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## The UNIDO CIIC supports the All-Russian environmental dictation

The media group "Russia Today" hosted the press conference on the topic: "The role of environmental education in ensuring the energy, environmental and climate security of Russia in the context of geopolitical turbulence."

The event was timed to coincide with the Ecodictation - an annual All-Russian project aimed at building an environmental culture, popularizing environmental knowledge among the population, raising the level of environmental literacy in order to prevent environmental offenses and keep the environmental safety.



Photo: pressmia.ru

Among the participants were Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council Committee on Agrarian and Food Policy and Environmental Management Elena Zlenko; Director of the UNIDO Centre for International Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation (UNIDO CIIC) Sergey Korotkov; co-chair of the federal organizing committee of the All-Russian Ecological Dictation, chairman of the Union for Energy and Environmental Security Natalia Sokolova; First Vice-President of JSC "Gazprombank" Natalya Tretiak; zoologist and biogeographer, host of the TV show "In the Animal World" Nikolai Drozdov; TV presenter, winner of the Miss Universe contest Oksana Fedorova; singer and composer Victoria Cherentsova. The organizers of the Ecodictant are ANO "Ravnopravie", OOD "Angel-Childhood Guardian", FGBOU DO FTSDO.

#### <u>Source</u>

#### MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 10

### An extended meeting of the FBA EAC Board was held

On November 10, a regular expanded meeting of the Board of the Financial and Business Association of Euro-Asian Cooperation was held in Moscow.

In addition to the members of the Management Board, members of the Supervisory and Business Councils, heads of Representative Offices and Committees of the Association were invited to participate in the meeting. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Board of FBA EAC Alexander Murychev.

The participants discussed preparations for the IX Moscow International Financial and Economic Forum, and decided to liquidate the FBA EAC Committees for International Scientific and Technical Cooperation, Industrial Policy and Engineering and International Leasing.

The new members of the Association are the companies ECOLOGISTIKA (RF) and G-LUBRICANTS SINGLE MEMBER P.C. (Greece).

Also, the meeting participants agreed on the candidacy of the President of the company G-LUBRICANTS SINGLE MEMBER P.C., the founder and head of the Association of Russian-speaking entrepreneurs of Greece Gkampaeridis Konstantinos for the position of the Head of the Representative Office of the FBA EAC in the Hellenic Republic and the Republic of Cyprus.

Representatives of the UNIDO CIIC took part in the meeting.

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#### MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 10

### The UNIDO CIIC supports the International Forum "World Quality Day"

Every year on the second Thursday of November, World Quality Day is celebrated, established in 1989 at the initiative of the European Organization for Quality and supported by the United Nations. Traditionally, as part of the celebration of the World Quality Day, business events are held to emphasize the importance of continuous improvement in the quality of products and services for the sustainable development of society.

In 2022, the Forum was organized by Roskachestvo with the support of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation, UNIDO, and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation. Director of the UNIDO CIIC Sergey Korotkov moderated the session "ESG leaving Russia?", which took place in the Library of the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Photo: Sergey Korotkov, UNIDO and Christopher Konstanidi, Moscow State University

The topic of ESG and issues of sustainable development in the current geopolitical situation fade into the background. Many foreign companies that set trends in the ESG agenda have suspended their work in Russia. The participant of the session s discussed the ESG-investment issues for business, certification in Eastern countries.

The participants in the discussion were:

1. Sergey Bobylev, Head of the Department of Environmental Economics, Faculty of Economics, Moscow State University;

2.Ksenia Temnikova, Deputy Chairman of the ESG Committee of SRO "NAKD";

3.Christopher Costandinidi, Head of the ESG Laboratory, Moscow State University.

#### VIENNA, 19-23 NOVEMBER

### Prospects for cooperation between UNIDO and Russia were discussed at the UNIDO Industrial Development Board

On December 21, 2022, the Russian delegation headed by the Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation Alexey Gruzdev took part in the 50th meeting of the UNIDO Industrial Development Board.

During his speech, Alexey Gruzdev stressed that the Russian Federation attaches particular importance to cooperation with UNIDO as a key organization of the UN system on industrial development issues and a unique platform for a global comprehensive dialogue between representatives of government, the private sector, scientific and expert organizations.

"Our interaction with UNIDO is aimed at the practical results and solving urgent problems of industrial development," said the Deputy Head of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Russia.

Russia remains one of the largest sponsors of UNIDO and co-finances technical assistance projects and country partnership programs in Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

On the sidelines of the meeting, Alexey Gruzdev also met with UNIDO DG Gerd Muller. They discussed the areas of cooperation between Russia and UNIDO towards climate change prevention, energy efficiency, labor productivity, the "green" economy, biodiversity, hydrogen technologies, the mining industry and metallurgy. Among other topics of negotiations are the activities of the UNIDO CIIC and the creation of the Centre for Industrial Competences of the BRICS countries on the basis of UNIDO.

