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At the junction of past and future: global transformation

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**10.00 –
11.00
Hall E1-E2**

Grand opening

**By special invitation*

- Welcome speech by **Maksut Shadaev**, Minister of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation
- Welcome speech by **Alexander Beglov**, Governor of Saint Petersburg
- Welcome speech by **Alexander Khinshtein**, Chairman of the State Duma Committee of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation for Information Policy, Information Technologies and Communications
- Speech by **Sergey Shcherbakov**, Assistant to the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation with a welcome speech from Dmitry Chernyshenko, Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation
- Speech by **Andrey Klimov**, Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council Committee for International Affairs, with a welcome speech from Valentina Matvienko, Chair of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
- Welcome speech by **Andrey Rudskoy**, Rector of Peter the Great Saint Petersburg Polytechnic University
- Welcome speech by **Sergey Cheremin**, Minister of the Government of Moscow, Head of the Department for External Economic and International Relations of Moscow
- Welcome speech by **Alexander Loginov**, Vice President-Director of the macro-regional branch "North-West" of PJSC Rostelecom

- Welcome speech by **Mikhail Cherepanov**, Chairman of the Organising Committee of the International Municipal BRICS+ Forum
- Welcome speech by **Bheke Stofile**, President of the South African Local Government Association
- Welcome speech by **Juliano Froehner**, Secretary of International Articulation of the State of Santa Catarina
- Awards ceremony

Block E / Finance and investments

10.00 –
11.30
Hall D3

Social finance as a tool to stimulate social initiatives of business

Co-organiser: VEB.RF

Session description:

Decent living conditions and a comfortable environment serve to increase the welfare of society, and this statement is hardly questioned. Social projects are aimed at achieving this goal. A social taxonomy should be a step towards increasing the investment attractiveness of social projects. The participation of business in the implementation of social initiatives is an important element in solving the problems facing society.

In addition, impact investments are used for the implementation of social projects, the purpose of which is to simultaneously achieve benefits for society and income for the investor. An analogue of impact investments implemented in the world are social impact projects, in the approbation of which VEB.RF participates. Speaking about the role of public-private partnership in the implementation of social projects, it is impossible not to refer to the experience of the largest concessionaire in the field of education in Russia — the ProShkola Group, a subsidiary of VEB.RF.

The complex ESG transformation is gradually affecting the cities of Russia. For these purposes, VEB.RF has developed the Charter of Sustainable Cities of Russia. The implementation of the principles of the ESG Charter involves the interaction of city teams, development institutions, business and citizens, the exchange of best practices in the implementation of urban projects based on the principles of sustainable development.

Moderator:

- **Anastasia Tsumerova**, Director for the sustainable development financing methodology, VEB.RF (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Ivan Chernov**, Director of the Agent of the Government of the Russian Federation Unit VEB.RF (Russia)
- **Irina Bakhtina**, Director for Sustainable Development of JSC Rusal (Russia)
- **Yulia Mazanova**, Deputy CEO for Sustainable Development and Corporate Communications of "Metalloinvest" Management Company (Russia)
- **Natalia Sosova**, Director of the Risks Unit of VEB.RF (Russia)
- **Svyatoslav Chevalier**, Head of Administrative and Judicial Work at

VEB.RF (Russia)

- **Yulia Markova**, Deputy Head of the Surgut District (Russia)
- **Alexey Tulikov**, Deputy CEO of "Proshkola" LLC (Russia)
- **Wang Ping**, Chairman of YouChange China Social Entrepreneur Foundation (China)

Block C / Cities of tomorrow

10.00 – 11.30
Hall F200 **Municipality as a product. From a rural municipality project to a scalable product of the municipality of the future**
Co-organiser: Sosnovskoye Rural Settlement

Section description:

How to implement the municipality's sustainable development plans? Which tools to select? What to bet on in the coming turbulent years? At the session, we will talk about the best economic practices and optimal digital solutions for a municipality. We will determine the working mechanisms for attracting investment and talent to a region. We will touch upon the growing role of inter-municipal and international cooperation in conditions of restrictions. We will tell you about effective interaction with residents, entrepreneurs and business communities. We emphasise the importance of supporting municipal initiatives by regional authorities. We will look at some successful strategies for the development of a modern municipality.

Moderator:

- **Irina Samoylova**, CEO of the Digital Transformation Agency CDM (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alexander Patrushev**, Head of the Council of municipal deputies of Sosnovo Municipality (Russia)
- **Anton Ishchenko**, CEO of the All-Russian Society of Inventors and Innovators (Russia)
- **Alain Silchenko**, CEO of Rintech LLC (Russia)
- **Alexander Kucherskoy**, CEO of "TK-Energostroy" LLC (Russia)
- **Natalia Dzhioeva**, CEO of BIZMALL Financial Platform JSC (Russia)

Presenters:

- **Sergey Somov**, Head of the Kovdorsky Municipal District of the Murmansk Region (Russia)
- **Sergey Makoveev**, Public Procurement Commissioner in Moscow, CEO of "Valuable Contract" LLC (Russia)
- **Natalia Belyakova**, Head of the Territories Marketing Group of the Expert Council of the Committee for Tourism of the State Duma of the Russian Federation (Russia)

Block C / Cities of tomorrow

10.00 – 11.30
Hall E8 **Creative capital of cities: Best mechanisms and practices of multiplication**
Co-organiser: Union of Russian Cities

Session description:

In the modern world, not only material, human and social capital but also creative capital as the ability of the city to give birth to new creative solutions and attract the "creative class" is becoming an increasingly important factor in the competitiveness of the city. It is the creative capital that often provides a multiple increase in the urban product and profitability of entrepreneurial activity due to the capitalisation of intellectual property. The exchange of opinions and best practices by municipalities and leading experts will allow us to develop proposals and alternative approaches to the creation and operation of creative spaces networks that create a unique cultural pattern on the map of cities.

Moderator:

- **Andrey Maksimov**, Chairman of the Expert Council of the Union of Russian Cities, Chairman of the Commission of the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation on Territorial Development, Urban Environment and Infrastructure (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alexey Orlov**, Head of Yekaterinburg (Russia)
- **Natalia Belyakova**, Director of the Department of Expedition Activities and Tourism Development of the Russian Geographical Society (Russia)
- **Eduard Sosnin**, Head of the City of Perm (Russia)
- **Andrey Kochetkov**, Director of the Samara Regional Museum of Local History of V.P. Alabin (Russia, online)
- **Sergey Penyaz**, Deputy Head of the Administration of Veliky Novgorod (Russia)
- **Sergey Mayarenkov**, Head of ANCO "Irkutsk Quarters" (Russia)
- **Valeria Plotnikova**, Managing Partner of "Strategy Partners" (Russia)
- **Ilya Nozhechkin**, Chairman of the Ulyanovsk City Duma (Russia, online)
- **Yan Kozhan**, Director of ANCO "Sysert Development Agency" (Russia, online)
- **Marina Mikhailova**, Director of the interregional charitable public organisation Centre for Social Technologies "Garant" (Russia)

Block B / Sustainable development and environment

10.00 –
11.30
Hall D4

Environmental monitoring: Tools, methods and results of work

Co-organiser: Ministry of Ecology and Environmental Management of the Moscow region

Session description:

Discussing systems of territorial environmental monitoring in various regions of Russia is the focus of the session.. The need for environmental monitoring is due to both the public's request for information and the need of environmental agencies for objective data for making management decisions. The key topics of discussion: analysis of the experience of creating territorial surveillance systems in the capital and regions, the role

of monitoring in supervisory activities and methods of public presentation of monitoring results.

Moderator:

- **Rashid Ismailov**, Chairman of the Russian Ecological Society (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Denis Egorov**, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Nizhny Novgorod Region (Russia)
- **Tikhon Firsov**, Minister of Ecology and Environmental Management of the Moscow Region (Russia)
- **Konstantin Tsyganov**, First Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation (Russia, online)
- **Artem Sedov**, CEO of "Big Three" LLC (Russia)
- **Alexander Dvoinykh**, Chairman of the Federation Council Committee on Agrarian and Food Policy and Environmental Management (Russia)
- **Yulia Urozhaeva**, Head of the Department of Environmental Management and Environmental Protection of the City of Moscow (Russia)
- **Sergey Egorshv**, Advisor to the CEO of the Public Not-for-profit Company Russian Environmental Operator (Russia)
- **Alexander Kozlov**, Deputy Governor of the Chelyabinsk Region (Russia)
- **Evgeny Danchikov**, Minister of the Government of Moscow, Head of the Main Control Department of the City of Moscow (Russia, online)

Presenters:

- **Irina Smirnova**, Head of the Department of Monitoring and Research of the Chemical Composition of the Atmosphere of "Voeikov Main Geophysical Observatory" (Russia)
- **Viktor Afanasyev**, Doctor of Geographical Sciences, Head of the Laboratory, Leading Researcher at the Coastal Scientific and Technological Centre of the Sakhalin State University (Russia)

Block I / Media transformation and communication

10.00 – 11.30
Hall E10 **Youth dimension of Russian and Chinese cooperation in the field of creative industries**
Co-organiser: Federal Agency «Rosmolodezh»

Session description:

Creative industries represent one of the most important factors of sustainable economic development, and their role is growing every year. How do the creative industries of Russia and China, countries that claim to occupy a stable place among the world's creative leaders, come into contact? What role does Russian and Chinese creative youth play in building these ties? Hub of creative industries of Russia and China — myth or reality?

Moderator:

- **Anna Bessmertnaya**, Chairman of the Commission on foreign economic cooperation with partners in China, Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Valeria Chernogorodova**, Head of the international activities division of the Department of youth projects and programmes of the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs (Russia)
- **Diana Kovala**, Deputy Head of the Project office for international youth cooperation "Russia - BRICS"; Deputy Director - Head of the Directorate of international cooperation of the Foundation for creative industries of the Ulyanovsk Region (Russia)
- **Kira Ivanova**, Coordinator of the Project office for international youth cooperation "Russia - BRICS" (Russia)
- **Jia Tesong**, Deputy Director of the Chinese Youth Centre for International Exchanges (China, Online)
- **Liu Yang**, Professor of Beijing Technological University, Director of the Industrial Design Department of the School of Art and Design (China, online)
- **Pavel Antipov**, CEO of Antipoff IT (Russia)
- **Alexey Chudinov**, Head of the Opora Russia International Relations Committee in the Sverdlovsk Region (Russia)
- **Alexandra Pilipei**, Editor of the Federal Editorial Office of the Russian Movement of Children and Youth "Movement of the First"
- **Anastasia Orlova**, First Deputy CEO of "Creative Industries Agency" (Russia)
- **Timur Falyakhov**, Head of the Federal Network of Art Residences "Tavrída.ART" (Russia)

10.00-13.00
Hall D1 **Closed Assembly session of the International Congress of industrialists and entrepreneurs**
(by special invitation)

Block H / Society

10.00 – 11.30
Hall D2 **Sports and public health: Ways to improve the quality of life**

Session description:

Attaining a healthy lifestyle is a foremost responsibility for elevating life expectancy. The concept spread widely in the 1970s, when people began to think that progress inevitably leads to a decrease in physical activity, nutritional costs and bad habits. However, attracting attention and strengthening interest in sports can have a positive impact on improving the quality of life of the population and the formation of healthy habits. It is important to understand that the development of the desire to take care of oneself and one's well-being can not only significantly reduce the

burden on health institutions, but also increase the share of the active population. What practices of HLS implementation have had the most positive result in the regions? How does the urban environment form the habit of regularly exercising and taking care of your health? How to develop citizens' interest in this issue?

Moderator:

- **Nina Novikova**, Head of the working group on youth and mass sports, history of sports, volunteering and healthy lifestyle of the Public Council under the Committee for Physical Culture and Sports of Saint Petersburg (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Vladimir Sheikin**, CEO of "Ironstar" (Russia)
- **Alexander Medvedev**, Chairman of the Management Board of FC Zenit (Russia)
- **Tatiana Shestakova**, Executive Director of the Association "Healthy Cities, Districts and Towns" (Russia)
- **Renat Vasin**, Director of the "Olympic Champion S.M. Safronova Volleyball Academy" (Russia)
- **Andrey Trubetskoy**, Head of the Surgut district, administration of the Surgut district (Russia)
- **Alina Borodaeva**, President of the Amateur Hockey Association (Russia)
- **Ksenia Kazakova**, Chairman of the Department of Physical Culture and Sports of the Lipetsk City Administration (Russia)
- **Anton Solovyov**, Deputy of the Legislative Assembly of Saint Petersburg (Russia)

Presenters:

- **Anna Tereshkova**, Deputy Mayor of Novosibirsk - Head of the Department of Culture, Sports and Youth Policy of the Novosibirsk City Hall (Russia)
- **Ilya Vdovin**, President of the Russian Skateboarding Federation, Ambassador of the International "World Skate" Federation (Russia)
- **Elena McKinley**, Consultant Physician, LLC "Stelmas-D" (Russia)
- **Olga Gai**, Project Manager of ANCO "Moscow Urban Forum" (Russia)

Block I / Media transformation and communication

**10.00 –
11.30
Zone F**

Modern media: key trends and information security

Section description:

In the XXI century, the media industry is keeping pace with technological progress, introducing new ways of creating content and interacting with viewers. This is the only way to remain an important and effective tool of public communication. However, the emergence of a huge number of media channels imposes a certain responsibility on the media for

combating disinformation and representing various target groups without stereotypes and discrimination. What new technologies can be used by the media industry to achieve its goals? How does disinformation affect society and what consequences can it have? What is the responsibility of the media?

Moderator:

- **Marina Bogomyagkova**, General Producer of ESG Media (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alexey Nikolov**, CEO of ANCO "TV-Novosti" (Russia)
- **Anna Titova**, Executive Director of the publishing house "Piter" (Russia)
- **Timofey Shabarshin**, CEO of "Regional Media" LLC (Russia)
- **Mikhail Burchik**, Media Manager, Business News Agency (Russia)
- **Bonaventure Aningba Ateh**, Communication officer of "Bright Africa Businesses Ltd" (Cameroon)

Presenters:

- **Yulia Temnikova**, Adviser to the Deputy Mayor of Moscow on Transport Issues, Deputy Head of the Moscow Metro (Russia)
- **Galina Degtyareva**, IT entrepreneur, venture investor (Russia)
- **Roine Izyumov**, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for State Construction and Local Self-Government of the Legislative Assembly of the Republic of Karelia (Russia)
- **Anna Rogova**, Director of the International Information Centre of the Belgorod State University (Russia)
- **Irina Belyakova**, Head of the branch of the Federal State Budgetary Institution "House of Peoples of Russia" in the Donetsk People's Republic

Block J / National sovereignty

**10.00-11.30
Hall E9**

Practical implementation of prompt interaction between municipalities and industrial enterprises

Co-organiser: Foundation for the development of municipalities

Section description:

Mechanisms of dynamic interaction between industrial enterprises and municipal authorities for targeted assistance in building long-term and productive external and internal relations, allowing to form vectors of sustainable development. Formation of sustainable adaptive interaction between municipal authorities and industrial enterprises through the formation of an expert group of sustainable development in the regions.

Within the framework of the section, the problems of building chains of vertical links to update the state of industrial enterprises, the availability of unloaded capacities, growth points and identification of challenges of municipalities will be raised.

A project for the practical implementation of municipal cooperation is proposed, which allows increasing the workload and productivity of enterprises, including using foreign markets.

Moderator:

- **Alexander Nabokov**, Expert in the field of business consulting. Consultant of enterprise development departments (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alexander Patrushev**, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for the development of municipalities (Russia)
- **Alexander Zvontsov**, Head of the Department of Development and Digital Educational Environment of Saint Petersburg Electrotechnical University "LETI" (Russia)
- **Sergey Konyaev**, Deputy of the Legislative Assembly of the Leningrad Region, All-Russian political party "United Russia" regional coordinator of the federal project "Choose your own" (Russia)
- **Alexander Malkin**, Executive Director of World service engineering solutions (Russia)
- **Kirill Maslennikov**, First Deputy Chairman, Saint Petersburg regional branch of the All-Russian Public Organisation "Union of Machine Builders of Russia"

Block H / Society

**10.00 –
11.30
Hall E4.1**

Safety for all: Social security in the times of change

Section description:

The trend of paying attention to the social agenda and the introduction of corporate norms that take into account risk factors has become widespread. The main directions of development in the social sphere include issues of preservation of the population, health and well-being of people, decent, effective work and successful entrepreneurship, as well as opportunities for self-realisation and talent development. What trends are observed in this industry? What regional and corporate practices have had a significant impact on the provision of social security for citizens?

