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SAINT PETERSBURG, DECEMBER 3

XI INTERNATIONAL FORUM "ARCTIC: PRESENT AND FUTURE"

On December 2-4, St. Petersburg hosted the XI International Forum "Arctic: Present and Future".

The event was held with the support of the Federation Council and the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, the Government of the Russian Federation, the State Commission for the Development of the Arctic, the Ministry of the Russian Federation for the Development of the Far East and the Arctic, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation, Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation and other federal and regional authorities. The forum was organized by the Association of Polar Explorers headed by the President of the Association, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for International Cooperation in the Arctic and Antarctic Mr. Artur Chilingarov.

According to the organizers, more than 2,500 delegates from 40 regions of the Russian Federation took part in the forum. These are leading companies, developers and manufacturers of technological and sustainable solutions, enterprises, scientific and educational and public organizations.

The UNIDO Centre in the Russian Federation was presented by its Director Mr. Sergey Korotkov. He made a presentation at the session "ESG: Effective Management Trends in the Arctic". Mr. Korotkov spoke about the environmental responsibility of business as part of the strategy for achieving the SDGs, in particular, the impact investment approach based on a comprehensive assessment of the company, taking into account its impact on the environment, society and management tools.

"Impact investing can be used in both emerging and developed markets, and depending on the purpose and capabilities of investors. UNIDO is considering this type of investment as a solution for companies operating, for example, in the field of renewable energy, housing, health, education, agriculture - where it is more difficult to attract private investment. For the investors themselves, this is an opportunity to confirm their role as catalysts for inclusive and sustainable development," he said.

MOSCOW, DECEMBER 10

FORUM ON DIGITALIZATION OF THE INDUSTRY FROM DIGITAL INDUSTRY 2021

On December 10, the III Annual International Online Conference Forum.Digital Industry took place. The event was organized by the Digital Economy Development Fund together with the UNIDO Centre for Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation. The main topic of the event was the digital transformation of the industry.

In his report, Mr. Alexey Berezhnoy, Head of the Department for Support of Industrial Development Projects of the Industrial Development Agency of the City of Moscow, spoke about the "Technology Bank" - a project of the Moscow Government, implemented by providing industrial enterprises with a range of services for the selection and support of the implementation of modern technological solutions, providing advice on existing technologies Industry 4.0 and implementation of pilot projects as well.

"Today, in order to maintain competitiveness in the market, industrial enterprises need to implement digital technologies. The Moscow Government, represented by the Industrial Development Agency, acts as technology consultant accompanying the stages of selection and implementation of digital technologies, as well as providing practical assistance to enterprises of the capital's industry," said Mr. Berezhnoy.

Mr. Anton Kukanov, Deputy Head of Roskachestvo, spoke about the importance of increasing the digital literacy of enterprise personnel in the context of digital transformation. He noted that in 2021, there were more than 100 attacks on Russian companies using malware. The average amount of the ransom paid is 3 million rubles, and the maximum is 40 million rubles. At the same time, the entry point for malware often becomes the device of an ordinary employee, and by no means vulnerabilities in the systems themselves. "Today, the weakest link in any system is a person," the speaker summed up.

Mr. Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO Centre for International Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation, in his speech focused on one of the main directions in the development of digitalization - promoting the dissemination of advanced digital production (ADP) technologies.

The emergence and development of ADP within Industry 4.0 is radically changing the manufacturing industry, increasingly blurring the boundaries between physical and digital production systems. Progress in the development of robotics, artificial intelligence technologies, additive manufacturing and data analysis opens up significant opportunities for accelerating the process of introducing innovations, increasing the share of manufacturing in the total value added.

According to Mr. Korotkov, the introduction of new products to the market within the framework of the concept of sustainable development contributes to the emergence of new industries, increasing production efficiency and, in the future, may open up new opportunities for investors.

"Growing production efficiency while respecting the environment, supporting competitiveness, reducing gender inequality, increasing profits through the use of energy and resource-saving technologies - all this can be digitized and in the future can become a new driver for the development of industrial sectors."

