

REGIONAL FORUM

ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

29 – 30 MARCH 2023 | HYBRID EVENT | GENEVA & ONLINE



SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

Event title **Halfway towards 2030 - Russian regions, cities and businesses - accelerating transformations to achieving SDGs in the ECE region**

Russian regions, cities and businesses: progress acceleration towards the SDGs.

Background and Rationale

The event will focus on the current achievements and lessons learnt from SDGs' strategies and practices. Within the framework of the event, the participants will consider sustainable practices of Russia, which are implemented in various sectors, at various levels and can be expanded and replicated in the region. Sustainable strategies, partnerships, business 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 plans for the second halfway towards 2030.

The event will feature representatives of the Russian Regions (Ministers and members of the Government from Moscow, the Republic of Tatarstan, the Sverdlovsk, Samara regions and others), heads and members of the NGOs, top managers from business, professors from the top Russian Universities, representatives of the UN bodies, representatives of the Russian and other countries embassies and missions. The participants will briefly speak on issues relevant to the Forum and proceed to fruitful discussions based also on the experience accumulated from previous events.

Session objectives and expected outcomes

The main objective of the side-event:

- promote the sharing of best practices, ideas, tools and experiences among a broad range of actors relating to the implementation of sustainable development, including successes, challenges and lessons learned;
- present plans of Russian regions, businesses and NGOs for the second halfway towards 2030.

Expected outcomes:

- A fruitful discussion on the presented sustainable practices, plans and ways to accelerate development of sustainable projects in Russia and the ECE region.

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- 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.

Organizers

Lead organizers: United Nations Association of Russia

Contributors: UN Global Compact Association in Russia

Agenda and Structure

- Plans for second halfway towards 2030
- How many targets will be achieved in the ECE Region
- Trends of sustainable business interaction in ECE region
- How to increase the region's resilience to future multiple crises
- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the progress of achieving the 2030 Agenda
- Ways to accelerate the development of achieving the SDGs
- Opportunities to strengthen linkages between a wide range of stakeholders and form multilateral partnerships.

List of Panellists

Moderator

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

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

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- **Ms. Vera Shcherbacheva**, Head of the Department of External Affairs of the Samara Region Governor's Office
- **Ms. Natalia Dorpeko**, Executive Director of the UN Global Compact Association in Russia
- Representatives of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation
- Russian businesses' representatives
- Russian NGOs representatives

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