Moderator:

- **Irina Kirkora**, Deputy Chair of the Presidential Council for the Development of Civil Society and Human Rights (HRC); Chair of the Standing Committee for Social and Cultural Rights of the HRC; Member of the Supervisory Board of the State Foundation "Defenders of the Fatherland" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Dmitry Cherneyko**, Chairman of the Committee for Labour and Employment of the Population of Saint Petersburg (Russia)

- **Magdalena Gaete**, Senior Researcher, Head of the Design and Training Laboratory "Reputation Management in Education" of the HSE in Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Oksana Anistratenko**, Executive Director of "Social Investment Foundation" LLC (Russia)
- **Sergey Dimov**, CEO of "Dobrof" LLC (Russia)
- **Lamin Dibba**, Councillor of Brikama Area Council (Gambia)

Block F / Entrepreneurship

10.00 –
11.30
Hall B10

Criminal liability of legal entities. Experience of the BRICS countries. Significance and prospects of introduction in the Russian jurisdiction

Co-organiser: Expert centre on criminal law policy and execution of judicial acts, "Business Russia"

Round table description:

Changing legal relations and the development of novel forms of crime poses serious challenges to the legal system of the Russian Federation. At present, there is no legislative framework in Russia for holding corporations responsible for their involvement in illicit activities linked to tax evasion, corruption, and other crimes. At the same time, more than 80 states, including a number of BRICS countries, as well as international legal acts, provide for criminal liability of legal entities.

How is the institution of criminal liability of legal entities implemented in the BRICS countries? What are the prospects for the introduction of this mechanism in Russia and what consequences for the criminal law and the process will the changes lead to? How to ensure a balance of interests of bona fide business, society and the state in the current geopolitical conditions?

Moderator:

- **Ekaterina Avdeeva**, Candidate of Law, Associate Professor of the Department of Legal Support of Market Economy of the RANEPa under the President of the Russian Federation, Member of the General Council, Head of the Expert Centre on Criminal Law Policy and Enforcement of Judicial Acts of "Business Russia", Member of the Expert Advisory Council of the Federation Council Committee on Constitutional Legislation and State Construction (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alexey Bessonov**, Rector of the Moscow Academy of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation
- **Oleg Zaitsev**, Dean of the Department "Higher School of Jurisprudence", Professor of the Department of Legal Support of Market Economy (Russia)

- **Valery Kalugin**, Commissioner for the Protection of the Rights of Entrepreneurs of Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Anna Nadobnykh**, Managing Partner of BizApps, Head of the Subcommittee of Innovative Management Technologies in "Business Russia" (Russia)
- **Sergey Oleynikov**, Head of the Department of Criminal Law, Faculty of Law, Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)
- **Alexander Fedorov**, Deputy Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation, Colonel-General (Russia)

Block H / Society

10.00 –
11.30
Hall A1

Preservation of the historical heritage of Russia, the BRICS countries, and other partner countries.

Co-organiser: "Worthy Memory" Foundation, Historical Heritage Support and Development Foundation named after A.F. Koni

Round table description:

Women are changing history, carrying out reforms, conquering new territories and defending their homeland. They are authentic examples of valour and bravery. These are examples and symbols of service to the Fatherland. They contribute to scientific and spiritual life. These women contributed hugely to the defence of Leningrad during the Great Patriotic War. In the history of Russia, there were many worthy women who built Russia on an equal footing with men. They did not remain on the sidelines and formed a positive image of Russian women taking an active part in all vital spheres, including the integration of positive world experience, the implementation of state tasks on the ground, the development of international cooperation in economic, cultural, scientific and humanitarian spheres.

Moderator:

- **Angela Skripkarash**, CEO of the "Worthy Memory" Foundation (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Lyudmila Kuleshova**, President of the Historical Heritage Support and Development Foundation named after A.F. Koni (Russia)
- **Valeria Selezneva**, Project Manager of the "Worthy Memory" Foundation (Russia)
- **Galina Belikova**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the OPORA RUSSIA Regional Branch in the Leningrad Region (Russia)
- **Galina Nintsieva**, Professor of the Department of Economic Theory and History of Economic Studies at Saint Petersburg State University of Economics (Russia)
- **Galina Surkova**, CEO of the Maternity Hospital No. 2, Chair of the Public Council for the Development of Small and Medium-sized Businesses under the Head of the Administration of the Central District, Chair of the Committee for the Development of Entrepreneurship in the Field of Healthcare of the Saint Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Russia)

- **Irina Ilyina**, Director of Russian Research Institute of Economics, Politics and Law in Science and Technology (RIEPL) (Russia)
- **Elena Kuzina**, Director of Public Relations of the "Worthy Memory" Foundation (Russia)
- **Evdokia Bychkova**, Chair of the Board of the "Our Lipetsk" Charitable Foundation (Russia)
- **Tatiana Siller**, Lawyer, Member of the Council of Judges of Saint Petersburg of the second convocation (Russia)
- **Nune Astrova**, Deputy Director of the OP of "NPP SC MOST" LLC (Russia)
- **Anna Shmatko**, Director of the Department of Educational Activities of the Northwestern Institute of Management of RANEPА (Russia)

Block B / Sustainable development and environment

10.00 – 11.30
Hall A6 **Transport and infrastructure framework of the "Global food security matrix": Challenges and solutions**
Co-organiser: "Afanasy Nikitin" Association

Round table description:

The sanctions policy against Russia and the retaliatory measures taken are significantly changing the requirements for the global transport and logistics architecture and correcting historically formed routes and supply chains, opening up fundamentally new opportunities for their development. The evolution of transcontinental transport links determines the radical prospects of the global economy. The 2023 Russia-Africa and BRICS summits have made their own adjustments to the requirements for the transport and logistics framework of the Eastern Hemisphere. One of the key issues of the global economic practice is the formation of transport infrastructure as a basis for cooperation between the BRICS countries and partner countries in the interests of forming and developing a sustainable "Global Food Security Matrix" in the zones of international transport corridors. It imposes special requirements on the reliability and balance of its transport and infrastructure components, taking into account the potential synchronisation of geopolitical stresses, financial crises, man-made problems, climate change, consequences of sanctions. Integration interactions of inter-country associations such as the EAEU, SCO, CIS, BRICS+ in the interests, among other things, of food security, involves reimagining of the forms and instruments of its financial and investment support, opens up prospects for turning transport potentials into instruments of international diplomacy.

Moderator:

- **Vyacheslav Rybkin**, Member of the Strategic Council of the "Afanasy Nikitin" Association, Coordinator of the international strategic initiative "Global Food Security Matrix" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Igor Gotz**, Managing Director of the "Afanasy Nikitin" Association (Russia)

- **Pyotr Chekmarev**, Deputy President of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Chairman of the Committee for the Development of the Agro-Industrial Complex of the CCI of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Oleg Kobayakov**, Director of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) Office for Relations with the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Igor Malygin**, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Scientific Interdepartmental Coordinating Council for the Integrated Solution of Problems of Integrated Transport Infrastructure of the Saint Petersburg Scientific Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences - Director of the N.S. Solomenko Institute of Transport Problems of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)
- **Ekaterina Kireeva**, First Deputy Minister of Economic Development and External Relations of the Amur Region (Russia)
- **Andrey Tsyganov**, Deputy Head of the Federal Antimonopoly Service of Russia, Member of the Strategic Council of the "Afanasy Nikitin" Association (Russia)
- **Anatoly Golomolzin**, Advisor to the President of PJSC TransContainer ("Delo" Group) on Antimonopoly Issues and Relations with Government Agencies, Member of the Expert Council of the Afanasy Nikitin Association (Russia)
- **Olga Fedotkina**, Executive Director of the National Union of Experts in the Field of Transport and Logistics; Chief Expert of the Association "Digital Transport and Logistics" (Russia)
- **Vladimir Salamatov**, Director of the Institute "International Trade and Integration", Chairman of the Committee of the EAEU Business Council on Trade and Economic Cooperation with China and other priority trade partners, Head of the Department of MGIMO "Trade and Trade Regulation" (Russia)
- **Mostafa Talepbur**, Information and Exhibition Centre of Goods and Services of Iran in Saint Petersburg, Representative of the Association "Afanasy Nikitin" in Iran (Iran)
- **Maria Nikitina**, Founder of the "N.trans Lab" project (Russia)
- **Elena Sherysheva**, Deputy Director of the Department of Transport and Infrastructure of the Eurasian Economic Commission (Russia)
- **Natalia Zadonskaya**, Head of the Logistics and International Relations Department of the Directorate of International Transport Corridors, Member of the Expert Council of the Afanasy Nikitin Association (Russia)

Investments, attractiveness of projects, expansion of raw materials for the production of low and high density base oils based on polyolefins for the markets of the BRICS+ countries

Co-organiser: Saint Petersburg State University of Economics

Round table description:

At the dawn of the development of the oil industry, only those fractions of crude oil that had a suitable viscosity were considered suitable for the production of lubricants and oils used in engines and other high-speed mechanisms. As the demand for base oils increased, oil refining companies have developed technologies for the chemical processing of oil fractions into oil bases.

In the 21st century, the emergence of consumer interest in lubricants with enhanced properties led to the development and implementation of catalytic technologies for direct synthesis of base oil bases derived from alpha-olefins, as opposed to traditional oil refining methods. Such synthetic oils, which are called "polyalphaolefin" (PAOM), are characterised by improved thermal stability and the ability to function at low temperatures, thereby providing reliable protection of the surface of machine parts and mechanisms for a longer time and in a wider temperature range compared to mineral oils and hydrocracking oils.

The speakers of the round table will discuss what polyolefin oils are, how they are supposed to be synthesised, and also what their attractiveness is in the markets of the BRICS+ countries.

Moderator:

- **Svetlana Vasilkova**, Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Saint Petersburg State University of Economics (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Sergey Markov**, CEO of the "Institute of Political Studies" LLC (Russia)
- **Mark Entin**, Head of the Department of Integration Law and Human Rights of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia (Russia)
- **Igor Maksimtsev**, Rector of the Saint Petersburg State University of Economics (Russia)
- **Anton Maksimov**, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences of the "Institute of Petrochemical Synthesis named after A.V. Topchiev" (Russia)
- **Gleb Sevastyanov**, Chairman of the ANCO "National Institute for the Development of Arbitration in the Fuel and Energy Complex" (Russia)
- **Anton Malykhin**, Head of the Large-scale Project Support Practice at "Gazpromneft Expert Solutions" LLC (Russia)

- **Ilya Nifantiev**, Head of the Laboratory of the Institute of Petrochemical Synthesis (Russia)
- **Irina Kyuchukova**, Head of Work with Key Clients of the Department of Federal and Regional Authorities and Development Institutions of PJSC Moscow Exchange (Russia)
- **Elena Sidorova**, Vice President of JSC "Saint Petersburg International Mercantile Exchange" (Russia)
- **Yamila Fernández del Busto**, Counselor-Envoy of the Republic of Cuba to the Russian Federation
- **Konstantin Mushkaterov**, General Counsel of Gazprom PJSC (Russia)
- **Luan Shaohu**, Chairman of Beijing Internet Legal Consulting Company (China)
- **Dmitry Dmitriev**, Deputy of the Legislative Assembly of Saint Petersburg (Russia)

Presenters:

- **Leonid Akimov**, Deputy CEO of PJSC "Rosseti Lenenergo", Honoured Lawyer of the Russian Federation (Russia)

Block D / Healthy cities

10:00-11:30
Hall A8-A9

Clinical research results and real-life oncology practice

Co-organiser: Committee for Healthcare of Saint Petersburg

Round table description:

Presently, there is a continuous development of numerous new antitumor drugs, contributing to the exponential increase in the market value of new medicines. Consequently, each newly introduced drug places a substantial strain on the domestic healthcare system. However, the effectiveness of new developments and their additional benefits for the patient do not correlate with a significant increase in the cost of purchasing these drugs.

Today, the entire idea of clinical trials of medicines is based on the old and no longer relevant idea of full compliance between the dose of the drug and its effectiveness: all medicines that participate in the trials are used in the most tolerable doses. At the same time, the biological effect of new-generation drugs from the groups of targeted drugs and immunotherapy reaches its maximum at significantly lower dosages than the maximum tolerable dose beneficial to manufacturers. In addition, the effectiveness of new drugs is based on test data in which artificial situations with a rigid patient filter are created. When drugs are used on real patients in real-world scenarios, there is no confirmation of the alleged effectiveness.

As part of the section "Clinical research results and real-life oncology practice", we will consider the most pressing and topical issues: How to reduce the cost and increase the availability of expensive drugs? How to influence the global gap between the real and commercial value of new generation drugs? Dosage of drugs in clinical trials: why use the drug at the maximum dose if its effectiveness is noted at lower dosages? High

efficiency in clinical research VS real clinical practice - what do we see?
What to do with the shortage of "old" medicines that are not interesting to big pharma?

Moderator:

- **Vladimir Moiseenko**, Director of the Saint Petersburg Clinical Scientific and Practical Centre for Specialised Types of Medical Care (Oncological) named after N.P. Napalkov (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Nikita Volkov**, Deputy Director for Chemotherapeutic and Radiotherapeutic Treatment, Saint Petersburg Clinical Scientific and Practical Centre for Specialised Types of Medical Care (Oncological) named after N.P. Napalkov (Russia)
- **Fedor Moiseenko**, Head of the Department of Antitumor Drug Therapy No. 1, Saint Petersburg Clinical Scientific and Practical Centre for Specialised Types of Medical Care (Oncological) named after N.P. Napalkov (Russia)
- **Dmitry Gladyshev**, Deputy Chief Physician for Surgery, Saint Petersburg State Medical Institution "City Hospital No. 40" (Russia)
- **Zakhar Golant**, Head of the Laboratory of Regulatory Relations and Good Practices of Saint Petersburg State Chemical and Pharmaceutical University of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Dmitry Chagin**, Director of the Union "Medical and Pharmaceutical Projects. XXI Century" (Russia)
- **Vyacheslav Chubenko**, Head of the Department of Antitumor Drug Therapy No. 2, Saint Petersburg Clinical Scientific and Practical Centre for Specialised Types of Medical Care (Oncological) named after N.P. Napalkov (Russia)
- **Nuriniso Abduloeva**, Deputy Director for Outpatient Care, Saint Petersburg Clinical Scientific and Practical Centre for Specialised Types of Medical Care (Oncological) named after N.P. Napalkov (Russia)
- **Natalia Levchenko**, Head of the Day Hospital, Saint Petersburg Clinical Scientific and Practical Centre for Specialised Types of Medical Care (Oncological) named after N.P. Napalkov (Russia)
- **Svetlana Grigorieva**, Deputy Director for Organisational and Methodological Work, Saint Petersburg Clinical Scientific and Practical Centre for Specialised Types of Medical Care (Oncological) named after N.P. Napalkov (Russia)
- **Dmitry Yurochkin**, Deputy Head of the Laboratory of Regulatory Relations and Good Practices of Saint Petersburg State Chemical and Pharmaceutical University of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Alexey Bogdanov**, Deputy Director for Scientific Work, Saint Petersburg Clinical Scientific and Practical Centre for Specialised Types of Medical Care (Oncological) named after N.P. Napalkov (Russia)

12.00–13.30
Hall D4

Overcoming import dependence in the industrial sector with the state support in the development of domestic production sites

Co-organiser: MBI-Sintez LLC

Session description:

The sanctions shock of 2022 forced the launch of a deep transformation in the most vulnerable industries. The issue of the economic survival of small enterprises in the changed conditions has come to the fore. Supporting state programmes and assistance funds allow small production sites to unleash their accumulated potential, ensure the introduction of innovative technologies, launch and expand import-substituting production. The needs of the domestic market are being met and opportunities for supplies to other world markets of friendly countries are opening up.

Moderator:

- **Natalia Astakhova**, Deputy of the Legislative Assembly of Saint Petersburg, Deputy Chairman of the Standing Committee for Industry, Economy and Entrepreneurship (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Nikolay Kukanov**, Director of MBI-Sintez LLC (Russia)
- **Oksana Kukanova**, Deputy Director of MBI-Sintez LLC (Russia)
- **Sergey Kuryanov**, Commercial Director of MBI-Sintez LLC (Russia)
- **Dmitry Danilov**, Engineer for the introduction of new equipment and technology of MBI-Sintez LLC (Russia)
- **Maxim Belopotapov**, Vice-President of the International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (Russia)
- **Eduard Kuznetsov**, Deputy of the State Duma of the Russian Federation (Russia)

12.00–13.30
Hall E8

Agriculture 4.0: How the future of agriculture is born

Session description:

Agriculture has always been considered a conservative industry. The attractiveness of the agricultural sector for young professionals has been consistently decreasing, but now the situation has changed dramatically. Technologies of geographic information systems, remote sensing, global positioning systems, artificial intelligence, vertical farms have turned the industry into one of the most advanced. Will a technological breakthrough in agriculture be able to radically change the lives of people on the planet for the better? What results does the automation of agriculture lead to? What modern technological solutions will be widely distributed? What role does the state play in supporting this industry?

