

Press Conference on *World Openness Report 2025* & International Symposium on World Opening-Up

Time & Date: 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM, November 5, 2025

Venue: Hall 4.2, National Convention and Exhibition Center (Shanghai), 333 Songze Avenue, Qingpu Dist., Shanghai, China

Hosts: Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS); Research Center for Hongqiao International Economic Forum (HQF)

Co-Organizer: National Institute for Global Strategy, CASS

Organizers: China Outsourcing Institute

Introduction:

The *World Openness Report* and the World Openness Index were successfully launched in 2021. The Chinese President Xi Jinping pointed out in his keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the 4th CIE and Hongqiao Forum that relevant studies show that the World Openness Index has been declining in the past 10 years and the global consensus on opening-up has weakened, which deserves great attention.

On the basis of the successful experience of the last four years, this parallel session will feature the release of the *World Openness Report 2025* and the latest World Openness Index, will invite dignitaries, heads of international organizations, business leaders of Global Top 500 enterprises, experts and scholars of universities and think-tanks to discuss the topics on opening-up, so as to support world development by promoting global cooperation on opening-up.

The *World Openness Report 2025* is committed to build an open world economy, with a thematic focus on “Seeking new consensus on openness amid the balance of cooperation and security.”

The Report extends the data on World Openness Index back to 1990 for the first time, offering a deeper historical perspective. It examines a range of critical themes, including cross-border data flows, the evolution of global industrial, supply and value chains, industrialization in the Global South, the dynamic interplay between global good governance and warranted openness, the relationship between cooperation on opening-up and economic security, China’s ongoing opening-up unlocks fresh potential for mutual gain, as well as multinational corporations and China moving toward shared goals.



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parallel session

Program:

Agenda	Timeslot	Honored Guests	Title & Organization
1. Keynote Speeches	14:00-14:25	WANG Guan (Moderator)	CGTN Senior Journalist
		Shahin Mustafayev	Deputy Prime Minister of the Rep. of Azerbaijan
		LING Ji	Vice Minister of Commerce and Deputy China International Trade Representative
		ZHAO Zhimin	Secretary General of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
		SHU Luomei	Director in the Division of Investment and Technology Promotion Offices (ITPOs) and Institutional Partnerships, UNIDO
II. Press Conference on <i>World Openness Report</i>	14:25-14:40	WANG Guan (Moderator)	CGTN Senior Journalist
		LIAO Fan	Director of the Institute of World Economics and Politics, CASS
		WANG Xuekun	Director of Research Center for HQF
III. Business Leader's Views on Openness	14:40-15:05	WANG Guan (Moderator)	CGTN Senior Journalist
		Zafer Unluer	Senior Vice President of Organon, President of Organon China
		QIAO Yinping	Chief Operating Officer of Shanghai Electric Group Company Ltd.
		Pascal Dasseux	Executive Vice President Havas Senior Advisor Asian Affairs Vivendi
IV. Experts' Views on World Openness	15:05-16:30	WANG Guan (Moderator)	CGTN Senior Journalist
		ZHU Min	Member of the Senior Expert Advisory Committee of the China Center for International Economic Exchanges Former Deputy Managing Director of the IMF
		Kishore Mahbubani	Former Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations and Distinguished Fellow of the Asia Research Institute at the National University of Singapore (NUS)
		Hamid Rashid	Former Officer-in-charge, Global Economic Monitoring Branch of UN, and a former lead author of <i>World Economic Situation and Prospects</i> (WESP)
		ZHANG Yuyan	Academician of the CASS, and Dean of the School of International Politics and Economics, University of CASS