

SUB-SESSION - 1

The current state of international relations

Importance of the topic:

Recent drastic changes in international relations, increasing disputes and misunderstandings between the nations, and an intensifying competition between great powers could lead to a new world order. The current developments affect small and vulnerable economies like ours, by creating the risk of restricting the ability to pursue a peaceful, open, independent and multi-pillared foreign policy. Foreign economic relations are becoming more of a determinant of our foreign policy than political relations. Therefore, in order to pursue a market economy that respects democracy, human rights and freedom, it is necessary for us to expand foreign relations and increase its efficiency.

Purpose of the discussion:

The main objectives of the open discussion on “The Current State of International Relations” of the Mongolian Economic Forum are to ensure independence and sovereignty of Mongolia in the midst of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and serious events in international relations, strengthen its position in the international community, implement foreign policy coherence and coordination, and openly discuss issues of foreign economic cooperation.

Expected outcome of the discussion:

The public and private sectors will discuss future policies and implementation steps, ongoing and future measures to address the challenges in international relations.

MODERATOR



TURBOLD TUMENDEMBEREL

National Security Researcher

Born in 1985 in the Gobi-Altai province. Graduated from Ulaanbaatar Secondary School No. 84 in 2003, Mongolian University of Science and Technology in 2003-2007, Griffith University in Australia and Viva college with a degree in business administration in 2009-2011. Also, graduated from Ulaanbaatar University as a network engineer in 2018, received master's degree in public administration management from National Academy of Governance and PhD in security studies from National Defense University in 2020. Worked as a Project and Investment Director at "Ireedui Energy" LLC since 2012, CEO at "Time Zone" LLC in 2013-2015, Political Officer in charge of information technology at the Secretariat of the Board of the Mongolian People's Party (MPP) in 2015-2017, Head of Operations Department at Egiin Gol Hydropower Plan Project in 2017, senior political officer of the Political Policy Department of the Board of the MPP, senior political officer of the Political Policy Department of the Board of the MPP in 2018, and Adviser to the General Secretary of the MPP in 2021, Deputy Chairman of the Sukhbaatar District MPP Committee since 2022, respectively.

PANELIST



AYURSAIKHAN TUMURBAATAR

Member of Parliament and Vice
Chairman of the Parliament

Worked as an Economist and General Director at the "Asta Press" LLC in 2000-2005, Assistant to the former President of Mongolia N.Bagabandi in 2006-2009, Representative and Chairman of the Chingeltei District Citizens' Representative Khural, Chairman of the Committee on Ecology, Environment, Landscaping, Production and Services of the Citizens' Representative Khural in 2008-2012, Political officer and Advisor to the General Secretary of the Secretariat of the Board of the Mongolian People's Party (MPP) in 2009-2012, Governor of Chingeltei District of the Capital City in 2012, Deputy Chairman of the General Oversight Committee of MPP in 2013-2015, Director at the Authority for Fair Competition and Consumer Protection in 2015, Chairman of the Reform and Development Committee of MPP since 2012, Member of the Parliament since 2016, Head of the "Scientists for Development" NGO, Chair of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Security and Foreign Policy in 2019-2020, Member of the Parliament and Vice Chairman of the Parliament since 2020.

Graduated from Ulaanbaatar Secondary School No.23 in 1993, Dokuz Eylul University of the Republic of Turkey with a degree in economics in 1995-1999, received a master's degree in international development economics from Seoul National University and Japan International University in 2004-2006, completed his postgraduate studies at the School of Economics and Business of the University of Agriculture of Mongolia in 2007-2014, and received his PhD in Economics and Management in 2014.

PANELIST



BATTSETSEG BATMUNKH

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Worked as a General Director at the “Munkhiin useg” Co Ltd in 1996-2005, Head of Foreign Relations and Cooperation Department at the Foreign Investment and Foreign Trade Agency in 2005-2007, Chair of the Board of Directors at the “Munkhiin useg group” Co Ltd in 2007-2015, Advisor to the Secretary General at the Mongolian People’s Party (MPP) in 2010-2011, Head of Foreign Relations and Cooperation Department at MPP in 2011-2012, Foreign policy advisor to the Minister of Finance in 2015-2016, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia in 2015-2016, and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia since January 2021.