Moderator:

- **Kristina Romanovskaya**, Head of Agroholding LLC "PH "Lazarevskoye" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Ildar Galimov**, Head of Industry Solutions at Innopolis University (Russia)
- **Vera Popova**, Director of LLC "Technical Centre "Agrit" (Rostelmash) (Russia)
- **Vladimir Nosov**, Head of the Competence Centre of the PhosAgro Directorate for Marketing and Development (Russia)
- **Sergey Knyazev**, Executive Director of the Corporate Business Development Department of Sberbank (Russia)
- **Natalia Chernysheva**, Director of Agrotech Hub of the Skolkovo Foundation (Russia)
- **Anton Nizhnikov**, Professor of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Acting Head of the Department of Genetics and Biotechnology of Saint Petersburg State University, Head of Laboratory No. 7 of the All-Russian Research Institute of Agricultural Microbiology (Russia)
- **Patrick Ssonko**, CEO of Kyaji Food Bank (Uganda)
- **Konstantin Lapotko**, CEO of KROM LLC (Russia)

Block B / Sustainable development and environment

12.00-13.30
Hall E10

Socio-economic implications of projects aimed at ensuring the safety of nuclear heritage facilities for nearby settlements

Co-organiser: TVEL JSC

Session description:

In the Central Asian region, measures to ensure environmental safety have been actively implemented over the past 10 years. The interstate target programme "Recultivation of the territories of the states exposed to uranium mining industries" is being successfully implemented within the CIS. Currently, two sites have been brought into safe condition - the Kaji-Sai tailings dump in the Kyrgyz Republic and the dumps of a poor ore factory and four tailings dumps in the Istiqlol area of the Sughd region in the Republic of Tajikistan. These projects, in addition to the main problem of preventing the spread of radionuclides, solve environmental problems and directly related issues of socio-economic development of areas hosting nuclear and radiation hazardous facilities.

The purpose of the event is to exchange experience on taking into account the issues of creating prerequisites for the socio-economic development of settlements located at nuclear heritage sites in projects for the remediation of these facilities; the formation of legislative support for the sustainable development of affected territories. Spreading the experience of CIS integration processes to the BRICS+ countries

Moderator:

- **Elena Sharoikina**, Director of ANCO "National Association of Genetic Safety" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Asel Seitkazieva**, Deputy Director of the Department for Handling Tailings at the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyzstan
- **Alexey Golubev**, President of the Association for the Nuclear Industry (Russia)
- **Eduard Nikitin**, Director of External Economic Programmes at TVEL JSC (Russia)
- **Mikhail Litvinov**, Executive Secretary of the CIS BO (Russia)
- **Nurlanbek Umarov**, Mayor of Mailuu–Suu of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzstan)
- **Dmitry Prudtskikh**, Project Adviser at the OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek (Russia)
- **Mikhail Myskin**, Director of the Department of Economic Cooperation of the CIS Executive Committee (Russia)
- **Zhirgalbek Zarnaev**, Head of the Kaji-Say aiyl Okmotu Administration of Sughd Region (Kyrgyzstan)
- **Kayumjon Makhmudzoda**, Chairman of Istiqlol Administration of Sughd region (Tajikistan)

Block A / Digital transformation and AI**12.00-13.30
Hall F200****Healthcare transformation: Prospects and challenges of artificial intelligence application**

Co-organiser: ANCO «Digital economy»

Session description:

In recent years, medicine has been experiencing a great leap in development. If before many technologies seemed out of reach, now they are actively used in medicine. The healthcare sector is increasingly recognised as one of the most promising areas in terms of the introduction of artificial intelligence. The use of AI can massively increase the accuracy of diagnosis, simplify the lives of patients with various types of diseases, as well as speed up the process of creating and releasing new drugs. Finally, the era of the coronavirus pandemic in particular has clearly shown how firmly advanced technologies have entered the healthcare system: from the rapid development of vaccines to the real boom in telemedicine and mobile medicine. What are the prospects for using AI in healthcare and what new opportunities can progress in this area provide?

Moderator:

- **Andrey Pryanikov**, Deputy Director for Industries of the direction "Digital Transformation of industries" of ANCO "Digital Economy" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Anna Meshcheryakova**, CEO of the "Third Opinion Platform" Company (Russia)
- **Olia Artemova**, Deputy Director of the Department of Digital Development and Information Technologies of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Andrey Sytnik**, Chairman of the Digital Development Committee of the Leningrad Region (Russia)
- **Viktor Ushakov**, Executive Director of "Sber" (Russia)
- **Nikita Nikolaev**, Marketing Director of Medical Screening Systems LLC (Russia)
- **Alexey Novikov**, Deputy Head of the Office of Digitalisation of Healthcare of the Republic of Belarus (Belarus)
- **Dr. Sandile Buthelezi**, Director of International Health Relations, Ministry of Health of South Africa (South Africa)
- **Andrey Salikov**, Commercial Director of Webiomed (Russia)

Block G / FEA

12.00-13.30
Hall D2

BRICS dialogue: Russia-China strategic partnership

Co-organisers: "MELKOM" GC, Department for External Economic and International Relations of Moscow

Session description:

At present, the potential for cooperation between Russia and China within the BRICS framework is capable of resolving global-scale issues that exceed the association's sphere. Despite the fact that the relations between the two countries are developing against the backdrop of a difficult international situation, the strategic partnership proves its effectiveness every year and acquires new regional and global meanings. Russia and China are more actively taking responsibility for efforts to maintain international peace, develop and reform global institutions, and create a new world order. What joint initiatives and conceptual positions are yet to be discussed and developed? In what direction is it necessary to move in order to reach a new level of cooperation within the framework of political, economic and other spheres of interaction? How can we maintain a favourable climate of relations between countries and most profitably realise the joint potential for the development of the entire world community?

Moderator:

- **Mikhail Makarov**, Director of the International Relations Office of the Agency for Strategic Initiatives (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alexander Osipov**, Governor of Zabaykalsky Krai (Russia)
- **Sergey Cheremin**, Minister of the Government of Moscow, Head of the Department for External Economic and International Relations of Moscow (Russia)

- **Ekaterina Kireeva**, First Deputy Minister of Economic Development and External Relations of the Amur Region (Russia)
- **Alexey Kuchumov**, Deputy Chairman of the Government of the Smolensk Region (Russia)
- **Alexander Agafonov**, Managing Partner of R-Line (Russia)
- **Gao Qi**, General Representative of the China International Trade Promotion Committee and the China Chamber of International Trade in Russia (China)
- **Roman Storozhenko**, Director of the trading house, "MELKOM" GC (Russia)
- **Mikhail Dorofeev**, Investment Director of "MELKOM" GC (Russia)
- **Evgeny Shalaev**, Marketing Director of "MELKOM" GC (Russia)

Block F / Entrepreneurship

12.00-13.30
Hall D3

SMEs and big business: Working together for overall growth

Co-organisers: Agency for Strategic Initiatives, Russian Venture Company

Session description:

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are an important part of the economy, providing many jobs and contributing to overall growth and prosperity. At the same time, cooperation between SMEs and large corporations can be important for the development of both sides. What prospects are open for SMEs in cooperation with large companies? What forms of partnership are most effective? What supportive measures of the state can make the partnership more successful?

Moderator:

- **Anton Ranyushkin**, Deputy Director of the Research Centre of the Agency for Strategic Initiatives (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Ekaterina Petrova**, Director of the Corporate Innovation Development Platform GenerationS (Russia)
- **Ankur Goel**, Partner at Skwerup Capital Partners (India)
- **Rustam Kagirov**, Head of the Innovation Development Direction of the Innovation Centre (Russia)
- **Dmitry Petrov**, CEO of Yablochkov (Russia)
- **Vladimir Zaitsev**, CEO of Zelenograd Development Corporation (Russia)
- **Oleg Nikolaev**, Head of the Centre for Innovative Development of JSC "Russian Railways" (Russia)
- **Albert Gataullin**, Director of the Ulyanovsk Region Innovation Development Agency (Russia)

Block A / Digital transformation and AI

12.00-13.30
Zone F

Digital transformation in management: Challenges, opportunities, prospects

Co-organiser: RANEPА Saint Petersburg

Section description:

Digital transformation is one of the key priorities in the public administration system. The intensive development and spread of digital technologies in recent years have significantly changed the face of local self-government. More and more municipalities are striving to transfer business processes to the digital environment, thereby significantly reducing transaction costs and substantially increasing the volume of economic activity.

However, digital transformation is a complex process that covers many spheres of life and requires the fulfillment of a number of fundamental conditions, including technological and managerial preparedness of local self-government. The existing problems in municipal management require new approaches to their solution. Effective and timely implemented digital solutions provide prospects for moving forward, allow solving current problems and effectively interacting with the population.

Moderator:

- **Anatoly Likhtin**, Dean of the Faculty of Public and Municipal Administration, Candidate of Economic Sciences, Northwestern Institute of Management - Branch of RANEPА (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Andrey Zhabrev**, Head of the Polyustrovo Municipality (Russia)
- **Sofya Zverkova**, Deputy of the Municipal Council of the Municipal Formation "Municipal District No. 65" (Russia)
- **Tatiana Tulupyeva**, Deputy Head of the Department of the Faculty of Public and Municipal Administration of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)
- **Dina Safiullina**, Director of the "Project Directorate of the Ministry of Construction, Housing and Utilities of Russia" (Russia)

Block B / Sustainable development and environment

12.00-13.30
Hall E9

Environmental education and enlightenment. New challenges
Co-organiser: V. I. Vernadsky Non-Governmental Environmental Foundation

Section description:

In the XXI century, in the context of the development of ecology, ideas about the interconnections of natural, social and economic processes in the environment, and the emergence of new ethical norms of human interaction with nature, the content of modern environmental education in the system of general and higher environmental education is changing significantly. It goes beyond the study of the basics of bio- and geo-ecology, or nature conservation issues, and turns into an integrated natural science and humanities field of fundamental and applied environmental knowledge. Environmental education covers new areas of volunteering,

environmental protection and other fields of activity. How can a modern system of continuous eco-education be presented? What methods of eco-education have become the most popular today? How important is it to involve citizens of different age groups in eco-oriented projects? What are the examples of interdepartmental cooperation to address the issues of eco-education of citizens?

Moderator:

- **Olga Plyamina**, CEO of the V. I. Vernadsky Non-Governmental Environmental Foundation (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Ibrahim Kerimov**, Scientific Director of the project "Carbon Landfill Way Carbon" of the Grozny State Petroleum Technical University (Russia)
- **Tumun Tsydypov**, First Deputy CEO of "Baikal.Centre" LLC, VEB.RF (Russia)
- **Victoria Saar**, Head of the project "Ecosophy" of ANCO "Russia - the land of opportunities" (Russia)
- **Vyacheslav Shcherbakov**, Director of the "Krasnoyarsk Pillars" National Park" (Russia)
- **Alexander Adam**, Ecologist, Head of the Department of Environmental Management of the Biological Institute of Tomsk State University (Russia)

Block E / Finance and investments

12.00-13.30
Hall E6

Present-day investment potential of Russia. Challenges and solutions
Co-organiser: Investment Russia

Section description:

In modern realities, the investment policy of foreign investors has changed a lot, priorities in the goals and areas of investment have changed, new more popular and profitable sectors of the economy have appeared. Efficient and rational investment of foreign capital, priority directions of foreign investments from investors from friendly countries — this topic remains relevant today. The Government of the Russian Federation focuses on real rather than financial investments, since long-term investments in the means of production will be able to ensure the production of innovative modern products with high added value, increasing its competitiveness in world markets. Funds, banks and private investors from BRICS countries, representatives of regional and municipal administrations responsible for investment development and establishing international relations, CCI, and representatives of public business associations play an important role in adapting the Russian economy to new conditions.

Moderator:

- **Alexander Shchelkanov**, CEO of "Vedomosti North-West", Member of the Expert Council of the SME Committee of the State Duma of the Russian Federation

Speakers:

- **Stanislav Aranovich**, Chairman of the All-Russian Public Organisation "Investment Russia" (Russia)
- **Alexander Bepalov**, Co-Chairman of the All-Russian Public Organisation "Investment Russia" (Russia)
- **Sergey Belokonev**, Director of the Institute of Global Studies of the Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Maxim Nikitinsky**, Head of the "Communities Centre", Member of the Council of the Saint Petersburg branch of the "OPORA Russia" (Russia)
- **Timur Eremeev**, Vice-President of the All-Russian Public Organisation "Investment Russia" (Russia)

Block J / National sovereignty

12.00-13.30
Hall E4.1

Cases of successful practices in the development of municipal territories

Co-organiser: Foundation for the development of municipalities

Section description:

Specific examples of successful practices are very important in the search for suitable ways to develop local territories. Within the framework of the section, we will discuss solutions that will improve the quality of life of the local population, as well as develop the tourist potential of the municipal territory of any scale.

Moderator:

- **Elena Evert**, Member of the Council of the Foundation for the development of municipalities (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alexander Patrushev**, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for the development of municipalities (Russia)
- **Tatiana Leonova**, Head of the Obninsk City Administration (Russia)
- **Ekaterina Shugrina**, Professor of the Department of Constitutional Law at Saint Petersburg State University of Economics (Russia)
- **Olga Dolenina**, Associate Professor of the Department of Regional Economics, Saint Petersburg State University of Economics (Russia)
- **Svetlana Isupova**, Associate Professor of the Department of State and Municipal Administration of the Moscow Regional Branch of RANEPa, CEO of EvrAKons LLC (Russia)

Block G / FEA

12.00-13.30
Hall A6

New horizons of cooperation in the SCO: Prospects and challenges

Co-organiser: Representation of the SCO Business Council Secretariat for the Northwestern Federal District of the Russian Federation

Round table description:

The Business Council of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Member States (the Business Council) is a non-governmental organisation uniting the business and financial circles of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation member states (the SCO) - the Republic of Kazakhstan, the People's Republic of China, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The Business Council is being established in order to promote the expansion of economic cooperation within the SCO, establish direct ties and dialogue between the business and financial circles of the SCO member states, and involve them in comprehensive business cooperation in trade, economic and investment fields.

Moderator:

- **Alexander Beda**, Head of the Representative Office of the SCO Business Council Secretariat for the North-Western Federal District of the Russian Federation

Speakers:

- **Andrey Volnushkin**, CEO of "Stroy Invest" LLC (Russia)
- **Timur Gulyaev**, Managing Partner of TBS Legal (Russia)
- **Egor Semenov**, CEO of "International food market" (Russia)
- **Deng Xiaohui**, President of Zhenwei International Exhibition Group (China)
- **Sun Bing**, Director of the International Business Department of the Zhenwei International Exhibition Group (China)
- **Liu Yuntao**, Representative of Linuo Technology (China)
- **Maxim Dyshlyuk**, State Expert of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation on the evaluation of EAD of state-owned companies (Russia)
- **Vladimir Tsvetnov**, Candidate of Architecture, Full State Councillor of the Russian Federation, 2nd Class (Russia)
- **Natalia Kirilenko**, Head of "International Projects" (Russia)

Block H / Society

Role and place of deputies in local government:

Yesterday, today, tomorrow

Co-organiser: Chamber of Young Legislators under the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

Round table description:

Municipal deputies - who are they? What is their role and degree of real influence in the composition of representative bodies of the municipal level and directly on the processes of local self-government in a single municipality?

Is representative or law-making activity inherent in them to a greater extent? To what extent is the transformation/optimisation of representative bodies of local self-government, especially at the settlement level, overdue and necessary? What are the prospects for the development of this institute? Portrait of a municipal deputy today and the potential impact of local government reform on the deputy corps: expectations and opportunities.

Moderator:

- **Denis Sedov**, Chairman of the Chamber of Young Legislators under the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Executive Director of the Association "Council of Municipalities of the Ulyanovsk Region", Deputy of the Legislative Assembly of the Ulyanovsk Region (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alexander Krierenko**, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Constitutional Legislation, Legal and Judicial Issues, Civil Society Development of the Chamber of Young Legislators at the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation; Chairman of the Committee for Legislation, State Construction, Local Self-Government, Regulatory Issues and Deputy Ethics of the People's Council of the Luhansk People's Republic (Russia)
- **Andrey Maksimov**, Chairman of the Commission on Territorial Development and Local Self-Government of the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Alexey Pakhomov**, Advisor to the Head of the Project Office of the Analytical Centre under the Government of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Daria Repina**, Chairman of the Committee for Federal Structure, Regional Policy, Local Self-Government of the Chamber of Young Legislators at the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation; Deputy Chairman of the Legislative Assembly of the Kemerovo Region - Kuzbass (Russia)
- **Nodari Khananashvili**, Chief Analyst at the Institute of Socio-Economic Design of the National Research University "Higher School of Economics" (Russia)
- **Alexander Shirokov**, Scientific Director of the Russian Municipal Forum, Academician of the Russian Municipal Academy (Russia)

- **Ekaterina Shugrina**, Doctor of Law, Professor of Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)

Block F / Entrepreneurship

12.00-13.30
Hall A8-A9

Role of public organisations in the development of small and medium-sized entrepreneurship

Co-organiser: Public council for the development of small business under the Governor of Saint Petersburg

Round table description:

The development and support of small and medium-sized businesses is one of the main tasks of the country's state policy, since it is small and medium-sized businesses that are the main source of economic growth and an indicator of its sustainability. An important role in the development of SMEs is played by associations of entrepreneurs who act as intermediaries between business and government. External challenges make entrepreneurs interested in what or who can contribute to the preservation and development of business. Public business organisations serve as coordinators in this process, assisting in the formation of the legislative framework that regulates entrepreneurial activity.