The event gathered together the representatives of the Association of European Businesses, the National Association of Robotics Market

Participants, the Fund for Infrastructure and Educational Programs (RUSNANO group), the Russia-OECD Center RANEPa, the Gaidar Institute, RUDN University, ANO Investment Promotion Agency, Novikombank, Sberbank, VEB. RF, Rosatom, SODIS Lab Group of Companies, Northwestern Federal District RF Creonomics, Fora Robotics, Robovizard, RobotTechnika LLC and others.

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MOSCOW, DECEMBER 10

XIII INTERNATIONAL ENERGY FORUM "INNOVATIONS. INFRASTRUCTURE. SAFETY"

XIII International Energy Forum "Innovations. Infrastructure. Safety" took place in Moscow at 10th of December. The forum was included in the plan of events for the Year of Science and Technology, approved by the Government of the Russian Federation. The main topic of the forum was: "Global Energy Transition. Sustainable development. Decarbonization of the economy". The forum was organized by the Center for Business Support and Development "Initiative" together with the Union of Oil and Gas Producers of Russia and the UNIDO Centre for International Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation.

The plenary session was moderated by Mr. Denis Kravchenko, Deputy of the State Duma, coordinator of the federal project "Locomotives of Growth". In his opening remarks Mr. Kravchenko noted the global trend of a low-carbon, energy-saving and socially exclusive model of the economy and emphasized that this is also a priority development path in Russia for the next decade.

Within the framework of the Forum, the Business Development Territory networking sessions were held. All participants held negotiations with large customers, state corporations, funds and development institutions: Federal State Budgetary Institution "REA" of the Ministry of Energy of

Russia, LLC "MECHEL-ENERGO", Moscow Regional Guarantee Fund, JSC "TVEL, MCC EuroChem JSC, USC JSC, Rostec State Corporation, RES JSC, Tatneft PJSC, State Development Corporation VEB.RF, Corporation for the Development of the Far East and the Arctic, LLC Inter RAO- Engineering, Sakhalin Region Development Corporation JSC, VTB Capital, Gazprom PJSC, Moscow City Industrial Development Agency, NOVATEK PJSC, Rosatom State Corporation, Mosoblenergo JSC, Sberbank PJSC, TMK PJSC, Gazprombank (JSC), ODK JSC, Transneft PJSC, SME Corporation JSC, Russian Railways, etc.

The work of the Session "Transformation of the Russian Electricity Market: Challenges and Opportunities" was moderated both by Mr. Georgy Kutovoy, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Energy Strategy and Development of the Fuel and Energy Complex of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation and Mr. Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO Centre for Industrial Cooperation.

Keynote presentations were made by: Mr. Alexey Konev, Director for Innovative Development of the Fuel and Energy Complex of the Federal State Budgetary Institution "Russian Energy Agency" of the Ministry of Energy of Russia, Mr. Andrey Bondarchuk, Chairman of the Committee for Energy and Engineering Support of the Government of St. Petersburg, Mr. Vasily Potemkin, Managing Director of Development Corporation JSC Far East and Arctic", Mr. Oleg Lushnikov, Executive Director of the Association "Hydropower of Russia", Mr. Petr Popov, Deputy Governor of the Trans-Baikal Territory - Head of the Representation of the Government of the Trans-Baikal Territory under the Government of the Russian Federation.

During the work of the Forum, proposals were made to improve key areas of the country's fuel and energy complex. All proposals will be included in the final resolution of the event and will be sent to key ministries and departments as well as to Forum participants for further work.

CHELYABINSK, DECEMBER 17

COP UNDER THE GOVERNOR OF CHO ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS

On December 17, Mr. Alexey Teksler, the Governor of the Chelyabinsk Region, held a meeting of the Coordinating Council for Environmental Issues.

