

SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

Event title

Russian regions and businesses: Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in times of multiple crises – The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions

Background and Rationale

The forthcoming event hosted by the UN Association of Russia aims to showcase pioneering policies and solutions that have had a significant impact and demonstrated resilience in the face of crises. The event serves as a platform for Russian regions and esteemed business leaders to present their efforts in tackling poverty, promoting peace, justice, and partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as their initiatives towards climate action.

The event will serve as a gathering for stakeholders from various sectors including academia, youth representatives, the diplomatic corps, international and intergovernmental organizations, and civil society. These diverse actors will come together to exchange perspectives on accelerating the achievement of the SDGs. Notably, emphasis will be placed on the presentation and discussion of sustainable strategies and partnership projects related to SDGs 1, 2, 4, 5, 11, 13, 16, and 17.

An important objective of this event is to contribute to the upcoming Summit of the Future by showcasing the best sustainable practices undertaken in Russia. This will create an invaluable opportunity to share experiences and knowledge while fostering the establishment of new partnerships or the enhancement of existing ones.

In summary, the event serves as a platform for representatives from Russian regions and prominent business leaders to share their innovative and impactful policies and solutions. By assembling a wide range of stakeholders, this event aims to accelerate the progress of the SDGs, promote sustainable strategies, and foster partnerships that contribute to a better future.

Session objectives and expected outcomes

Session objectives:

- To present impactful, innovative, and crisis-resilient policies and solutions implemented by the Russian regions and business leaders.



- To accelerate efforts in addressing poverty, ensuring peace, justice, fostering partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and advancing climate action through the presentation of successful initiatives.

Session expected outcomes:

- Facilitate a productive discussion among participants on the presented innovations for sustainable development, resulting in comprehensive feedback and constructive dialogue.
- Identify sustainable activities implemented in Russia that have the potential to be scaled up and replicated in other countries within the UNECE region or through collaborative efforts.
- Foster partnership by identifying common ground in the sustainable agenda between representatives of Russia and other participants of the event.

Organizers

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Agenda and Structure

Discussion topics:

- Presenting sustainable strategies and partnership projects undertaken by Russian regions and businesses to address specific SDGs 1, 2, 4, 5, 11, 13, 16, and 17.
- Highlighting policies and solutions implemented by Russian regions and businesses that have shown resilience and effectiveness in addressing crises.
- Collaborative projects and partnerships: the experience of Russian regions and businesses interacting with partners from the UNECE region.
- Identifying lessons learned and opportunities for further collaboration and partnership.
- Discussing innovative solutions and technologies adopted by the UNECE region and businesses to achieve sustainable development goals.
- Discussion of best practices from other regions that can be adapted and applied in the UNECE region.



Structure of the event:

Welcoming remarks (30 minutes)

Interventions (60 minutes):

- Part 1. Regions participating in the UNA-Russia program
- Part 2. Representatives of companies
- Part 3. Representatives of UN bodies, international and intergovernmental organizations and other institutions

Discussion and Q&A (10 minutes)

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

Welcoming remarks

- Representative of the MFA of Russia
- Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office in Geneva
- Mr. Vladimir Kuznetsov, Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Moscow

Interventions

- Representatives of Moscow
- Representative of the Republic of Tatarstan
- Representative of the Sverdlovsk Region
- Representative of the Samara Region
- Representative of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
- Ms. Natalia Dorpeko, Executive Director of the UN Global Compact Association in Russia (TBC)
- Representative of Russian business leaders
- Representatives of UN bodies, international and intergovernmental organizations and other institutions

Sign-up / Registration Link

To register for the side event: <https://forms.office.com/e/arkjdakvm8>