What role do public organisations play in the fate of small and medium-sized businesses? In what ways can a business association practically assist an entrepreneur in the event of an appeal? Effective experience of the Public Council for the development of small business under the Governor of Saint Petersburg in the formation of a dialogue between business and government. Improvement of legislation regulating entrepreneurial activity. Implementation of the proposals of the business community.

Moderator:

- **Elena Tsereteli**, Chairman of the Public Council for the Development of Small Business under the Governor of Saint Petersburg (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Sergey Fedorov**, Chairman of the Board of the Association of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (Russia)
- **Marina Girina**, President of the Supervisory Board of the Union "Non-Profit Partnership "Cluster of Medical, Environmental Instrumentation and Biotechnology" (Russia)
- **Vladimir Rodionov**, President of the "Association of Owners of Passenger Ships of Saint Petersburg" (Russia)
- **Tatiana Yakovleva**, Director of RCC Test-Consult LLC (Russia)

Block C / Cities of tomorrow

12.00-13.30
Hall B10

Growth points and drivers of regional and municipal development

Co-organiser: ANCO "Institute of regional and municipal development"

Round table description:

The development and implementation of national projects is currently in the focus of the state's attention. In turn, the active and direct participation of municipal authorities is important for the successful implementation of national projects. However, the question remains regarding the insufficiently formulated mechanisms for the inclusion of municipalities in project undertakings, and the disparities and inconsistencies that exist between various regions and localities. What are the preferred models for involving municipalities in project activities? How to find the best way to assess the contribution of municipalities to the implementation of national and regional projects? Is it appropriate to introduce the idea of a "municipal project" through a comparison with a "regional project"? What role do residents play in the implementation of national project activities by local governments?

Moderators:

- **Maxim Kanuev**, CEO of ANCO "Institute of Regional and Municipal Development" (Russia)
- **Anastasia Kvashina**, Director for Development and Interaction with Regions, ANCO "Institute of Regional and Municipal Development" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Maxim Egorov**, Governor of the Tambov Region (Russia)
- **Sergey Kravchuk**, Mayor of Khabarovsk (Russia)
- **Elena Shumilova**, Senator of the Russian Federation, Member of the Federation Council Committee for Federal Structure, Regional Policy, Local Self-Government and Northern Affairs (Russia)
- **Vitaly Nazarenko**, Senator of the Russian Federation, Member of the Federation Council Committee for Federal Structure, Regional Policy, Local Self-Government and Northern Affairs (Russia)
- **Alexander Kuznetsov**, Head of Chapaevsk (Russia)
- **Denis Berezovsky**, Director of the Institute of State and Municipal Service of the ANCO "MIR University" (Russia)
- **Maxim Belov**, Deputy CEO for Strategic Development of Ivekta Group (Russia)
- **Marina Sidukhina**, Chairman of the Committee for Healthcare, Social Policy and Demography of the Samara Provincial Duma (Russia)
- **Lyubov Lychkina**, Vice-Rector for Youth Policy of the Federal State Autonomous Educational Institution of Higher Education "Murmansk Arctic University" (Russia)
- **Alexander Mudrov**, Head of the Local Government of the Gorodetsky Municipal District of the Nizhny Novgorod Region (Russia)
- **Lyudmila Rein**, Head of the rural settlement of Voskresenka, Volzhsky district, Samara Region (Russia)
- **Nadezhda Kuznetsova**, Deputy Chairman of the Assembly of Representatives of the Volzhsky district of the Samara Region, Head of the family enterprise "Veterok" of the Volzhsky district of the Samara Region (Russia)

- **Vyacheslav Kozhukhov**, Vice-Mayor of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Sakhalin Region (Russia)
- **Inna Sinyagina**, Head of the Administration of the Governor of the Vologda Region (Russia)

Block A / Digital transformation and AI

14.00–15.30
Hall E8

Diving into Industry 4.0. What will our life be like in the world of new technologies?»

Co-organiser: Peter the Great Saint Petersburg Polytechnic University

Description of the main session:

The Fourth Industrial Revolution infers a new approach to production based on the mass introduction of information technologies into industry, large-scale automation of business processes and the spread of artificial intelligence. Industry 4.0 is changing not only the economy and the system of relations between people but also the very understanding of life. What changes in the way of life and in business lead to changes in industry? What are the key technologies worth betting on?

Moderator:

- **Oleg Rozhdestvensky**, Deputy Head of the Advanced Engineering School of SPbPU "Digital Engineering" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Vadim Yun**, CEO of Kryon Company, Member of the General Council of "Business Russia" (Russia)
- **Alexey Borovkov**, Vice-Rector for Digital Transformation of Peter the Great Saint Petersburg Polytechnic University (SPbPU), Head of the Advanced Engineering School of SPbPU "Digital Engineering", the world-class Scientific Centre of SPbPU "Advanced Digital Technologies", the Competence Centre of NTI SPbPU "New Production Technologies" and the Engineering Centre (CompMechLab®) of SPbPU (Russia)
- **Nadezhda Oberemok**, CEO of "Sber Business Soft" LLC (Russia)
- **Pavel Frolov**, Founder of ROBBO JSC (Russia)
- **Marat Fathullin**, Director of the Department of Digital Transformation of the Nizhny Novgorod City Administration (Russia)
- **Rasuli Ruholamin**, CIS Business Development Manager Pasargad Arian Information and Communication Technology Company (FANAP) (Iran)
- **Ou Xiaoming**, Head of the Representative Office of the State Electric Grid Corporation of China in Russia (China)
- **Behrooz Abtahi**, Vice-Rector for Science and Technology of Shahid Beheshti University (Iran)

Block G / FEA

Session description:

Until recently, full-fledged cooperation with the countries of the Middle East and Africa was perceived by most states, including those belonging to the BRICS, as a rather difficult and not the most urgent task. The current economic sanctions, disturbances of traditional logistics schemes, reorientation of export and financial flows are oriented towards changing the usual foreign economic approaches. Convenient geography, more reliable trade and economic ties, mature Eastern and African markets — all that actively attracts and contributes to the expansion of business cooperation.

Along with the search and application of more effective, optimal forms of doing business within the country framework, neutral platforms of international sound are becoming in demand, among which is the International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs – a non—political public organisation with more than 30 years of history of activity in Eurasia, and now in other regions of the world.

What are the prospects of this association with the example of municipal authorities, business structures of Russia, CIS countries, Iran, Turkey, the UAE, and a number of African countries? What are the prospects for the development and implementation of practical joint projects in industry, construction, transport? Exchange of requests and opportunities for cooperation, creation of interaction mechanisms. What is the pragmatic component for potential partners of the ICCI in the Middle East and Africa? Getting into contact with the market formations of the BRICS countries.

Moderator:

- **Danil Ibraev**, President of the Kyrgyz Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, Deputy Chairman of the Council of the International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs

Speakers:

- **Artem Chaika**, President of the International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs
- **Anatoly Tkachuk**, President of "RusTitan" GC, Head of the Centre for International Projects and Programmes of the ICIE
- **Prosper Ladislas Agbesi**, President of Pan African Business Forum & Lash Group Investment
- **Vladimir Platonov**, President of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **Murat Gekhov**, Head of the Russian House in Algeria
- **Hassan Ahmed Sami**, Chairman of the Board of Directors of GlobalInterProm International Organisation
- **Igor Kozhin**, Head of the UNIDO Centre for International Industrial Cooperation in Russia
- **Mekhmet Nedzhat Balarisi**, Co-Founder Of Ekose Holding

Presenters:

- **Dmitry Stasyulis**, President of the International Organisation of Eurasian Cooperation
- **Ekaterina Petrova**, Director of Innovation and Technological Development of "RVC" JSC

Block G / FEA

14.00-15.30
Hall D3

Results of South Africa's BRICS chairmanship: New horizons of the strategic cooperation

Session description:

From January 1 until the end of 2023, the Republic of South Africa is the chair country in the BRICS interstate association. This period is filled with events, the purpose of which is to comprehensively strengthen the political and economic ties of the participating countries. The session will summarise the results of this period full of new ideas and projects in order to determine the trajectory of further development of cooperation between the BRICS countries and continue intercontinental cooperation. What are the most successful projects implemented during South Africa's BRICS chairmanship? How will the work done affect the future plans of the association?

Moderator:

- **Nikolay Dobronravin**, Professor of the Department of World Politics at Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Igor Morozov**, CEO of the "Afrocom" International Foundation (Russia)
- **Zulu Lebogang**, Chair of the South African Branch of the BRICS Women's Business Alliance, CEO of AV Group of Companies (South Africa)
- **Alla Maer**, CEO of "Profi Export" (Russia)
- **NtombiZanele Sifuba**, Chair of the Council of the Free State Provincial Government (South Africa)
- **Paul Nguema**, President of the National African Federative Chamber of Commerce NAFCOG (South Africa)
- **Mikhail Makarov**, Director of the International Relations Office of the Agency for Strategic Initiatives (Russia)
- **Sivuyile Stuart Ntlathi**, CEO of SNSSETindustries (South Africa)
- **Kate Sithole**, President of MN Business Solutions & Projects (South Africa)

Block E / Finance and investments

14.00-15.30
Hall D1

Role of state and business in strengthening economic stability: PPP experience and prospects

Co-organiser: National PPP Centre

Session description:

Public-private partnership is an effective tool for building infrastructure and providing services to the population. Combining the resources of the state and business allows creating conditions for the successful economic development of territories and improving the standard of living of citizens. Today, a number of socially significant areas, including healthcare, transport, housing and communal services, are actively developing thanks to the PPP system. How to use the potential of the public sector and entrepreneurs-investors in a mutually beneficial way? How to create high-quality institutional mechanisms for PPP? How to speed up the process of preparing and approving projects for more effective cooperation? What are the ways to improve legislation in the field of partnership between the state and business?

Moderator:

- **Maxim Tkachenko**, Senior Managing Director of the National PPP Center (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Andrey Karasev**, CEO of VTB Infrastructure Holding LLC (Russia)
- **Leonid Sergeev**, CEO of the "Northern Capital's Air Gate" LLC (Russia)
- **Sergey Nadsadin**, Mayor of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk (Russia)
- **Alexey Chichkanov**, First Vice President of Gazprombank JSC (Russia)
- **Yuri Korsun**, Deputy Chairman of VEB.RF (Russia)
- **Ivan Skladchikov**, Chairman of the Committee for Investments of Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Ilya Zashlyapin**, Partner at SBS Consulting (Russia)
- **Victoria Bessonova**, Deputy Chair of the Legislative Assembly of the Zabaykalsky Krai - Chair of the Committee for Economic Policy and Entrepreneurship (Russia)
- **Alexander Aksakov**, Director of the Infrastructure Bonds Division of "DOM.RF" JSC (Russia)
- **Alexander Kirevnin**, Director of the Department of Financial and Banking Activities and Investment Development of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Russia)

Block G / FEA

14.00-15.30
Hall E10

Latin-American vector: Uniting continents

Session description:

In the age of globalisation and information technology, territorial remoteness not only ceases to hinder interstate cooperation, but, on the

contrary, opens up new prospects for economic cooperation. The development of new information structures and communication networks is the way to establish direct links with the partner continent. Economic relations in the resource-producing industries have been under pressure due to international sanctions, but they have not been interrupted and are still supported by the largest conglomerates in the world. Mutual trade agreements can stabilise relations between Russia and Latin American countries, while business cooperation and technological exchange can bring partners closer to the goals of sustainable development.

Speakers:

- **Anastasia Sibileva**, Head of the International Relations Division of the Department of External Economic and International Relations of Moscow (Russia)
- **Valeria Stamatova**, Deputy Director for International Development of "Geropharm" LLC (Russia)
- **Henrique Domingues**, Adviser on International Relations to the Chairman of IMBRICS+ (Brazil)
- **Maria Luisa Ramos Urzagaste**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Plurinational State of Bolivia in the Russian Federation
- **Fiuza Costa Frota Helano**, Vice President, Instituto Jovem Exportador: IJEx (Brazil)
- **Vyacheslav Gilyadov**, Head of Logistics Department of Agrofruit LLC (Russia)
- **Carlos Quiroga Cremella**, Minister-Counsellor for Political, Trade and Economic Affairs of the Embassy of Uruguay (Uruguay)

Presenters:

- **Olga Ergunova**, Associate Professor of the Higher School of Production Management of Peter the Great Saint Petersburg Polytechnic University (Russia)

Block C / Cities of tomorrow

14.00–15.30
Hall D4

Energy supply of municipal infrastructure facilities
Co-organiser: National Chamber of Engineers

Session description:

More than half of the world's population lives in the BRICS countries. The powerful dynamics of development have actually turned the BRICS space into an association of countries that ensures the development of humankind of today. This development is primarily associated with a change in the well-being of people. The best indicator of well-being is the energy capacity of each person, the uninterrupted functioning of heating and air conditioning systems of buildings, the engine power of used cars, airplanes, ships, trains, computers and household appliances. It is energy that provides a comfortable life for people in homes, cities, countries. Engineers play an important role in the development, implementation, and use of effective solutions in the energy sector. In this regard, the

session of the National Chamber of Engineers is devoted to a reliable, safe and environmentally friendly energy supply of municipalities for discussion and exchange of views on the promising vector of energy development between specialists from Russia and friendly BRICS+ countries.

Moderator:

- **Igor Meshcherin**, President of the Association of Engineers "National Chamber of Engineers" (Russia)
- **Elena Loginova**, Director of Moscow Oil and Gas Conferences LLC (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Konstantin Belousov**, Deputy CEO of "Gazkholodtekhnika" LLC (Russia)
- **Alexey Petrov**, Director of the SRO Association "Design Engineer", SRO Association "Prospector Engineer" (Russia)
- **Sergey Mayorov**, Chairman of the Management Board of the Machine-Building Cluster of the Republic of Tatarstan (Russia)
- **Pavel Sarafannikov**, Chairman of the Board of the Association "National Association Of Liquefied Natural Gas" (Russia)
- **Alexander Klimentyev**, Advisor to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) to the President of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Vladimir Brusilo**, Deputy CEO of "AGM Systems" LLC (Russia)
- **Vladislav Karasevich**, Associate Professor of the Basic Department of Renewable Energy Sources, I.M. Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas (Russia)
- **Machhar Nitin**, CEO of DYNALOG India Limited (India, online)

Block C / Cities of tomorrow

14.00–15.30
Zone F

Prospects of tourism in the new reality: Challenges and opportunities

Section description:

Undoubtedly, tourism is an integral part of the life of both people in particular and states in general. The development of this industry does not stand still: events taking place in the world, as well as internal and external factors influence the formation of new trends. Recently, the preference of tourists has been changing and the tourism business needs to be able to adapt to the demands of society and keep up with the times and circumstances. What types of tourism are most in demand at the moment? What issues do specialists in this field face? How to use new opportunities and adapt to the current realities?

Moderator:

- **Dmitry Anfinogenov**, Executive Director of the Association of Operators of the Entertainment Industry and Sports and Entertainment Events, Member of the General Council of "Business Russia", Deputy CEO for Development of Mantera Group (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Kirill Kolosov**, CEO of "TLS" LLC (Russia)
- **Galina Berezina**, Deputy Director for Development of the "Ulyanovsk Region Tourism Agency" (Russia)
- **Sergey Somov**, Head of the Kovdorsky Municipal District of the Murmansk Region (Russia)
- **Elmira Tukanova**, Director of the Department for the Development of Tourism and the Hospitality Industry of the Sverdlovsk Region (Russia)
- **Vladislav Pinaev**, Head of Nizhny Tagil (Russia)

Block H / Society

14.00–15.30
Hall F200

Socio-political support for the development of BRICS+

Co-organiser: United Russia

Section description:

Today, BRICS represents more than 40% of the world's population, and the planned expansion of the format will make BRICS perhaps the most influential association in world politics. In this context, the most important factor in the development of BRICS is its effective support by responsible political forces and public associations.

The section will discuss initiatives aimed at joining efforts to strengthen cooperation between politicians, public figures and organisations, as well as experts from the BRICS countries, in order to initiate an open, inclusive dialogue on a wide range of issues.

Moderator:

- **Andrey Klimov**, Member of the Bureau of the Supreme Council of the United Russia Party, Senator of the Russian Federation (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Devanir Cavalcante Lima**, Secretary for Culture of Guarulhos City Hall (Brazil)
- **Purnima Anand**, President of the BRICS International Forum (India);
- **Mark Entin**, Head of the Department of Integration Law and Human Rights of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia (Russia)

Block C / Cities of tomorrow

14.00–15.30
Hall E6

Urban development: Creating unique and sustainable infrastructure

Section description:

Urban development is the process of planning, designing and creating an urban environment that should be unique, convenient and sustainable. In order to create such an urban environment, it is necessary to take into account many factors, including infrastructure, ecology, social sphere and

economy. Modern cities face many challenges related to the rapid development of technology, climate change and population growth. What principles should underlie the creation of a sustainable urban infrastructure? What new technologies and materials can be used to create objects? What are the examples of successful projects to create a sustainable infrastructure?

