

CityU CSHK PASS WORKSHOP SERIES

Advancing Professional Development on Economic and Trade Cooperation Zones Along Belt and Road

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Workshop 5

Cultural Diversity and Risk Management: Hong Kong Professional Services, Overseas Investment and Industrial Park Development in Belarus and Djibouti

多元文化與投資風險管理：香港專業服務、白羅斯與吉布提的外商投資及
工業園區發展

Event Brief

Date and Time:

- 26 October 2021 (Tuesday)
- 2:00 – 5:00pm (in Hong Kong Time) / 9:00am – 12:00pm (in Belarus and Djibouti Time)

Format and Venue:

- Hybrid (due to COVID-19 conditions):
 - o Zoom: for speakers not in Hong Kong plus all participants
 - o Zoom link to be shared via email to participants 2 days before event and the event day morning
- Mainly in English
- Free of charge
- CPD included (Please contact your respective Association for details)
- A complimentary training pack containing background materials and analysis is included
- Registration: <https://20211026-pass-workshop-5-belarus-djibouti.eventbrite.hk>

Introduction:

What are the opportunities and risks of investing or expanding business operation in Belarus and Djibouti? What are the benefits and concerns for developing Industrial Park related businesses there? What unique roles could Hong Kong professional services play to facilitate mutual advancement?

This Workshop aims to present a portrait of business opportunities and challenges in Belarus and Djibouti from three perspectives: 1) the local, 2) the Belt and Road and 3) Hong Kong. Through triangulation of first-hand information, insights and successful experience shared by seasoned entrepreneurs, professional practitioners, Industrial Park management and local

researchers, participants would be able to distil an in-depth understanding of cultural diversity and risk management of overseas investments, as well as Industrial Park development in Belarus and Djibouti. In particular, this Workshop will unpack the challenges and scrutinize the pathways whereby Hong Kong professional services and businesses may perform their distinctive roles in mitigating risks and thus take part for mutual gains and sustainable development in Belarus and Djibouti.

Programme:

Time (HKT)	Session
13:45 – 14:00	Registration
14:00 – 14:05	Welcoming
14:05 – 15:05	Insight Sharing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Louis Wing Kin CHAN (Principal Economist (Global Research), HKTDC Research) • Dr Chao JI (Professor, Rural Development Research Centre of the Central Plains, Xuchang University) • Dr Yin GE (Intermediate Researcher, Hebei Academy of Social Sciences; PhD in Economics of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus)
15:05 – 15:10	Break 1
15:10 – 16:10	Insight Sharing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Rui GAO (China Merchant Group) • Mr Yi DING (Regional Manager of Belarus and Ukraine Region, China Telecom Global) • Dr Alexander BEZBERDY (Partner, Northstar Corporate Finance)
16:10 – 16:15	Break 2
16:15 – 16:55	Q&A and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prof Linda Chelan LI (Director, CSHK, City University of Hong Kong) ○ Dr Linda Yin-nor TJIA (Member, CSHK, City University of Hong Kong) • Discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Qiyu WANG (Vice President, China Telecom Global)

	○ Dr Jerry J. Zhang (Managing Director, China Orient Asset Management (International))
16:55 – 17:00	Concluding Remarks

About CSHK PASS Workshop Series

The Research Centre for Sustainable Hong Kong (CSHK) of City University of Hong Kong is funded by the ‘Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme’ (PASS)¹ of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, HKSAR Government to conduct a Workshop Series entitled ‘Advancing Professional Development on Economic and Trade Cooperation Zones Along Belt and Road’, with the objectives to enhance the understanding of Hong Kong professional services on Economic and Trade Cooperation Zones (ETCZs) along the Belt and Road countries.

This workshop is the debut workshop of the Workshop Series. For more information about the Workshop Series, such as information of our project members, partnering organizations and workshop schedule, please visit our website at <http://www.cityu.edu.hk/cshk/ongoing-projects.htm?pass>.

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