Director of the UNIDO CIIC Sergey Korotkov took part in the work of the Council and held a series of negotiations with colleagues from UNIDO regarding the implementation of the plan of activities of the UNIDO Representative Offices in the Russian Federation, outlined by Mr. Gruzdev.

#### Main source

#### MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 24

Experts discussed cooperation within the framework of business associations at the IX Moscow International Financial and Economic Forum

For nine years, the Financial and Business Association of Euro-Asian Cooperation has been holding the Moscow International Financial and Economic Forum. This year, the UNIDO CIIC joined the the Forum.

The plenary session of the IX Moscow International Financial and Economic Forum was held on November 24, 2022 under the topc "Build bridges, not walls. Business Eurasia in the new reality". The plenary session of the Forum was preceded by the FBA EAC International Business Week, during which panel sessions were held in Moldova, Italy, and Russia.



Photo: participants and guests of the FBA EAC Forum

More than two thousand people from 36 countries took part in the panel and plenary sessions of the Forum. The Eurasian Economic Commission, the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, the International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, the Association of Financiers of Kazakhstan, the Association of Banks of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Association of European Businesses, the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the UNIDO CIIC were also represented at the forum. , the UN Country Team in Russia, the Union of Chinese Entrepreneurs of Russia, as well as ambassadors and representatives of the Embassies of Brazil, Syria, and Kyrgyzstan.

Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO CIIC, spoke about the cooperation within the framework of business associations and country associations. According to his words, "the main opportunities for cooperation lie in the development of regional integration projects, such as the EAEU and the Eurasian Customs Union. China's Belt and Road Initiative not only improves the region's ability to attract foreign investment, but increases competition between Russian and Chinese companies. As well as cooperation within the framework of BRICS + in Central Asia".

Vladimir Kuznetsov, Director of the UN Information Centre in Moscow, Chairman of the UN Country Team in Russia, noted that the topics raised by the Forum participants, are extremely important both for the global agenda and in terms of the efforts that the United Nations is making today. The plight in which the world has found itself as a result of armed conflicts, climate change, division, poverty and unemployment, mass displacement of people, the consequences of a global pandemic, etc. led to a lack of funds to finance sustainable development.

<u>Source</u>

#### KAZAN, NOVEMBER 24

## The X Anniversary Forum "Effective Management Systems" at KIU was held in Kazan

From November 24 to 25, the Kazan Innovation University (KIU) hosted the anniversary X International Scientific and Practical Forum "Effective Management Systems: Stable Quality in Unstable Conditions". This year the event was held in a hybrid format, which made it possible to bring together participants from 40 regions of Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan.



Photo: CVU Forum Speakers

The main topics of the forum were: "Best Russian and Foreign Practices 2021/2022", "Technical Regulation and Standardization in Modern Realities", "Digital Industry 4.0", "Quality in new realities. A look to the East", "Scenarios for the development of education in a changing international context", "Anti-crisis solutions: circular economy and lean production", "Labor protection - key changes", "Quality and safety management of medical activities", "Hospitality industry - new opportunities", "Quality and innovation in culture", "Regional development acting in conditions of instability".

Rifkat Minnikhanov, Head of the Association for the Promotion of Digital Development of the Republic of Tatarstan, Director of the State Budgetary Institution "Road Safety", Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tatarstan, delivered a welcoming speech to the Forum participants.

The Rector of the University, Asiya Timiryasova, in her speech emphasized that the Forum was originally created as an innovative communication platform for government, expert, business, scientific, engineering and business communities.

The leading speakers of the plenary session were Sergey Korotkov - Director of the UNIDO CIIC, Natalya Kondratova - Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Tatarstan, Elena Gorbashko -Vice-Rector for Research of St. Petersburg State University of Economics, Doctor of Economics., Professor, Yakov Geller - General Director of JSC "Agency for the State Order of the Republic of Tatarstan", Head of the Centrefor Import Substitution of the Republic of Tatarstan V.D. Shashina, Candidate of Economics, Leysan Abzalilova -Deputy General Director of Tatneftekhiminvest-Holding JSC, Candidate of Economics, Associate Professor, Viktor Shchetko -Head of the Branch of the Embassy of Belarus in Russia in Kazan.

As a result of the Forum, the collection "Effective Management Systems: Stable Quality in Unstable Conditions" was published, which included more than 150 publications by scientists, graduate students and students of Russian and foreign universities.