Moderator:

- **Pyotr Geltischev**, Deputy CEO for Communications of GC "Natsproektstroy" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Dmitry Golubovsky**, CEO of JSC "Lengiprotrans" (GC 1520) (Russia)
- **Alexander Fomin**, Associate Partner of SBS Consulting (Russia)
- **Kirill Ilnitsky**, Development Director of the "Moscow Innovation Agency" (Russia)
- **Anna Tereshkova**, Deputy Mayor of Novosibirsk - Head of the Department of Culture, Sports and Youth Policy of the Novosibirsk City Hall (Russia)
- **Ksenia Yurieva**, Founder of the vertically integrated company "UK GROUP", the "Development HUB" development company, the closed investment community "Real Estate Investment Private Club" (Russia)

Block F / Entrepreneurship

14.00–15.30
Hall E4.1

Franchising as the engine of SME development in Russia and the world.
Franchising workshop for SMEs

Co-organiser: Agency for Strategic Initiatives

Workshop description:

The role of franchising as one of the forms of doing business is gradually increasing in the world, allowing aspiring entrepreneurs to launch a business en masse, improving the economic situation of the country. Franchising, unlike other business forms, notably lessens risks for new SMEs and creates opportunities for a wide range of individuals to enter entrepreneurship, resulting in new jobs in regions and granting consumers access to top-notch services and cutting-edge technologies. Business process standardisation tools allow you to scale your business and export it to other countries, developing the global economy. How to choose a franchise? Selection criteria. How to read a financial model? How to launch a franchise quickly? How to attract investments?

Moderator:

- **Svetlana Ratseeva**, Director of Practices of the Division "Technologies and Entrepreneurship" of the Agency for Strategic Initiatives (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Konstantin Urvantsev**, Founder of FranchCamp and Altairika (Russia)
- **Vasil Gazizulin**, Co-founder and Managing Partner of portal companies TopFranchise.ru and TopFranchise.com (Russia)
- **Alexey Ulitenko**, Vice President for Business Development of Unex in Europe, CIS and Central Asia, Member of the Public Organisation "Business Russia", serial entrepreneur (Russia)
- **Yuri Mashentsev**, Member of the Board of Partners of "Dodo Franchising" LLC, member of the venture clubs Angelsdeck and Syndicate (Russia)

Block G / FEA

14.00–15.30
Hall G22-
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High-tech industrial exports: How companies from Saint Petersburg create a new image of Russia

Co-organiser: Saint Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Round table description:

The development of high-tech exports is one of the priority development goals of the Russian Federation, which is enshrined in the national project "International Cooperation and Export". Non-resource exports contribute to the competitiveness and growth of national production, the expansion of trade and economic cooperation with foreign countries, as well as economic diversification. Industrial companies from Saint Petersburg make a significant contribution to the formation of a new image of Russia in the global market, offering foreign partners modern and high-quality products in a variety of industries.

What new key markets have emerged for our exporters? What can Saint Petersburg offer to BRICS partners? How do sanctions complicate work in foreign markets? How does Saint Petersburg develop foreign economic relations? What federal and regional support measures exist? What support measures are working and what else is needed? Success stories of Saint Petersburg business.

Moderator:

- **Ekaterina Lebedeva**, Vice President of the Saint Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Vladimir Katenev**, President of the Saint Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Russia)
- **Artem Kaloshin**, CEO of ANCO "Saint Petersburg Export Support Centre" (Russia)
- **Andrey Mironov**, Head of JSC "Russian Export Centre" in Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Pavel Frolov**, Founder of "ROBBO" JSC (Russia)
- **Ilya Dinerstein**, Chairman of the Board of Directors of "ROBBO" JSC

(Russia)

- **Nadezhda Babenkova**, CEO of "Brain Development" LLC (Russia)
- **Anton Azovtsev**, Deputy CEO for WPP of "Association VAST" LLC (Russia)
- **Maxim Nesin**, Deputy Director for International Development of "Geropharm" LLC (Russia)
- **Boris Lyulin**, Advisor to the Development Director of "Avangard" LLC (Russia)

Block G Society

14.00–15.30
Hall A6

Global transformation in action: Values and practical priorities of a multipolar world

Co-organiser: GlobUs Expert Club, GR-Group

Round table description:

The world is being transformed in an accelerated mode and new centres of power are becoming more noticeable in the international arena. At the same time, the process of change is accompanied by military conflicts, crises in the political, economic, and social plane. But the main question remains: on what principles should the future world order be built? What are the spiritual foundations and common values that the global community will be able to focus on in the conditions of the new model? How can the new model ensure fair cooperation and constructive development of the global community?

Moderator:

- **Yulia Berg**, Director of IBAC Financial Company (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Andrey Gromov**, Director of the international consulting agency GR Group (Russia)
- **Purnima Anand**, President of the BRICS International Forum (India);
- **Jagdish Khatri**, Professor at the University of Mumbai (India, online)
- **Natalie Yamb**, Adviser to the Chairman of the LIDER Party, (Ivory Coast, online)
- **Alexander Patrushev**, President of the interregional public organisation "League of Professionals" (Russia)
- **Jose Matemulane**, Professor, Director of the Master's Programme in Psychology at the Pedagogical University of Maputo (Mozambique, online)
- **Elizaveta Abramova**, Editor-in-Chief of the magazine "Persona of the Country" (Russia)
- **Kongolo Siopatis**, Ministry of Education of the Central African Republic (CAR)
- **Yulia Berezikova**, Public Figure, Russian mixed martial arts fighter (Russia)

- **Vasily Pushkov**, Member of the Commission on International Humanitarian and Youth Cooperation at the Public Council of Rossotrudnichestvo (Russia)
- **Alexander Borodich**, Founder of the Universa Global project (Russia)
- **Igor Shuvalov**, Representative of the Centre for Social Conservative Policy in Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Dragana Trifkovich**, Director of the Centre for Geostrategic Studies (Serbia)

Block D / Healthy cities

14:00-15:30
Hall B10

Best healthcare practices. Experience of Saint Petersburg

Co-organiser: Committee for Healthcare of Saint Petersburg

Round table description:

Every year, the world of medicine is changing more rapidly. Over the past few years, the pace of improvement and transformation of the healthcare sector has accelerated exponentially. The role of organising the activities of medical institutions and their responsibility have increased, but at the same time support from the state and society has also increased significantly.

The challenges facing healthcare today contribute not only to obtaining unique experience and competencies, but also open up new opportunities for improving treatment approaches, contribute to the advanced development of digital technologies and create conditions for qualitative changes in the organisation of medical care.

Today, the country has a significant potential for the formation and effective implementation of new measures to reduce mortality. The experience of Saint Petersburg in this area is the best example. In this regard, it is planned to discuss the role of National Medical Research Centres in reducing mortality from diseases of the circulatory system and cancer diseases on the example of the work of Saint Petersburg institutions; to present unique medical, educational and information technologies, including mechanisms for the use of artificial intelligence in healthcare, which are currently one of the dominant trends of healthcare.

Block D / Healthy cities

16.00-17.30
Hall E4.2

Minimally invasive technologies in applied medicine

Committee for Healthcare of Saint Petersburg, Saint Petersburg State Medical Institution "City Hospital of Saint George the Martyr"

Round table description:

The participants of the round table will discuss the possibilities and achievements of endovideo technologies in abdominal, thoracic surgery and urology. All listeners are invited to start actively using all previously accumulated work experience and acquire new ones when

communicating with colleagues from BRICS countries who are actively working in the field of medical science and applied healthcare.

Moderators:

- **Peter Yablonsky**, Director of the Saint Petersburg Research Institute of Phthisiopulmonology (Russia)
- **Valery Strizheletsky**, Chief Physician of Saint Petersburg State Medical Institution "City Hospital of Saint George the Martyr" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Sergey Popov**, Chief Physician of Saint Petersburg State Medical Institution Clinical Hospital "St. Luke" (Russia)
- **Vitaliy Bezhenar**, Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of I.P. Pavlov First Saint Petersburg State Medical University (Russia)
- **Evgeny Levchenko**, Head of the Department of Thoracic Oncology at the N.N. Petrov Research Institute of Oncology (Russia)
- **Nikolay Khandogin**, Surgeon of the N.N. Petrov Research Institute of Oncology (Russia)
- **Viktor Kashchenko**, Deputy CEO for Scientific and Educational Work, Chief Surgeon of "North-Western District Scientific and Clinical Centre named after L.G.Sokolov" of the Federal Medical and Biological Agency (Russia)
- **Grigory Rutenburg**, Chief Surgeon of Saint Petersburg State Medical Institution "City Hospital of Saint George the Martyr" (Russia)
- **Boris Komyakov**, Head of the Saint Petersburg Scientific and Practical Centre of Urology of Saint Petersburg State Medical Institution "City Multidisciplinary Hospital No. 2" (Russia)
- **Igor Kogan**, Director of the D.O. Ott Research Institute of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Reproduction (Russia)
- **Anatoly Zavrazhnov**, Chief Physician of SOGAZ MEDICINE (Russia)
- **Alexander Arakelyan**, Deputy Head of the Clinic of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the I.P. Pavlov First St. Petersburg State Medical University (Russia)
- **Mikhail Korolev**, Professor of the Department of General Surgery with the course of Endoscopy of Saint Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University (Russia)

Block E / Finance and investments

16.00–17.30
Hall D3

Investment as an engine for sustainable development

Description of the main session:

Investments are a key factor in the development of the economy and society as a whole. Investing in various projects, companies and infrastructure contributes to the growth of production and improving people's living standards. However, it is important for the investments to be sustainable and to meet the environmental and social needs of society.

What types of investments are the most effective as a catalyst for development? Which sectors of the economy are most attractive to investors? What tools and mechanisms are used to attract investment in development and how can they be improved? How can the interaction between investors, government and society contribute to the creation of a favourable investment environment and sustainable development?

Moderator:

- **Dmitry Panov**, Chairman of the Council of the Saint Petersburg Regional Branch of "Business Russia", Coordinator of "Business Russia" in the North-Western Federal District (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Eduard Sosnin**, Head of the City of Perm (Russia)
- **Vadim Tretyakov**, Minister of Investment and Development of the Sverdlovsk Region (Russia)
- **Renat Valiullin**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tatarstan in Saint Petersburg and Leningrad Region (Russia)
- **Vladimir Samokhvalov**, Managing Partner of SBS Consulting (Russia)
- **Sergey Kurbatov**, Deputy Governor of the Lipetsk Region (Russia)
- **Alhagi Manneh**, Ambassador of the IMBRICS+ Forum in Gambia (Gambia)
- **Yaroslav Kabakov**, Director for Strategy at "Finam" (Russia);
- **Angelina Nyachol Tut Pur**, Financial Consultant of Jubilee Insurance co.ltd (Kenya)

Presenters:

- **Vladimir Dubinkin**, Assistant to the Senator of the Russian Federation, Managing Partner of Educational Projects, Public Representative of the Agency for Strategic Initiatives (Russia)

Block E / Finance and investments

**16.00 –
17.30
Hall D1**

Expert opinion: Start-up evaluation criteria to attract investment
Co-organiser: Agency for Strategic Initiatives

Session description:

Startup success criteria may vary depending on the industry, the type of business and the goals of the company. However, there are common features that are key to success. This is, first of all, the uniqueness of a product or service, the ability to solve current problems and meet the needs of the market. Another important criterion is a team that is able to work together and implement the company's tasks. What key parameters can be used to assess the potential of a startup? What characteristics make the project promising for investment? What examples of successful startups that have passed through tech parks and accelerators can be named and what lessons can be learned from their experience?

Moderator:

- **Sergey Kanzerov**, CEO of the analytical company "Disite" LLC (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Svetlana Ratseeva**, Director of Practices of the Division "Technologies and Entrepreneurship" of the Agency for Strategic Initiatives (Russia)
- **Sergey Dashkov**, Founder of the venture fund "Joint Journal", co-founder of venture clubs and "Angelsdek" and "Syndicate" (Russia)
- **Konstantin Gibalov**, Venture Partner of the "Voskhod" Foundation (Russia)
- **Dmitry Kalaev**, Director of the Accelerator of the Internet Initiatives Development Fund (Russia)
- **Alexander Morozov**, Co-founder CEO of the T2MT Investment Search and Attraction platform (Russia)
- **Nikita Rogozin**, Investment Director of "Softline Venture Partners" Corporate Venture Fund (Russia)
- **Kirill Tishin**, Senior Investment Director of the "Kama Flow" Fund (Russia)
- **Denis Belyaev**, Adviser at Nextons JSC (Russia)

Block C / Cities of tomorrow**16.00–17.30**
Hall E10**Public spaces: Designed by people and for people**
Co-organiser: ITMO University**Session description:**

The session is devoted to the role and image of public spaces in the cities of the future. Although the concept of public spaces is not novel, the alteration in individuals' interaction with the urban landscape and their lifestyle patterns is evidenced by recent trends like heightened intra-urban mobility and an explicit demand for public spaces in third places. These trends, in turn, lead to the emergence of a new type of requirements for the urban environment. The ability of a city to meet these new requirements depends on its ability to provide an appropriate quality of life for its citizens and prevent the outflow of population. Now cities are facing new challenges and the public spaces of future cities are one of the tools to overcome these challenges.

Currently, digital technologies are playing an increasingly important role in planning and designing the development of the urban environment. At this section, we will discuss what image of the future public space can be assumed today. What challenges do public spaces already allow us to deal with? What problems do public space designers and public authorities face right now? How can modern digital technologies contribute to solving known problems and barriers?

Moderator:

- **Sergey Mityagin**, Director of the Institute of Design and Urban Studies at ITMO University (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Sergey Lutchenko**, First Deputy Chairman of the Leningrad Region Urban Planning Policy Committee - Chief Architect of the Leningrad Region (Russia)
- **Pavel Spirin**, Director of the Research Institute of Advanced Urban Planning (Russia)
- **Rudolf Tov**, Acting Director of Saint Petersburg State Institution "Centre for Information Support of Urban Development Activities" (Russia)
- **Irina Shmeleva**, Associate Professor, Institute of Design and Urban Studies, ITMO University (Russia)
- **Alyona Barsukova**, Chief Architect of the projects of LLC "MLA plus" (Russia)
- **Anastasia Golubeva**, Candidate of Economics, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Public and Municipal Administration of the Higher School of Management of Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)
- **Kamali Tayeb**, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Abu Dhabi School of Management (ADSM) (UAE)
- **Kirill Puzanov**, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Urban and Regional Development of the Higher School of Urban Studies named after A.A. Vysokovsky (Russia)

Block H / Society**16.00–17.30****Hall E8****Modern view on charity**

Co-organiser: Meet For Charity

Session description:

It is impossible to downplay the importance of such a phenomenon as charity. The state and society are increasingly aware of how necessary and valuable it is to help those who need it. Due to the spread of this trend, the role of non-profit organisations is growing, the involvement and awareness of citizens in the issue is increasing. It is also worth noting that charity today has a wide range of forms and types to choose from. The creation of projects, foundations, NGOs, social programmes and new financing tools is becoming an integral part of modern charity. What role does the state have in the charitable sphere? How can business support the industry? What trends does charity have in the modern world? How to build communication as efficiently as possible between society and organisations whose activities are aimed at maintaining the welfare of the population?

Moderator:

- **Alina Kovaleva**, Partner of the "Meet For Charity" Project, Co-founder of the Skolkovo ESG Club, Member of the Board of Trustees of the "Life as a Miracle" Foundation (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Olga Fleur**, Founder of "Meet For Charity" (Russia)
- **Marina Netrobko**, President of the "Clean Souls" Foundation (Russia)
- **Yulianna Viner**, Trustee of the "Life as a Miracle" Foundation (Russia)
- **Yulia Goncharova**, Director of Public Relations of the "Lifeline" Charity Foundation for the Rescue of Seriously Ill Children (Russia)
- **Dmitry Denisov**, Mayor of Kaluga (Russia)
- **Evgenia Yenshina**, President of the Foundation for Professional Initiatives "Women of the Nuclear Industry", Founder of the Forum and the "Flask" Award for Women in Science and Technology (Russia)
- **Yuri Blagov**, Director of the Centre for Corporate Social Responsibility of the Higher School of Management Institute of Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)
- **Galina Dzyuba**, President of the Sakhalin Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry Union (Russia)

Block I / Media transformation and communication

16.00–17.30
Hall D2

Attracting views: Marketing strategies to promote regions

Session description:

Marketing strategies for promoting regions are important for the development of tourism and attracting investment. A successful strategy is based on an understanding of the unique advantages, as well as the needs and interests of the target audience. It is important to define the goals and objectives of the marketing campaign, choose the optimal communication channels and attract qualified specialists in the field of marketing and promotion. An effective marketing strategy will create an attractive and unique image of the region, increase the flow of tourists and investors, and also contribute to economic growth and development of regional infrastructure. How to evaluate the effectiveness and which markers can be used to measure a marketing campaign? How to attract investors' attention to the region and what strategies can be used for this purpose? What are the most common mistakes in the formation of the image and promotion of the region?

