
Side Event: 10th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development
March 29, 17:15-18:30 GMT+7
Meeting Room G, 1st floor [In Person]

Organizer
United Nations Association of Russia

Co-organizer(s)
Embassy of the Russian Federation in the Kingdom of Thailand
UN Global Compact Association in Russia

Registration
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Background

The regions and businesses of Russia are actively participating and launching new initiatives on international platforms to emphasize their commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals and reiterate that the 2030 Agenda is a global plan to save our planet, the success of which largely depends on partnerships.

The event will focus on the promising and sustainable projects, activities and research of Russia, which are implemented in various sectors, at various levels and can be expanded and replicated in Asia and the Pacific. Sustainable strategies and partnership projects related to the SDGs 6,7,9,11 and 17 along with the Voluntary local reviews of Russian regions and cities will be presented and discussed. Special attention will be devoted to sustainability while accelerating recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and within the new geopolitical realities.

The event will feature the regions, which participate in the UN Association of Russia Program «Regions of Russia and the UN Sustainable Development Goals», as well as representatives of business, the diplomatic corps, international and intergovernmental organizations, and civil society.

Key Questions and Outcomes

The following issues will be considered during the event:

- the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the progress of achieving the 2030 Agenda;
- sustainable urban development, Smart City 2030 strategy, ensuring a safe, smart, attractive urban environment and sustainable mobility;
- key trends and sustainable business practices;
- ways to accelerate the development of achieving the SDGs in Russia and the Asia-Pacific region;
- mobilization of a wide range of stakeholders and the formation of multilateral partnerships.
Expected outcomes:

- A fruitful discussion on the presented sustainable practices and ways to accelerate development of sustainable projects in Russia and APAC.
- Identification of the sustainable activities, realized in Russia, which might be upscaled and replicated in other countries of the region or realized in collaboration.
- Expanding motivation to integrate commercial and sustainable development strategies, achieving public commitments and multi-format partnerships in the interests of the SDGs.
- Analysis of practical tools, initiatives and resources for businesses involved in the implementation of the Agenda 2030.

**Programme**

**Moderator**

Mr. Alexey Borisov, UNA-Russia First Deputy Chairman, Vice-President of the WFUNA, Head of UNESCO Chair at MGIMO-University MFA Russia

**Welcoming remarks**

- Representative of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in the Kingdom of Thailand
- Representatives from ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN)

**Presentations**

- **Mr. Sergey Cheremin**, Minister of the Government of Moscow, Head of the Department for External Economic and International Relations of Moscow
- **Mr. Vasily Kozlov**, Deputy Governor of the Sverdlovsk Region
- **Ms. Taliya Minullina**, Chief Executive of the Tatarstan Investment Development Agency
- Representative of Samara Region
- **Ms. Natalia Dorpeko**, Executive Director of the UN Global Compact Association in Russia
• **Ms. Tatiana Zavyalova**, Senior Vice President for ESG at Sberbank
• Representative of Rusal (TBC)
• Representative of RusHydro (TBC)
• Representative of Nornickel (TBC)
• Representative of Severstal (TBC)

*Light lunch will be served*

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