Born in 1973 in Bayankhongor Province, Mongolia. Received her BA in International Relations, School of Foreign Service at the National University of Mongolia in 1996, BBA at the Institute of Finance and Economics, Mongolia in 2000, MBA at the Maastricht School of Management, Netherlands in 2005.

PANELIST



BOLD RAVDAN

Advisor at the Institute for Strategic Studies, National Security Council of Mongolia

Education: Secondary school and Higher Military School in Ulaanbaatar, Military Diplomacy Academy in the former USSR, The Defense Management Course in the United States. National Security Art Master at Naval Postgraduate School in the US, PhD in history at MNU.

Career: Political officer in the People's Army, Officer in the Military Intelligence of the General Staff, Officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Attaché to the Embassy of Mongolia in Japan in 1983-1991, Secretary and Director of the Institute for Strategic Studies of the Ministry of Defense, Vice Director of the General Intelligence Agency of Mongolia in 1992-1996, Secretary of the National Security Council of Mongolia in 1997-2003, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to the United States in 2003-2008, Director General of the General Intelligence Agency of Mongolia in 2007-2012, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to Australia in 2012-2016, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to Turkey in 2017-2021, and since 2021, he has been working as an Advisor at the Institute for Strategic Studies of the National Security Council of Mongolia

PANELIST



BAYASGALAN SARANJAV

Secretary General, Mongolian
National Chamber of Commerce
and Industry

Worked as an Officer at the Department of Tourism Policy Coordination, Ministry of Environment and Tourism in 2010-2018, Project Director at the Sustainable Tourism Development Project, Asian Development Bank in 2019-2021, Director General at the Department of Tourism Policy Coordination, Ministry of Environment and Tourism in 2018-2021, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Culture in 2021, and Secretary General at the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry since 2021.

Graduated from the University of the Humanities in 2003-2007 with a Bachelor's degree in Tourism Management, the University of the Humanities in 2011-2012 with a Master's degree in Tourism Management, and the Chungnam National University of the Republic of Korea in 2015-2016 with a Master's degree in Public Administration.

ПАНЕЛИСТ



ULAMBAYAR DENZENLKHAM

Historian of International Relations
and International Economist

Graduated from the Faculty of Social Sciences, Irkutsk State University, Soviet Union in 1981-1982 and received his B.A. from NUM in International Relations in 1982-1986, M.A. from Dankook University in International Economics in 1990-1994, Seoul, Korea, Diplomatic Academy of the Netherlands Clingendael in 1995-1996, the Hague, the Netherlands and Doctorate degree from Seoul National University in International Relations and Diplomacy in 1996-1998, Seoul, Korea.

Worked as a Dean, School of International Relations and Social Studies, University of the Humanities (UH) since 2012, professor, Dept. of International Relations and Security, National Academy of Security in 2009-2012, professor, Dept. of International Relations, UH in 2007-2008, senior lecturer, Dept. of International Economic Relations, School of Foreign Service (SFS), National University of Mongolia (NUM) in 1998-2005, senior lecturer, Dept. of International Relations, SFS, NUM in 1994-1996, and lecturer, Faculty of Social Sciences, NUM in 1986-1990.

D. Ulambayar was fellow at the Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State University in 1988-1989, was fellow at the Foreign Service Institute, MFA, New Delhi, India in 2000, fellow at the Institute of National Security and Foreign Affairs, MFA, Seoul, Korea in 2005, fellow at the Centre for International Politics, MFA, Cairo, Egypt in 2009, and fellow at the Institute of East Asia, Taipei, Taiwan in 2012.

PANELIST



ENKHBAYAR NAMJILDORJ

Head of Economic Research Unit,
Institute of Strategic Studies

Head of Economic Research Unit, Institute of Strategic Studies, Mongolia. Worked as an Economist and Director of the Fiscal Policy Department and Macroeconomic policy Department, Ministry of Finance in 1992-2006, Economic advisor to the Prime Minister of Mongolia in 2006-2011 and 2016-2019, Advisor to the Executive Director for Mongolia, at the World Bank, in Washington DC, U.S.A in 2011-2015, Associate professor of the Department of Policy and Politics Studies, National Academy of Governance, Mongolia in 2019-2021.

Has a Master's degree in Business Administration. Fluent in English and Russian.