Moderator:

- **Anna Bulochnikova**, Founder and Managing Director of "Territory. RF" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Andrey Barannikov**, CEO of SPN Communications (Russia)
- **Mikhail Elagin**, Executive Creative Director of TWIGA Communication Group (Russia)

- **Lilia Glazova**, Chair of the Association of Consulting Companies in the Field of Public Relations (Russia)
- **Vyacheslav Manuilov**, Deputy Head of the Department of External Economic and International Relations of Moscow (Russia)
- **Dmitry Niskovskikh**, Head of the Sysertsky City District of the Sverdlovsk Region (Russia)
- **Alina Oblygina**, Founder of "Promote abroad" (Russia)
- **Elina Kushnirenko**, PR Director of the Krasnaya Polyana Gambling Zone (Russia)
- **Konstantin Suntsov**, Permanent Representative of the Head of the Udmurt Republic to the President of the Russian Federation, Deputy Chairman of the Government of the Udmurt Republic
- **Olga Golubeva**, Deputy Chair of the Committee for Culture and Tourism of the Leningrad Region, Head of the Department of Tourism (Russia)

Block B / Sustainable development and environment

16.00–17.30
Hall D4

Future energy: Alternative sources for sustainable development

Co-organiser: European University at Saint Petersburg

Session description:

Renewable energy is becoming increasingly important in view of the changing environmental situation in the world. Countries around the world are aiming to switch to alternative energy sources to limit environmental harm. Transforming the energy sector is a long-term goal for the global community, yet it's hard to determine the speed of the shift. What are the prospects for alternative energy at the moment? What obstacles can slow down the development of this industry? How to accelerate the transition to "green" energy?

Moderator:

- **Maxim Titov**, Head of Energy and Infrastructure at the Eurasian Fund for Stabilisation and Development (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alexey Zhikharev**, CEO of the Association for the Development of Renewable Energy (Russia)
- **Andrey Osiptsov**, Director of the Centre for Energy Transfer and ESG, Skoltech (Russia)
- **Konstantin Romanov**, CEO of Gazprom Hydrogen LLC (Russia)
- **Mikhail Oshchepkov**, Regional Manager for Russia Climate Scorecard (Russia)
- **Olga Teplova**, Head of the Sustainable Development Department, Researcher at RC ENERPO, European University at Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Alexey Kobzev**, Independent Expert on Energy Transition in Central Asia, Project Manager for Renewable Energy and Climate Change (Kazakhstan)
- **Grigory Nazarov**, CEO of NovaVind JSC (Russia)

- **Branko Milicevic**, Sustainable Energy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (Serbia)

Block G / FEA

16.00–17.30
Zone F200

Multilateral cooperation in the Arctic: Interests and strategies

Co-organiser: Expert Centre "Arctic Development Project Office"

Section description:

The XXI century is marked by an active growth of strategic interest on the part of many countries in the Arctic region. International actors are greatly attracted by the huge economic potential of the Arctic, including oil and gas reserves, fish resources, and the possibility of building profitable transport routes for international transportation. Climate change makes the Arctic even more accessible in terms of creating conditions for the exploitation of resources. At the same time, there is an acute issue of increasing climate risks, the solution of which is possible only through the cohesion of states. What are the priority areas of joint activities of the states in the Arctic region? How to protect the environment and climate of the Arctic? In which direction should we develop transport and logistics? What multilateral projects and initiatives should be implemented to achieve the sustainable development of the Arctic?

Moderator:

- **Igor Pavlovsky**, Director of the Information and Analytical Centre of the Arctic Development Project Office (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Maria Lagutina**, Doctor of Political Sciences, Professor, Faculty of International Relations, Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)
- **Nikolay Korchunov**, Ambassador-at-Large of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Anton Sokolov**, Expert of the Russian Gas Society, Visiting Lecturer at Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)
- **Irina Strelnikova**, PhD in Law, Associate Professor of the Department of Foreign Regional Studies of the Faculty of World Economy and World Politics, Expert of the Centre for Integrated European and International Studies of the HSE
- **Alexander Makarov**, Director of the Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute (Russia)
- **Yang Chen**, Professor at Shanghai University of International Studies, Executive Director of the Shanghai Academy of Global Governance and International Regional Studies (China, online)
- **K.M. Sithi**, Senior Researcher at the Indian Council for Research in the Field of Social Sciences, Director of the Inter-University Centre for Social Research and Dissemination of Knowledge, Scientific Director of the International Centre for Polar Research of Mahatma University (India, online)

Presenters:

- **Sergey Zubkov**, CEO of Wizard LLC (Russia)
- **Tatiana Tishkova**, Deputy Chairman of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly of the Republic of Karelia for Education, Culture, Sports and Youth Policy (Russia)
- **Oksana Molokoyedova**, Deputy Head of the Gubkinsky City Administration for Economics (Russia)

Block B / Sustainable development and environment

16.00-17.30 Hall E9 **New approaches to sustainable regional development** Co-organiser: State University of Management

Section description:

Rethinking the results of economic activity raises the question of developing new approaches to the development of regions that will ensure consideration of opportunities and problems of development in a unified system of ecological, socio-economic relations. Approaches that will form the concept and programmes of integrated development of territories. In regions and municipalities, there is a need to move to the concept of balanced ecological, socio-economic development, taking into account the needs and capabilities of the biosphere, humankind, society, and economy. One of such models is a regional model of a noospheric-oriented type. The event will present the ecological and economic experience of the development of territories and approaches to the development of regional models of sustainable ecological, socio-economic development of territories with different economic structures (resources and specialisation), as well as a new system for measuring and rating the sustainable noospheric development of regions.

Moderator:

- **Ekaterina Shamaeva**, Head of the scientific project of the Centre for the Design of Sustainable Development of Civil Society Institutions of the State University of Management (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alexey Gaponov**, Adviser at the Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)
- **Mikhail Grudin**, Head of ANCO "Altai Republic Development Centre" (Russia)
- **Anastasia Goryunova**, Director of the company "PT. Sustainable Development Office" (Russia)
- **Svetlana Drozhzhina**, Rector of Tugan-Baranovsky Donetsk National University of Economics and Trade (Russia)
- **Anna Russka**, Founder of the social and business award "Development", the educational forum "Reputation" and the ANNARUSSKA Group, marketer, branding expert (Russia)

Presenters:

- **Anna Belova**, Director of LLC "Centre of Practice", expert consultant (Russia)

- **Alexis Mateu**, Director of the Centre for Institutional Studies at Bernardo O'Higgins University (Chile, online)
- **Evgeniya Kondrakhina**, Adviser, Deputy Chair of the Commission on Sustainable Development, Member of the Board of the Russian Association for the Promotion of the United Nations (Russia)
- **Ruslan Taganov**, Leading Specialist of LLC "Centre of Practice" (Russia)

Block B / Sustainable development and environment

16.00 –
17.30
Hall E6

Protecting the environment: Waste management

Section description:

According to the World Bank, 2 billion tons of municipal solid waste become the result of human activity every year. By 2050, the figure threatens to grow to 3.4 billion tons. All this directly and most vividly affects the state of the environment and the ecological situation of the planet. The population of most countries of the world has already faced a shortage or lack of clean water and air. The atmosphere is poisoned by toxic emissions from landfills. What are the methods of waste disposal and recycling? What is the stage of development for the waste processing industry today? Are there measures to support business by the state in the field of waste disposal? How to effectively apply the world experience and preserve nature for future generations?

Moderator:

- **Pavel Bida**, First Deputy Minister of Ecology and Environmental Management of the Moscow Region (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Olga Kalashnikova**, Head of the Ecology Department of PJSC Severstal (Russia)
- **Igor Sidorov**, CEO of JSC Ecopolis Corporation (Russia)
- **Evgeny Pinsky**, President of Clean Technology constructora E incirporadora LTDA (Brazil)
- **Manuel Espinosa Morales**, Development Coordinator of Clean Technology constructora E incorporadora LTDA (Brazil)
- **Hamuza Ssenyondo**, Co-founder of the company "Nabugabo Updeal" (Uganda)

Presenters:

- **Dmitry Ioffe**, CEO of the NGO "Clean Games" (Russia)
- **Alexey Merzlyakov**, Technical Director of Gold Standard LLC (Russia)
- **Anton Asonov**, CEO of Astra LLC (Russia)
- **Pavel Sukhonin**, Vice-Rector for Research at the Institute of Applied Ecology and Industrial Safety (Russia)

City for everyone: Implementing the inclusivity principle

Section description:

For modern society, an important component is the ability to provide a comfortable environment for all segments of the population. The concept of inclusivity implies the ability of any citizen to freely participate in all spheres of life. According to statistics, half of people with disabilities are unable to leave their homes due to inadequate urban infrastructure. How is a space suitable not only for healthy people but also for low-mobility groups of the population, as well as citizens with disabilities? What steps are being taken by the authorities to improve the lives of the population? Is anyone involved in this process other than government agencies? What trends exist in modern reality?

Moderator:

- **Maria Kobleva**, Founder of the Association of Mediators "Reconciliation" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alla Mallabiu**, CEO of the "I Hear You" Foundation (Russia)
- **Natalia Sokolova**, Executive Director of the Foundation for the Support of the Deaf-Blind Community (Russia)
- **Lyudmila Solovyova**, Director of the "Life with Cerebral Palsy" Foundation (Russia)
- **Evgeny Kozin**, Head of the State Unitary Enterprise "Saint Petersburg Metro" (Russia)
- **Sam Atul**, Mayor of Lira City (Uganda)

Things that unite us. Values and meanings at the core of the BRICS+ representatives' interaction

Co-organiser: Centre for Social Design and Volunteerism «Team 2018»

Training description:

Currently, there is a demand for an international creative partnership based on the principles of equality, mutual respect and justice. In projects of all sizes, interactions occur not only between corporations and countries, but also between individuals representing them. Each country has its own culture and traditions, its own etiquette and certain business rituals. From this, the missions, vision and corporate ethical codes of various companies are formed, allowing to form goal-setting and a culture of behaviour, both within companies and in external partnerships. At the core of it all is always a set of values, sometimes formed over centuries! Do we know how to properly understand and take this into account in our relationships? And

if we are talking about a new global format of cooperation, it is necessary to find out what common values unite us so that this cooperation, joint projects and alliances are built on this understanding, on solid ground and in unambiguous interpretation.

Speakers:

- **Mikhail Fedorenko**, Chairman of the Association of Organisations and Specialists of Education and Science "National Organisation for the Development of Education" (Russia)
- **Mikhail Vasiliev**, Chairman, Centre for Social Design and Volunteerism "Team 2018" (Russia)
- **Olga Samovarova**, Managing Partner of "Rukon" LLC (Russia)

Block A / Digital transformation and AI

16.00–17.30 **Digital entrepreneurs: Transition to small business automation**
Hall A8-A9 Co-organiser: Russian Business Society

Block H / Society

16.00–17.30 **Attracting the workforce to the Russian Federation from the BRICS member countries**
Hall B10 Co-organiser: Leader Consult Group

Round table description:

Today, in Russia, due to the noticeable outflow, there is an objective shortage of foreign labour from the CIS countries, and labour resources from Tajikistan and Uzbekistan are running out. We live in an era of change.

What is the way out of this situation? Drawing in labour resources from non-CIS countries serves as a noteworthy substitute for labour migrants from CIS countries. And LCG is developing a process for the organised recruitment of labour resources from non-CIS countries, BRICS member countries.

Moderator:

- **Vyacheslav Zavalnev**, Deputy of the State Council of the Komi Republic, Member of the Board of Trustees of Ukhta State Technical University, Entrepreneur (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Elena Soroka**, Managing Partner of Leader Consult Group (Russia)
- **Maxim Rozhnev**, Deputy Director for Interaction with Government Agencies of the electronic commerce service "Yandex.Food" (Russia)
- **Tatiana Yurkevich**, HR Director of the "Lenta" chain of stores (Russia)
- **Yulia Devyatkina**, HR Director, CDS Group of Companies (Russia)
- **Alexey Chistyakov**, Director of the Saint Petersburg State Autonomous Institution "Centre of Human Resources" (Russia)
- **Vitaly Ershov**, Deputy CEO for Construction of "Setl Group" (Russia)

- **Thierno Souleymane Diallo**, Representative of IMBRICS in Guinea (Guinea)
- **Adamu Mustapha**, Delegate of IMBRICS (Nigeria)
- **Purnima Anand**, President of the BRICS International Forum (India).
- **Mangalam Dubey**, Founder of INRUCS (India)

Block I / Media transformation and communication

16.00–17.30
Hall A6

Prospects for strengthening the interaction of BRICS youth in the field of media

Co-organiser: Project Office of International Youth Cooperation «Russia-BRICS»

Round table description:

The multiple expansion of the media field, the emergence of new actors in it, and the change in focusing mechanisms have affected the entire process of forming the agenda. Today, there is an obvious need to strengthen the interaction of the BRICS countries in the field of media, broadcast a common information agenda to disseminate objective information about the participating states, support common values and development priorities. What are the prospects for cooperation between the youth media of the BRICS countries today? What challenges exist in the field of media in the BRICS space? Which BRICS organisations are more interested in changing the situation?

Moderator:

- **Diana Kovala**, Deputy Head of the Project office for international youth cooperation "Russia - BRICS"; Deputy Director - Head of the Directorate of international cooperation of the Foundation for creative industries of the Ulyanovsk Region (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Kira Ivanova**, Coordinator of the Project office for international youth cooperation "Russia - BRICS" (Russia)
- **Tatiana Ivshina**, Head of the Project Office for International Youth Cooperation "Russia - BRICS"; Executive Director of the Foundation for Creative Industries of the Ulyanovsk Region (Russia)
- **Wang Delu**, Head of the Information Service of the Eurasian Bureau of the Media Corporation of China (China)
- **Andile Munyain**, Creative entrepreneur, public figure, educator, expert of international media events, radio host (South Africa)
- **Daria Ivankova**, Director of the International Cooperation Department of "TV BRICS" (Russia)
- **Leonardo Sobreira**, Executive Editor of Brasil "247" (Brazil)
- **Galina Muromtseva**, PhD, Head of the BRICS Universe project, Director of the Nizhny Novgorod Planetarium named after Cosmonaut G.M. Grechko (Russia)
- **Janvi Sonaya**, Special Correspondent, Indo-Asian News Service (India)

- **Tatiana Arsentieva**, Deputy Minister of Youth Development of the Ulyanovsk Region (Russia)
- **Alexey Svetly**, Advisor to the Head of the Centre for International Cooperation of the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Natalia Aksenova**, Head of the Development, Marketing and PR Directorate of the Creative Industries Foundation of the Ulyanovsk Region (Russia)
- **Anna Subbotina**, President of the ANCO "Commonwealth of Sports Diplomacy", Lecturer at the MGIMO School of Business (U) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia (Russia)
- **Anastasia Ilyushina**, Chief Specialist-Expert of the Department of International Activities of the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs "Rosmolodezh" (Russia)
- **Svetlana Ulyanova**, Director of the Centre for External Communications and Development of Youth International Programmes of the Pushkin State Institute of the Russian Language (Russia)

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Block H / Society

**10.00 – 11.30
Hall E8**

Customer centricity trend: Focus on society from state to business

Description of the main session:

Customer-oriented approach is an important factor for success in any field of activity, from government agencies to business. The words "customer", "product" and other "business" terms are now applicable to every sphere of public life. By focusing on customer needs, organisations and governments can achieve greater success and satisfaction. What does the culture of customer-orientation mean? How does it manifest itself in organisations? What management mechanisms help and how to develop it? How to hear the client and realise his service needs?

Moderator:

- **Vladimir Samokhvalov**, Managing Partner of SBS Consulting (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Svetlana Bormatova**, General Director of JSC "Greenatom Simple Solutions" (Russia)
- **Roman Evstratov**, Deputy Mayor - Head of the Department of Economics and Property Relations of the City of Kaluga (Russia)
- **Anna Nikitchenko**, Managing Partner of O2Consulting (Russia)
- **Tatiana Konkina**, Director of the Department of Personnel Policy and Development of the Municipal Administration of the Nizhny Novgorod City Administration (Russia)
- **Elena Kiyanova**, Corporate Affairs Manager of Philip Morris International Affiliated Companies in Russia for the North Region
- **Alexander Vartanov**, Head of the "Rules, Standards and Culture" Department of the "State for People" Development Centre (Russia)
- **Ousman Manneh**, Project Manager of the Gambia Entrepreneurs Network

Block H / Society

**10.00 – 11.30
Hall D1**

Cultural practices of rural communities of the BRICS+ countries

Co-organiser: Eurasia Peoples' Assembly

Description:

The panel session is designed to promote productive dialogue and partnership between the municipal communities of the BRICS+ countries and to study the unique experience of implementing cultural practices in rural areas. Joint search for new solutions, strengthening and development of mutual contacts will help form a common atmosphere of trust and harmony between the peoples of the BRICS+ countries and the whole world.