#### <u>Source</u>

#### MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 22-26

## International scientific conference of students and young scientists "For the sustainable development of civilization: cooperation, science, education, technology was held in RUDN

On November 22-26, RUDN University hosted the International Scientific Conference of Students and Young Scientists "For the Sustainable Development of Civilization: Cooperation, Science, Education, Technology".

The objectives of the Conference were:

1. to hold a communication, share information between the youth scientific community, discuss the sustainable development issues;

2. to organize interaction between educational, research organizations and public authorities within the framework of youth scientific and technical events at the regional and global level;

3. to implement the priority agenda of sustainable development at the regional and international levels.

The conference included a plenary session, strategic and thematic sessions on all 17 SDGs in the main regions of the world. Students and young scientists have met to talk about the main trends? achievements and challenges our civilization meets as well as technologies in the field of sustainable development that are to be developed at the international and regional levels.

Director of the UNIDO CIIC Sergey Korotkov made a welcoming speech at the Conference. In his speech, he noted the importance of popularizing the SDG agenda among students and youth, and also noted the importance of cooperation between the University and UNIDO.

#### MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 29

## The UNIDO CIIC took part in GORPROMEXPO-2022

The GORPROMEXPO-2022 forum was held in Moscow, organized by the association "Miners of Russia", the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation for Energy Strategy and the Development of the Fuel and Energy Complex, the Ministry of Energy, Rosnedra, NUST MISIS.

Within the framework of the forum, the session "Ecology, the ESG agenda of coal mining; resource efficiency of the coal industry" was held. The discussion was moderated by the head of the expert-analytical platform "Infrastructure and Finance for Sustainable Development" Svetlana Bik and the head of the Union of Energy and Environmental Security, head of the section Environmental "Ecology and Protection environment" of the expert council of the Federation Council Committee on Agrarian and Food Policy and Environmental Management Natalya Sokolova.

The session was attended by: Director of the Department of the Coal Industry of the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation Pyotr Bobylev, Director of the UNIDO CIIC Sergey Korotkov, Director of the Institute for Integrated Development of the Subsoil of the Russian Academy of Sciences Valery Zakharov, Advisor to the General Director of JSC SUEK Maxim Dovgyallo, Deputy Executive Director of ANO "International Centrefor Sustainable Energy Development" under the auspices of UNESCO Vladimir Berdin and others.

As part of the event, an agreement of intent was signed between the Union of Energy and Environmental Security (ESS) and the UNIDO CIIC. Organizations plan to cooperate in a number of areas, such as: industrial energy efficiency, promoting environmentally sustainable use of resources in industry, stimulating the transfer of environmentally friendly and safe technologies in industry, accumulating efforts in combating and

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adapting to climate change, promoting the development of cleaner production, supporting scientific and industrial potential in the industry, promoting commercial development

The Energy and Environmental Security Union (SEB) of Russia is a corporate non-profit organization that represents and protects common, including professional, interests in order to achieve socially useful goals in the field of energy and environmental security. SEB was established in 2022 and brought together experts from the energy and environmental industries.

The Union of Energy and Environmental Security operates in 89 regions of the Russian Federation and actively interacts with experts in the fuel and energy complex. Many years of experience and professionalism allow the members of the Union to find optimal solutions to urgent problems and jointly maintain a balance in order to preserve both the pace of economic development and nature.

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#### INDIA, ANDRA PADESH, NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 3

## The UNIDOCIIC took part in the discussions of the XII International Forum on Sustainable Waste Management

From November 30 to December 3, Andhra Padesh, India, hosted the XII International Forum on Sustainable Waste Management.

Sustainable waste management, safety and conservation of resources are the fundamental goals of the United Nations, set in SDG-2030, directly related to the quality of life, especially for residents of metropolitan areas. IconSWM is one of the largest and most popular ISWMAW platforms established in 2009 in India to share ideas in SDG. The 12th IconSWM-CE & IPLAGlobal Forum 2022 is designed to discuss important issues and decisions related to the policy, innovation and implementation of new technologies in the field of solid and liquid waste management, and became official event before the the 13th 3R Intergovernmental Regional Forum in Asia- Pacific region, which will be held in 2023 under the auspices of the Government of Japan and UNCRD.

Participants discussed the latest trends in research and development, strategies and implementation opportunities, as well as future plans for environmental protection, sustainable waste management, the concept of a circular economy and resource efficiency, issues of reducing the extraction of natural resources and social obligations of states under the SDGs.

The forum was held in a mixed offline and online format, among the participants were representatives of the UNIDO CIIC.