The event was attended by representatives of regional and federal executive authorities (Rosprirodnadzor, Rospotrebnadzor), heads of working groups of the Coordinating Council, representatives of industrial enterprises, public organizations and experts. Representatives of the UNIDO Centre in the Russian Federation also took part in the online event.

The results of the implementation of environmental measures to improve the quality of the environment in the region were discussed.

Opening the meeting, Mr. Teksler emphasized the role of the Coordinating Council, which was created as an open platform for discussing and consolidating opinions on a range of environmental issues in the Chelyabinsk region.

The head of the region noted that certain results have been achieved. Thus, Ms. Victoria Abramchenko, Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of the Russian Federation, speaking about the status of the Clean Air project named Chelyabinsk and Magnitogorsk among the cities that showed the highest reduction in air emissions. Mr. Aleksey Teksler stressed, that Chelyabinsk and Magnitogorsk should achieve the indicators of a clean city by 2024.

The Chelyabinsk region is the only region in the country that implements an atmospheric air monitoring system. Together with SUSU, the environmental monitoring software package is being improved.

The region initiated an experiment on quotas for pollutant emissions. Preparatory work is underway. Implementation is scheduled for 2022. As part of the implementation of the environmental standard,

eco-agreements have also been concluded with industrial enterprises (including measures to reduce emissions into the atmospheric air, water, and landscaping).

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MOSCOW, DECEMBER 21

A GRAND SESSION OF THE RUSSIAN NATIONAL GLOBAL COMPACT NETWORK WAS HELD IN MOSCOW

On December 21, the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation hosted a solemn session of the UN Global Compact in Russia (UNGC) "Sustainable Development - a super idea that changes the world." The session is timed to coincide with the 20th anniversary of the UN Global Compact, which today brings together more than 14,000 participants in 160 countries of the world, the 10th anniversary of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, as well as the 5th anniversary of the National Global Compact Network Association.

The event was organized by the National Network of the UN GC in Russia, the Commission of the OP RF for the development of the non-profit sector and support for socially oriented NGOs. The partners of the session were the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Russian Ministry of Economic Development and the UN Office in Russia.

Representatives of government, business, charitable and public organizations summed up their work in the field of sustainable development in 2021. Plans were also announced: strengthening the National Association as part of the implementation of the updated strategy of the UN Global Compact and launching an international project in Russia to implement the UN Guiding Principles in the field of business and human rights.

The guests and speakers of the session were the first persons of the authorities, the UN in Russia, heads and top managers of leading companies,

participants and partners of the UN GC in Russia, media people, the media, and the expert community.

The experts expressed hope for further productive cooperation. The organizers noted that in the new realities, conscientious participants in the UN GC are becoming more successful not only in terms of reputation, but also in terms of commercial business interests.

In the first part of the event, a discussion took place on the role of top officials of companies representing the UN Global Compact in Russia and developing the sustainable development agenda. Representatives of Sovcombank, Metalloinvest, Severstal and other members of the UN Global Compact shared their experience, best practices and ideas in this area.

One of the guests of the session was Mr. Anatoly Chubais, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for Relations with International Organizations to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals. He spoke about the implementation of the principles of sustainable development in business activities. He also emphasized that for the owners and top officials of companies, the choice in favor of the SDGs is a personal moral choice.

"Today these are no longer general political statements, not some kind of lyrical appeals. No, this is a clear program... Life is complicated, it often happens that one has to pay dearly for a moral choice. And here we are in a completely amazing situation ... This is the case when the right moral choice leads to the right business result" - said Mr. Chubais.

The participants discussed the role of the National Network as a navigator in the international landscape of sustainable development practices and ESG. Mr. Alexander Plakida, Chairman of the Governing Board of the UNGC National Network Association, noted that the UNGC Network in Russia receives new powers and opportunities to measure the progress of UNGC participants based on criteria and a new reporting format, as well as to nominate UNGC country leaders based on the

methodology national nomination UN Global
Compact Network Russia Special Recognition
launched in 2022.



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