Moderator:

- **Svetlana Smirnova**, First Deputy Secretary General – Head of the General Secretariat of the Eurasia Peoples' Assembly (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Yulia Oglobina**, Deputy Chair of the State Duma Committee for Agrarian Issues, Leader of the Russian Union of Rural Youth (Russia)
- **Samip Shastri**, Vice-President of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry, President of the Young Leaders of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (India)
- **Nur Nada**, Professor at Cairo University, Head of the Representation of the Eurasia Peoples' Assembly in Egypt, ex-Minister of Labour (Egypt)
- **Zheng Wei**, Secretary General of the SCO Chinese Committee for Good-Neighbourliness, Friendship and Cooperation (China)
- **Banu Nurgazieva**, President of the Civil Alliance of Kazakhstan (Kazakhstan)
- **Kabuljon Sabirov**, Director of the SCO People's Diplomacy Centre in Uzbekistan (Uzbekistan)
- **Alexander Rabinovich**, President of the World Restaurant Sports Federation (Russia)
- **Yuri Palamarchuk**, Head of Shcheglovskoye Rural Settlement (Russia)

Block E / Finance and investments

10.00 – 11.30
Hall D2

Impact of investment projects on the quality of life in the BRICS cities

Co-organiser: VEB.RF

Session description:

Improving people's quality of life and achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is the priority areas of work of national and municipal managers in the BRICS countries and development institutions of the member countries of the association. In 2021, in Russia, the VEB.RF Development Institute, together with the RANEPA Russia-OECD Centre and PwC, with the support of the Federal Service "Rosstat" and federal executive authorities, created an Index of the quality of life in Russian cities. The index allows us to assess the quality of life of people in 115 cities of Russia based on international indicators. Initiatives aimed at assessing the sustainability of urban development have become widespread in other BRICS countries.

In 2023, VEB.RF is working on the improvement of the Index, and is also developing a methodology for assessing the impact of investment projects on people's quality of life, which will identify key growth points for attracting investment and approaches to increase the effectiveness of investment projects in terms of maximizing their contribution to improving the lives of residents of BRICS cities. The idea of holding a session dedicated to assessing the impact of investment projects on the

quality of life in BRICS cities was also supported by the Ministry of Economic Development of Russia.

What is the significance of the urban agenda in the work of development institutions? Quality of life in BRICS cities: what factors are crucial and how to evaluate them? What role do the projects of development institutions play in improving the quality of people's lives and how to assess the impact of a particular project on improving life in the city?

Moderator:

- **Antonina Levashenko**, Head of the Russia-OECD Centre of RANEPa (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Elena Gushchina**, Managing Director of VEB.RF (Russia)
- **Andrey Samokhin**, Head of the Analytics and Marketing Unit of the VEB.RF Group (Russia)
- **Mojabeng Mantata**, Head of "Metro, Cities and Water Utilities", Development Bank of Southern Africa (South Africa)
- **Nambondi Simon Tshirikomwenyo**, Ambassador of the IMBRICS+ Forum in Namibia (Namibia)
- **Bah Ibrahima**, CEO of IBDA Corporation Sarl (Guinea)
- **Anastasia Nesvetailova**, Director of the Macroeconomic and Development Policy Sector of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Russia, online)

Block E / Finance and investments

10.00 – 11.30
Hall E10

Financial literacy in the new reality

Co-organiser: Saint Petersburg State University

Session description:

The level of financial literacy of citizens, on the one hand, ensures personal financial security, economic well-being of households, and on the other hand, largely determining the volume and structure of demand for financial services and products, serves as an important factor in the development of the financial market, and, consequently, national economic systems. The need to increase the level of financial literacy is also determined by the rapid development of modern financial technologies, which began relatively recently, but is proceeding at a rapid pace. Citizens need basic knowledge of traditional and newly emerging financial products and services, how to provide them, and the prospects for the evolution of the financial market. Of particular importance in this case are the applied aspects associated with the need to get acquainted with modern technologies in the financial market, as well as to acquire the skills of independent comparative analysis of modern financial products.

Moderators:

- **Sergey Belozarov**, Head of the Financial Literacy Centre of Saint Petersburg State University, Professor of the Department of Risk Management and Insurance of the Faculty of Economics of Saint

Petersburg State University (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Elena Kovaleva**, Head of the City of Kirov, Kirov City Duma (Russia)
- **Tatiana Pereverzeva**, Deputy Chairman of the Government of the DPR (Russia)
- **Meryl Thiel**, Associate Professor of Comparative Law at the Federal University of Maranhana (Brazil, online)
- **Galina Vladelshchikova**, Deputy Director of the Saint Petersburg Branch for Corporate Business of "Ingosstrakh" (Russia)
- **Marina Gorilovskaya**, Vice President - Director of Customer Service and Mass Sales Department of Bank "Saint Petersburg" (Russia)
- **Rostislav Kokorev**, Head of the Financial Literacy Laboratory, Faculty of Economics, M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University (Russia)
- **Tamara Yakovleva**, Associate Professor of the Department of Industrial Economics and Finance of the Russian State Pedagogical University in the name of A.I. Herzen (Russia)
- **Mikhail Mamuta**, Head of the Consumer Protection and Financial Services Accessibility Service of the Bank of Russia (Russia, online)
- **Xie Xiaohe**, Senior Researcher at the Heilongjiang Provincial Government Research Centre at Heilongjiang University (China, online)
- **Dmitry Zhilyuk**, Associate Professor of Finance, Saint Petersburg State University of Economics (Russia)

Block H / Society

10.00 – 11.30
Hall D4

Educational projects as an advanced exponent of entering international markets

Co-organiser: Ministry of Education of Russia

Session description:

Despite significant differences in the organisation of the labour market and the training systems in the BRICS countries, all countries face common threats of high unemployment, including unequal access to educational infrastructure and possible lack of demand for low-skilled labour in the future due to the full automation of manual operations.

How to organise personnel training for new tasks, including replication of practices of working with school-age children, early career guidance, involvement in the training of children according to breakthrough-competencies of the future, etc.? How to implement educational projects in the BRICS+ countries that are an important bridge for strengthening mutual understanding and friendship and establishing cooperation between regions and municipalities of different countries, such as, for example, "Russian Teacher Abroad"?

Campuses can become intellectual centres where all educational and scientific competencies can be concentrated, combining the efforts of

different universities, regional and federal authorities. How to create campuses that will lay the foundations for truly advanced, accelerated development of the regions?

Moderator:

- **Karina Hasan**, Presenter of ANCO TV-Novosti (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Sergey Cheremin**, Minister of the Government of Moscow - Head of the Department for External Economic and International Relations of Moscow (Russia)
- **Alexey Svetly**, Advisor to the Head of the Centre for International Cooperation of the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Konstantin Egorov**, Rector of Perm State Humanitarian Pedagogical University (Russia)
- **Igor Petrishchev**, Rector of Ulyanovsk Pedagogical University named after I.N. Ulyanov (Russia)
- **Alexey Kharlanov**, Professor of the Department of World Economy of the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, Member of the Council of Rectors of Russia (Russia)
- **Dmitry Samoilov**, Deputy Chairman of the Perm Krai Government (Russia)
- **Vladimir Platonov**, President of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- **Bin Yin**, Chair of the Board of the Centre for Russian-Chinese Humanitarian Cooperation and Development (China)
- **Jacob Shihama**, Chairman of the Alumni Association of Russian Universities of Namibia (Namibia, online)
- **Paulus Shitekela**, Deputy Chairman of the Alumni Association of Russian Universities of Namibia (Namibia, online)

Block E / Finance and investments

10.00 – 11.30
Hall D3

Investment opportunities of regional financial markets and new tools for raising money

Co-organiser: Agency for Strategic Initiatives

Session description:

The BRICS+ participants' tasks related to the needs of large-scale modernisation of their economies and social life require unconditional support of the population to the relevant initiatives of the participating states. The provision of such support hinges on the establishment of a high level of public confidence in the policies of their countries, as well as the actions of state and municipal authorities.

One of the effective measures aimed not only at supporting the structural transformation of the economy, but also at increasing and maintaining public confidence in state and municipal authorities can be the placement of state and municipal bonds among its own citizens.

Bond loans offer citizens an opportunity to contribute to addressing regional and local issues. This is achieved by involving them in determining socially significant projects, such as environmental protection or social development, and investing in them. Additionally, this allows the population to create a reliable means of forming long-term savings, thereby increasing their satisfaction with their lives. Meanwhile, modern digital platforms can become a reliable, convenient format for interaction.

Speakers:

- **Igor Alutin**, Managing Director of the Financial Services Project of the Moscow Exchange PJSC (Russia)
- **Sergey Cherkasov**, Advisor to the CEO of the Agency for Strategic Initiatives (Russia)
- **Dmitry Aksakov**, Executive Director of VEB.RF (Russia)
- **Yulia Morozova**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kamchatka Krai (Russia)
- **Viktor Porembsky**, Minister of Finance of the Kaliningrad Region (Russia)
- **Vyacheslav Alenkov**, Deputy Chairman of the Sakhalin Region Government (Russia)
- **Svetlana Ratseeva**, Director of Practices of the Division "Technologies and Entrepreneurship" of the Agency for Strategic Initiatives (Russia)

Block A / Digital transformation and AI

10.00 – 11.30
Hall E4.1

Smart transport: Road to the future

Co-organiser: Leningrad Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Session description:

With the development of technology, it becomes obvious that the future is in the hands of artificial intelligence. Today, one way or another, AI technologies are being introduced into all major business processes. According to the forecasts of scientists and entrepreneurs, by 2025, artificial intelligence technologies will solve 95% of all operational routine tasks that a person faces in everyday life and at work. The transport industry is not left out of these changes.

The world is on the verge of a technological breakthrough that is ready to change the idea of our future mobility. In connection with the latest implementations of AI technology in transport, a logical question arises: what is the transport of the future? How far are we from the futuristic picture of a city with flying cars and multi-level roads at the level of skyscrapers? Scientists believe that revolutionary changes in the transport system should become a key component of a sustainable, safe future for us. Is that the case?

We will investigate the impacts of AI on Russia's transport system from the viewpoint of the state, business, AI makers, and population, specifically the low-mobility citizens of our country. What is it — the

transport of the future? City infrastructure: are we ready for global transport changes? Safety of implementation and operation: the failure and success of drones. The non-obvious benefits and obvious dangers of introducing AI into our transport.

Moderators:

- **Elena Dyukareva**, Vice-President of the Leningrad Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Russia)
- **Nikolay Soluttsev**, TV Presenter of the "Saint Petersburg" channel (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Olga Uskova**, President of "Cognitive Technologies" Group (Russia)
- **Pavel Popov**, Head of the development of unmanned trains for JSC "Russian Railways" (Russia)
- **Kirill Zhanaidarov**, Director of the Transport Department of the Skolkovo Foundation (Russia)
- **Denis Minkin**, Director of Saint Petersburg State Unitary Enterprise "Gorelektrotrans" (Russia)
- **Dmitry Vanchkov**, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Transport of Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Ivan Bakaidov**, Russian programmer and public figure (Russia)
- **Sergey Lavrentiev**, Deputy CEO of LLC "VUSH" (Russia)

Block H / Society

**10.00 – 11.30
Hall F200**

Development of children's education as a direction of CSR programmes of big business in the BRICS countries

Co-organiser: Social Investment Foundation

Section description:

Today, large enterprises are not only interested in doing business locally, but are also concerned about the social development of the region of their presence. The social investments of major players and the contribution to the development of local communities are investments in the future. The system of working with social investments in the regions should be aimed at improving the level of social well-being and accessibility of services for local communities. One of the main directions through which it is possible to implement this system is working with children. To date, the volume of investments in children's education by large businesses continues to grow. What are the results of investing in children's education? Why should big business invest in the child development locally? Which programmes are the most effective today?

Moderator:

- **Oksana Anistratenko**, Executive Director of "Social Investment Foundation" LLC (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Svetlana Kleiner**, Chief Specialist of the Personnel Recruitment Centre of the Directorate for Personnel and Social Policy of "Apatit" JSC (Russia)

- **Andrey Klimenko**, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility and Work with Authorities, "Evraz" LLC (Russia)
- **Marina Bogomyagkova**, General Producer of the Agency for Reputation Management in the Field of Sustainable Development ESG Media (Russia)
- **Elena Snezhko**, Head of the social Investment programme "Formula of Good Deeds" of PJSC "SIBUR Holding" (Russia)
- **Ekaterina Molyukova**, Senior Manager for Sustainable Development and Corporate Social Responsibility, PJSC Rosbank (Russia)
- **Katie Duff**, Director of Trialogue (South Africa, online)
- **Patricia Mota Guedes**, Head of the Itau Foundation (Brazil, online)

Block H / Society

10.00 – 11.30
Zone F

Moskovsky district of Saint Petersburg: Force of attraction

Co-organiser: Administration of the Moskovsky district of Saint Petersburg

Section description:

The Moskovsky district of Saint Petersburg serves as a hub for interaction, as its development is intricately linked to the establishment of a robust network of relationships with a diverse range of stakeholders, ranging from authorities to business communities. Within the framework of the section, a presentation of Vitebsk, one of the key twin cities of the Moskovsky district of Saint Petersburg, is planned. The issues of civic and patriotic education of youth and cultural development will be raised and the issue of popularisation of modern Russian folk performing arts as a heritage of national culture will be considered. The section is aimed at finding new ways of interaction aimed at the development and implementation of joint activities.

Moderator:

- **Ekaterina Kutyeva**, Deputy Head of the Administration of the Moskovsky District of Saint Petersburg (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Gennady Sabynich**, Chairman of the Vitebsk City Executive Committee of the Republic of Belarus (Belarus)
- **Tatiana Shumskaya**, Deputy Head of the Administration of the Istra City District (Russia)
- **Vladimir Chikovani**, Chairman of the Council of Veterans of the Istra City District of the Moscow Region (Russia)
- **Anastasia Sulimovskaya**, Deputy CEO of the Saint Petersburg State Library "Museum and Exhibition Centre" (Russia)
- **Andrey Antipov**, Artistic Director of the Saint Petersburg Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra "BIS-KVIT", Executive Director of ANO "BIS-KVIT" (Russia)

Youth entrepreneurship as a basis for building international cultural and economic ties

Co-organiser: Rosmolodezh.Business

Section description:

The new coordinates of the multipolar world have formed a new promising vector of international economic development. New economic centres are emerging, one of which is the interstate association of the BRICS countries.

The authority of this site is constantly growing. The BRICS countries are open to multi-format and equal cooperation. Youth entrepreneurship can become the basis for the effective development of the economic potential of the BRICS states, and the implementation of joint business projects will help strengthen partnerships.

What are the effective communication tools of the business communities from Russia and the BRICS countries? What needs to be improved and what needs to be created from scratch to build effective interaction? Is the development of a comprehensive programme for encouraging youth entrepreneurship applicable in the modern-day context? Can the Russian experience be tested in the BRICS countries or, conversely, supplemented with successful developments and cases of partner states?

Moderator:

- **Stanislav Korolev**, Deputy Secretary General of the Eurasia Peoples' Assembly, Director of the SCO National Centre for People's Diplomacy (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Sergey Lebedev**, Deputy CEO for Interaction with Public Authorities of "Aliexpress" LLC (Russia)
- **Sergey Mikhnevich**, Executive Secretary, Member of the Presidium of the EAEU Business Council, Managing Director of the Department of International Multilateral Cooperation and Integration of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (Russia)
- **Viktor Alipa**, Head of the Department for the Development of Youth Entrepreneurship of the Rosmolodezh.Business track (Russia)
- **Mikhail Paley**, Co-founder and Head of the All-Russian movement "Inspirers", Co-founder of the ecosystem of Impact Clubs "Headliners" (Russia)
- **Andrey Kochkin**, Investor Relations Manager at Axevil Capital Venture Fund (Russia)

Presenters:

- **Vladislav Mishchenko**, Advisor to the President of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Russia)

Block I / Media transformation and communication**10.00 – 11.30
Hall B10****BRICS+ linguistic and cultural diversity as a tool for the formation of a new international community**

Co—organisers: «Alfa-Dialogue» centre for continuing professional education; Nevsky Institute of Language and Culture; Youth Association for the Development of International Cooperation

Round table description:

In a multipolar world, the emerging BRICS+ community is crafting a fresh model of relations between states and peoples. The model revolves around new principles of interaction, objectives, communication, and content. The significance of understanding diverse cultures and their needs is growing, and the exchange of cultural dialogues leads to the resolution of economic and social issues.

The multipolar world poses new questions for us: are different languages in a multinational country a benefit or a problem? How are the issues of interethnic unity within the country and interethnic harmony in the world interconnected? Can a country's multilingualism serve as a model for international relations? The diversity of languages and the problem of the commonality of the socio-legal dictionary. New educational programmes: following fashion trends or the actual needs of the audience of a particular country? How do public and private foundations of the BRICS countries and their grant projects affect cultural/language policy, the growth of mutual understanding and integration? What is needed to make their results more effective?