#### MOSCOW, DECEMBER 21

## XIV International Energy Forum "Innovations. Infrastructure. Security" was held in Moscow

On December 21, 2022, the XIV International Energy Forum "Innovations. Infrastructure. Security"took place in Moscow President Hotel.



Photo: Participants of the Business Dialogues/IEF

The key topic of the event this year was "Strategy for the development of the Russian energy sector in the context of energy transition and global challenges." More than 700 delegates took part in the Forum, including representatives of the legislative and executive authorities, heads of leading energy companies, as well as foreign partners from Iran, Iraq, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

Among the main events of the business program: business breakfast, country business dialogues,



Photo: Mr. Abbas Moslem, Head of the Iranians Abroad Centrein Russia/IEF

plenary session - official opening, strategic sessions, business networking, exhibition expositions.

The Plenary session was moderated by Ruslan Edelgeriev, Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation, Special Representative of the President on Climate Issues. Keynote presentations were made by: Sorokin Pavel, First Deputy Minister of Energy of the Russian Federation, Likhachev Alexey, General Director of the State Atomic Energy Corporation Rosatom, Markov Vladimir, Member of the Management Board, Head of Department of PJSC Gazprom and others.

The topic of mutually beneficial international cooperation in priority sectors was devoted to a separate block of the event - Business Dialogues. Among the guests: representatives of Turkey, China, India, Iran, UAE. Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO CIIC, moderated the Business Dialogues.

The session was attended by Vitaly Mankevich, President of the Russian-Asian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, Mirzai Ghazi Abbas Moslem, Head of the Iranians Abroad Centre in the Russian Federation, Alexei Busev, Executive Director of the Russian-Emirates Business Council, Alexander Kostrov, General Director of the Russian-Turkish Trade Partnership, Orlov Mikhail Petrovich, Chairman of the Russian-Egyptian Business Council.



Photo: Albina Dudareva / IEF

Following issues were raised to discuss: economic and trade potential for the development of comprehensive international relations; peculiarities of creating joint ventures on the territory of Russia and friendly states; new opportunities for importing goods to Russia; export potential of Russian goods for promotion in the markets of foreign partner countries.

The session "Industrial and environmental safety at energy and fuel and energy facilities" was also held under the guidance of Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO CIIC. Among the key speakers: Petr Bobylev, Director of the Coal Industry Department of the Ministry of Energy of Russia, Albina First Deputy Chairman of the Dudareva, Commission of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation on Ecology and Environmental Protection, Yulia Mikhaleva, Deputy Head of Roskachestvo.

The F+ tech Group acted as a strategic partner of the XIV International Energy Forum. The organizer of the event is ANO Centrefor Business Support and Development "Initiative".



Photo: Sergey Korotkov and Petr Bobylev/IEF

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#### MOSCOW, DECEMBER 26

## The Federation Council announced the results of Ecodictation-2022

The Federation Council announced the results of Ecodictation 2022, the largest educational project in Russia aimed at ensuring the country's environmental safety.

The event was attended by the Chairman of the Federation Council Committee on Rules and Organization of Parliamentary Activities Vyacheslav Timchenko. The event was moderated by Yegor Borisov, Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council Committee on Agrarian-Food Policy and Environmental Management.



Photo: participants of the meeting on the results of the ECO-dictation / SF environmental initiatives for a sustainable future.

Members of the Federal Organizing Committee of Ecodictant, representatives of regions, ministries and departments, large businesses and project ambassadors reported on the results of Ecodictant for 2022, the number of participants online and offline, their distribution across Russian regions, their successes and pleasant sensations within project.

Yegor Borisov also put attention to the fact that in 2020 the project was supported by 13 ministries and departments, in 2022 their number increased to 24. "Law enforcement agencies were actively involved in Ecodictation. They not only informed citizens about the opportunity to test their environmental knowledge, but also showed the importance of such a test by personal example. The Ministry of Emergency Situations, the General Prosecutor's Office, the Investigative Committee, the Federal Service for the Execution of Punishments joined the project.

In turn, Vyacheslav Timchenko spoke about the importance of the work being done. "It is necessary not only to educate people, it is important that the ideas of ecology enter the life of every person, become an element of cultural education," the legislator emphasized.

Natalia Sokolova, co-chair of the Ecodictant Federal Organizing Committee, head of the Union for Energy and Environmental Security, thanked the Federation Council for supporting the project, the idea of which was born within the walls of the upper house of parliament. "The eco-dictation brought together the environmental initiatives of the regions," she said.

Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO CIIC, noted in his speech that Ecodictation is an important initiative aimed at educating young people and popularizing

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# Dear colleagues and friends!

Warmest season's Greetings to you and your families. Let the new 2023 year be prosperous and healthy!

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