central Asia, Trend Micro
Speakers:	**Sodir Melibayev,** Deputy Chairman, Central Bank of Uzbekistan
	Atif Shaukat, Director Security Solutions, Mastercard
	Mikhail Berezin, Head of Fraud & Financial Crime Solutions, Central Asia, Group IB
	Maksim Lebedev, Country Manager, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, Fortinet
	Sandra Sargent, Senior Digital Specialist, World Bank
11.00	Coffee Break

11:30	**Panel Discussion 2: Protecting the banking & payments sector. Fighting Cyber Fraud and Building Cyber Resilience Across the Sector**

Moderator: **Karen Karagedyan,** Account Executive, Cloudflare

Panelists: **Bekzod Khalikov,** Deputy Head, CERT-CBU, Central Bank of Uzbekistan

Andrey Shishkin, Director, Information Security Assurance Department, UZCARD

Zohir Mirzaev, CISO, Agrobank

Alexey Surin, Head of Information Security Department, Ipoteka Bank

Danila Pilugin, CISO, Hamkor Bank

Anosh Thakkar, President and CEO, Soteryan

12:30 Lunch (By Invitation Only)

14:00	**Panel Discussion 3: Meet the CISOs. Protecting strategic assets – Focus on the tertiary sector.**

Moderator: **Dmitry Paleev,** CEO, ONESEC

Panelists: **Alexandr Zorin,** CISO, Korzinka

Saidakmal Saydumarov, Head of Information Security Department, Uzbektelecom

Saidakmal Hajiyev, Head, Cyber Security Analytic Department, UzInfocom

Sardor Umarov, Deputy IT Director, BYD Uzbekistan Factory

Dmitriy Shin, CISO, Opentech

15:00	**Panel Discussion 4: Developing national cybersecurity skills and talent ecosystems**

Moderator: **Shukhrat Kayumov,** Rector, Cyber University

Special address: **Sandra Sargent,** Senior Digital Specialist, World Bank

Panellists: **Bakhtiyor Makhkamov**, Rector, Tashkent University of Information Technologies

Bobur Abdullaev, Rector, INHA University in Tashkent

Shukhrat Sattorov, Director, Amity University

Olzhas Satiyev, CEO, TSARKA

15:55 Closing Address: **Olimjon Mirzaev,** Director, Cybersecurity Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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16:00-17.00	**EXHIBITION TIME: VIP Tours | CISO Raffle Prize Draw | Drinks Reception**

17:00 End of conference