

# ASIA-PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2018

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## SIDE EVENT

### *“EAEU sustainable development and its experience of the SDG implementation at subregional level”*

**Venue:** Meeting Room E, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, UNCC

**Date:** Thursday, 29 March 2018

**Time:** 13:00-14:00

**Organizers:** Eurasian Economic Commission

#### Background

The Eurasian Economic Union is one of the leading integration blocks in Eurasia that unites more than 180 million people of its 5 Member States: Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Kyrgyzstan, and the Russian Federation. As a result of supranational policies introduced at the regional level and created common markets for goods, services, capital and labour among the EAEU Member States the stimulus for more effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development came into force in Eurasian region. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the key elements of the strategic long-term development for most countries of the world including Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU). The Eurasian Economic Commission considers the SDGs implementation as an important aspect of supranational regulation. Strategic development priorities of the EAEU are fully in line with the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

#### Scope

Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union: Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation.

#### Key Questions

- How regional integration helps countries to achieve the SDGs. The EAEU became the first regional integration organization prepared a volunteer report on the SDGs implementation at supranational level which was presented at the HLPF in New York in 2017.

- Evaluation of integration cooperation for the SDGs implementation. The Eurasian Economic Commission has defined a System of Integration Indicators (SII) evaluating the level and quality of the member countries' integration cooperation within regional integration blocs/groupings. This System allows comparing regional integration blocs/groupings worldwide to define common features and specific aspects/trends including potential areas for deepening integration cooperation in the global context of "Integration of Integrations."
- EAEU sustainable and inclusive growth. Economic growth evaluations via GDP indicators do not always correctly reflect the whole spectrum of country's economic and social developments. In this regard the Inclusive Growth Concept becomes more and more popular. The Concept focuses on comprehensive life quality improvement for all population groups by creating an environment of equal opportunities for everyone (SDG Goal 8). The Eurasian Economic Commission aims to implement this Concept and prepared the Report on Inclusive Growth of the EAEU Member States.

#### **Tentative Programme**

- Opening and Welcome Remarks
- Presentation of the EEC Report on the SDG implementation by the EAEU Member States and Regional Economic Integration Impact
- Presentation of the EEC Report on Inclusive Growth of the EAEU Member States
- Presentation of the System of Integration Indicators (SII)
- Q&A, comments
- Closing Remarks

#### **Panelists/discussants**

Mr. Siarhei Shukhno, Director, Department of Integration Development, Eurasian Economic Commission

Mr. Andrey Panteleev, Head of Economic Policy Strategies Section, Macroeconomic Policy Department

Ms. Larisa Plachinda, Deputy Head of Coordination Section, Macroeconomic Policy Department

Mr. Nikita Pochtarev, Advisor, Economic Policy Strategies Section, Macroeconomic Policy Department

#### **Moderator**

Ms. Larissa Plachinda, Deputy Head of Coordination Section, Macroeconomic Policy Department

#### **Proposed Programme:**

##### **EAEU Member States Opening Remarks:**

Republic of Kazakhstan, Permanent Representative to ESCAP (tbc)

Russian Federation, Permanent Representative to ESCAP (tbc)

**Welcome address by Mr. Siarhei Shukhno, Director, Department of Integration Development, Eurasian Economic Commission**

Presentation of the EEC Report on the SDG implementation by the EAEU Member States and Regional Economic Integration Impact by Ms. Larisa Plachinda, Deputy Head of Coordination Section, Macroeconomic Policy Department;

Presentation of the EEC Report on Inclusive Growth of the EAEU Member States by Mr. Nikita Pochtarev, Advisor, Economic Policy Strategies Section, Macroeconomic Policy Department

Presentation of the System of Integration Indicators (SII) by Mr. Andrey Panteleev, Head of Economic Policy Strategies Section, Macroeconomic Policy Department

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