

## Leaders of 4 countries gather in Baku for Crans Montana Forum

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The 23rd Crans Montana Forum under the motto "Addressing a changing world," was launched in Azerbaijan's capital Baku on Friday.

The forum, which will end on July 1, has brought together presidents of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Macedonia and Montenegro, Romania's former president Ion Iliescu and other high-level officials from a number of countries.

The participants discussed fighting poverty and improving the management of public affairs, energy security of the Eastern Europe, implementing a regional transportation strategy, the impact of regional conflicts on energy policies, energy security and other issues at the plenary sessions on Friday.

President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev and his wife Mehriban Aliyeva have participated in the official opening of this exceptional and unique world event devoted to the public and private governance and energy policy.

Founder and Executive Chairman of Crans Montana Forum Jean-Paul Carteron delivered a keynote speech in the forum. Saturday's session will focus on the problems of Africa and South Sudan, the impact of changes in Arab world on international relations, results of Rio+20 earth summit, geopolitics and national policy issues.

The Crans Montana Forum is a Swiss International Organization created in Crans Montana (Switzerland) in 1986. The forum works for the promotion of international cooperation and contributes to global growth while ensuring a high level of stability, equity and security. It also aims to foster best practices and ensure a global dialogue.