Moderator:

- **Oleg Mukovsky**, Director of the Saint Petersburg Branch of the "Russian World" Foundation (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Elena Yadrovskaya**, Director of Saint Petersburg Centre for Additional Professional Education – "Alfa-Dialogue" (Russia)
- **Valeria Yadrovskaya**, Deputy Director of Public Relations, Saint Petersburg Centre for Additional Professional Education – "Alfa-Dialogue" (Russia)
- **Marina Bogdanova**, Methodologist, Saint Petersburg Centre for Additional Professional Education – "Alfa-Dialogue" (Russia)
- **Vahram Karapetyan**, CEO of the Moscow Cultural and Business Centre "House of Moscow" in Yerevan (Armenia)
- **Alexander Korotyshev**, Deputy Secretary General of the International Association of Teachers of Russian Language and Literature (Russia)
- **Marina Dibrova**, Rector of the Nevsky Institute of Language and Culture (Russia)

- **Tamara Yevtushenko**, Head of the Department of Russia, Faculty of International Relations, National University of La Plata, Teacher of Russian at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina (Russia)
- **Daria Matsuk**, Director of the Russian Language Centre (Egypt)
- **Maria Ginzburg**, Head of Youth Association for International Cooperation Development (ANCO YAIC) (Russia)
- **Anna Vasina**, Founder of Youth Association for International Cooperation Development (ANCO YAIC) (Russia)
- **Luis Fernando Munoz Andrade**, CEO of the recruitment company "Russian University" (Ecuador)
- **Alberto Hutschenreuter**, Doctor of International Relations (USAL), expert of the Argentine Association for Strategic and Global Studies (Argentina)

Block H / Society

10.00 – 11.30
Hall A8-A9

Revival of mentoring: From school interest to professional recognition

Co-organisers: Brain Development Group, Robotrek LLC

Round table description:

Mentoring is a powerful tool that promotes personal and professional growth of a person. For centuries, people have singled out the wisest professionals who can help others reach their potential. The institute of mentoring has deep centuries-old roots. Recently, due to the transformation of society, the role of mentoring has seriously increased. What should be the modern model of mentoring in order to reveal each person's talent, their identity and help to realise it? What should a mentor be like to help those who have just started their journey to make a choice and achieve success?

Moderator:

- **Natela Greilich**, CEO of "Robotrek" LLC (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Dmitry Makhotin**, PhD, Associate Professor, Executive Director of the ANCO "National Methodological Council for Technological Education" (Russia)
- **Irina Tomilova**, PhD, Senior Methodologist of the Methodological Department of the Technical Orientation of the Federal Centre for Additional Education and Recreation and Recreation for Children (Russia)
- **Sergey Grigoriev**, Doctor of Technical Sciences, Professor, Corresponding Member of the Russian Authors' Society LLC, Editor-in-Chief of the journal "Informatics and Education" (Russia)
- **Taras Bezubyak**, Director of "Malookhtinsky College" of Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Galina Motsak**, Deputy Director of "Malookhtinsky College" of Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Dmitry Abushkin**, PhD, Head of the Competence Centre "Internet of Things in Education" of the STEAM Park of the Institute of Digital

Education of the Moscow State Pedagogical University, Head of the Pedagogical Master's Programme "Internet of Things in Education" (Russia)

- **Mangalam Dubey**, Co-founder and Director of the Indian-Russian Cultural Society "INRUCS" (India)
- **Natalia Nagaichenko**, Director of the State Educational Institution of Secondary School No. 334 of the Nevsky District of Saint Petersburg "Nevskaya Perspektiva" Educational Complex" (Russia)
- **Pavel Kustarev**, Ph.D., Dean of the Faculty of Software Engineering and Computer Technology, ITMO National Research University (Russia)
- **Ekaterina Kalinina**, Ph.D., Vice-Rector of "Academy of Postgraduate Pedagogical Education" of Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Guzal Khudaiberdieva**, Head of the Department of Specialists of SUE "Taminot va logistics hizmati" (Uzbekistan)
- **Jarkyn Bapanova**, Director of the National Children's Engineering and Technical Academy "Altyn tuyun" (Kyrgyzstan)
- **Alexey Dukhanov**, Doctor of Technical Sciences, Head of the Department of Educational Activities of the National Centre for Cognitive Development of the ITMO National Research University (Russia)
- **Ekaterina Kanatnikova**, Head of the Department of Methodological Support of Inclusive Education, Institute for the Development of Vocational Education (Russia)

Block D / Healthy cities

10:00-11:30
Hall G22-23

Healthy cities. Development of international inter-municipal cooperation in the field of public health

Co-organiser: Committee for Healthcare of Saint Petersburg

Round table description:

Presentation of the Russian experience in the implementation of the "Healthy Cities" project, discussion of opportunities for the development of international inter-municipal cooperation in the field of public health within the framework of the "Healthy Cities" international movement.

Moderator:

- **Sergey Rybalchenko**, CEO of the ANCO "Institute of Scientific and Public Expertise" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Mikhail Murashko**, Minister of Health of the Russian Federation
- **Alexander Beglov**, Governor of Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Oleg Kuvshinnikov**, Governor of the Vologda Region (Russia)
- **Oleg Ergashev**, Vice-Governor of Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Denis Tsaregorodtsev**, Chairman of the Committee for Territorial Development of Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Ivan Serebritskiy**, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Management and Environmental Protection (Russia)

- **Nikolay Neznanov**, Director of the V.M. Bekhterev National Medical Research Centre for Psychiatry and Neurology (Russia)
- **Olga Granatovich**, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Healthcare (Russia)
- **Alexander Rzhanenkov**, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Social Policy and Healthcare of the Legislative Assembly of Saint Petersburg (Russia)

Block B / Sustainable development and environment

12.00-13.30
Hall D2

ESG transformation in practice: Complexity of transition and new implementation tools

Description of the main session:

ESG transformation is becoming more and more relevant for companies striving to sustainable development and the creation of lasting competitive advantages. Despite the fact that some companies are already engaged in the ESG agenda, many of them face difficulties in implementing the principles in practice. The implementation of ESG requires significant changes within the company, including changes in management processes, data analysis, decision-making, and reporting. At the same time, the establishment of these principles can bring significant benefits to companies, such as increasing reputation, attracting new investments and improving financial performance. What are the main challenges of ESG strategies? How can we overcome them?

Moderator:

- **Vladimir Samokhvalov**, Managing Partner of SBS Consulting (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Sergey Voropanov**, Mayor of Vologda (Russia)
- **Olga Kalashnikova**, Head of the Ecology Department of "Severstal Management" JSC (Russia)
- **Evgeniya Loktionova**, Head of the Investment and Innovation Department of the Lipetsk Region (Russia)
- **Maxim Kanishchev**, CEO of RusEnergoproekt LLC (Russia)
- **Calherbe Monel**, CEO of Haiti Development Group (Haiti)
- **Gilbert Ulrick Mvomo Minlah**, Executive Director of Ets Poupou (Cameroon)

Presenters:

- **Victoria Ivanishcheva**, CEO of "Sibecosorb of Siberian Federal University" (Russia)

Block F / Entrepreneurship

12.00-13.30
Hall E8

Business of the future: Which industries to bet on?

Co-organisers: Agency for Strategic Initiatives, All-Russia Public Organisation "Business Russia"

Description of the main session:

In response to global challenges, it is necessary to identify strategically promising industries that will become the driving force of business and the economy of the entire country in the coming years. The key driver of the development of priority areas are modern technologies: artificial intelligence, biotechnology, unmanned systems, electric vehicles, additive technologies and others.

The choice of industry made by a business at present will determine its future success and efficiency. At the same time, a qualitative leap in the economic development of the country is impossible without the cooperation of business, the state and the scientific sector. The synergy of key actors will make it possible to identify high-potential industries, concentrate resources for their development and start moving towards the development of export markets.

Moderator:

- **Valeria Plotnikova**, Managing Partner of "Strategy Partners" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Anton Ranyushkin**, Deputy Director of the Research Centre of the Agency for Strategic Initiatives (Russia)
- **Vyacheslav Alenkov**, Deputy Chairman of the Sakhalin Region Government (Russia)
- **Alina Osmakova**, Deputy Director of the Institute of Biotechnology of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)
- **Andrey Gurlenov**, Executive Director of Sitronics JSC (Russia)
- **Anton Bardanov**, Chief Operating Officer of the Association for the Development of Additive Technologies (Russia)
- **Karen Kazarian**, Director of Analytics, ANCO "Digital Economy" (Russia)
- **Stanislav Georgievsky**, Vice President of "REC"JSC (Russia)
- **Dmitry Panov**, Chairman of the Saint Petersburg Regional Branch of "Business Russia" (Russia)

Block G / FEA

12.00-13.30
Hall D1

BRICS dialogue: Russia-India in a changing world

Co-organiser: Department for External Economic and International Relations of Moscow

Session description:

Relations between Russia and India are characterised by intensive interaction in many areas. The active conduct of trade, economic, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation indicates the building of promising mutually beneficial relations. The dialogue between the countries is strategically important for unification both in terms of economic development and socio-political terms. The development of joint projects in a complicated global situation is an important component of cooperation. What are the prospects for Russian-Indian relations? What is India's position in the dialogue of the member

countries? How does the global situation affect the development of relations with India? How will business relations between Russia and India change in the coming years? What projects can lead to stronger political and economic cooperation?

Moderator:

- **Vyacheslav Rybkin**, Member of the Strategic Council, Coordinator of the international strategic initiative "Global Food Security Matrix" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Denis Alipov**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of India (Russia)
- **Anton Belyakov**, CEO of TechnoNICOL-Asia (Russia)
- **Sergey Cheremin**, Minister of the Government of Moscow - Head of the Department for External Economic and International Relations of Moscow (Russia)
- **Purnima Anand**, President of the BRICS International Forum (India).
- **Ratish Nair**, Honorary Consul of the Russian Federation in India, Director of the Russian Cultural Centre in Trivandrum (India)
- **Olga Kulikova**, Founder of "Eridana Group" LLC, Business Ambassador of "Business Russia" in India (Russia)
- **Ankur Goel**, Partner at Skwerup Capital Partners (India)
- **Anil Agarwal**, President of Cosmos Group (Former President of ASSOCHAM and Chairman of the Indian-Russian Business Council FICCI) (India)
- **Kotwani Sammy**, President of the Indian Business Alliance (India)

Block G / FEA

12.00-13.30
Hall D3

New BRICS: Expanding horizons and opportunities

Co-organiser: R-Line

Session description:

The modern world is in constant motion, and geopolitical changes bring with them new opportunities and challenges for business. The entry of Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE into the BRICS association opens a new chapter in the history of cooperation between these countries. From January 1, 2024, the new full-fledged members will actively participate in the formation of a common agenda, determine economic and trade routes. Within the framework of this session, special attention will be paid to the discussion of overcoming limiting beliefs in business and developing strategies for growth and development in the expanded association. Leading experts will share examples of successful practices of entering new sales markets, as well as the effective use of logistics resources.

Moderator:

- **Mikhail Sverdlov**, First Deputy Chairman, Director of the Department of Foreign Economic Development of the IMBRICS+ Forum Organising Committee (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Artur Gershberg**, Managing Partner of R-Line (Russia)
- **Alexander Agafonov**, Managing Partner of R-Line (Russia)
- **Andrey Stepkin**, Co-Owner of the Medical Group "Oftaderm" (Russia)
- **Nikolay Kara-Kush**, Founder of LLC "Znat" (Russia)
- **Sheikh Mohammad Bin Ham**, Member of the UAE Federal National Council, Deputy Chairman of the Board of the Bin Ham Group (UAE)
- **Chen Zhigang**, CEO of the Russian-Chinese Business Park, Chairman of the Saint Petersburg branch of the Union of Chinese Entrepreneurs of Russia in Saint Petersburg, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Economics (China)
- **Eduard Nikitin**, Director of Programmes for Decommissioning Nuclear and Radiation Hazardous Facilities of TVEL JSC, Member of the Expert Council of the State Duma Committee on Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation for Energy Engineering, Electrical and Cable Industry (Russia)
- **Alexander Fomin**, Associate Partner of SBS Consulting (Russia)
- **Alphonse Otsamzok**, Project Coordinator of "Blessed Action for Africa" (Cameroon)

Presenters:

- **Amir Barkhordari**, Co-Founder and CEO of Yekpay (Iran)

Block A / Digital transformation and AI

12.00-13.30
Hall E10

Digital transformation of IT Infrastructure

Session description:

Digital transformation boosts business growth, optimises operations, and fulfils consumer needs. Processing information flows with big data technologies, increasing computing power and data diversity due to the development of global digital communications, automation of the production process and the creation of innovative solutions using AI are just some of the fruits of innovative transformations in the global information infrastructure. What trends and innovations in the IT sphere influence digital transformation? What professional skills and competencies will be needed to work in the field? What are the risks of the transition?

Moderator:

- **Irina Samoylova**, CEO of the Digital Transformation Agency CDM (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Valentina Sudnishnikova**, Executive Director of ALLIO & Alertgroup IT-company (Russia)
- **Ekaterina Avdeeva**, Head of the Expert Centre on Criminal Law Policy and Execution of Judicial Acts of the All-Russian Public Organisation "Business Russia" (Russia)

- **Alexey Mostovshchikov**, Managing Partner, Director of GR and International Relations of "Globus IT", Member of the General Council of "Business Russia" (Russia)
- **Svetlana Popova**, Founder of Dudors LLC (Russia)
- **Andrey Oberemok**, CEO of "TOT" LLC, "SberAnalitika" (Russia)
- **Mamadou Jallow**, Monitoring Officer, PhD, Researcher at the Noble Institution for Environmental Peace University (Gambia)
- **Alexander Volkov**, General Director of GenIT LLC (Russia)
- **Alexander Artyukhov**, CEO of Cleverttech LLC (Russia)

Block C / Cities of tomorrow

12.00-13.30
Hall D4

Smart city for smart country

Co-organiser: Project office of the Ministry of Construction, Housing and Utilities of the Russian Federation

Session description:

Departmental project "Smart City" of the Ministry of Construction Housing and Utilities of the Russian Federation has been implemented since 2018 within the framework of the national project "Housing and Urban Environment" and the national programme "Digital Economy of the Russian Federation". List of basic and additional indicators of digitalisation of urban economy –

Smart City standard – is regulated by the Order of the Ministry of Construction, Housing and Utilities of the Russian Federation dated September 28, 2023 No. 696/pr. The best practices offered by business get into the bank of solutions of the Smart City project. When selecting practices, preference is given to solutions based on the use of domestic components and peripherals.

Moderator:

- **Daria Dolgikh**, Deputy Director of the "Project Directorate of the Ministry of Construction, Housing and Utilities of Russia" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Konstantin Mikhailik**, Deputy Minister of Construction, Housing and Utilities of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Ekaterina Baranova**, Head of the Department of Interaction with Regions of the departmental project "Smart City", "Project Directorate of the Ministry of Construction, Housing and Utilities of Russia" (Russia)
- **Dmitry Razumovsky**, Deputy Governor of Kaluga Region (Russia)
- **Vadim Karetnikov**, Director of the State Institution "Agency for the Development of Municipal Infrastructure" of the Moscow Region (Russia)
- **Alexander Pavlov**, CEO of the Russian Information Technology Development Foundation (Russia)
- **Artem Sedov**, CEO of "Big Three" LLC (Russia)
- **Elena Semenova**, GR-Director of JSC "Rusatom Infrastructure Solutions" (Russia)

- **Sergey Mityagin**, Director of the Institute of Design and Urban Studies at ITMO University (Russia)
- **Olga Gai**, Project Manager of the Analytical Centre at ANCO "Moscow Urban Forum" (Russia)

Presenters:

- **Irene Parsamyan**, Executive Director of the Association of Professional Real Estate Managers "PI" (Russia)

Block A / Digital transformation and AI

12.00-13.30
Hall E9

Use of artificial intelligence in solving socially significant issues

Co-organiser: ANCO «Russia – the land of opportunities»

Section description:

Global digitalisation makes technology an integral part of human life, the state and society as a whole. The scope of application of artificial intelligence technologies in the context of public utility and solving global social problems is of particular interest.

Today, artificial intelligence is actively in demand not only among businesses, but also the state, thereby improving the quality of services provided. What successful practices of using artificial intelligence technologies exist in the social sphere? Who is preparing the "personnel of the future"? What challenges will we have to face in the near future?

Moderator:

- **Anna Mendel**, Ambassador of the All-Russian project "Digital Breakthrough. Season: Artificial Intelligence"; Project Manager of the project office of "GOSTECH" (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Andrey Kamardin**, Leading System Engineer of "RTK Digital Technologies" LLC (Russia)
- **Egor Sechinsky**, Ambassador of the All-Russian project "Digital Breakthrough. Season: Artificial Intelligence" // Russian Code (Russia)
- **Stanislav Zavadovsky**, Ambassador of the All-Russian project "Digital Breakthrough. Season: Artificial Intelligence" // Russian Code (Russia)
- **Daniil Samoilov**, Founder of LLC "Flown" (Russia)
- **Natalia Fedorova**, Leading Designer of user interfaces of JSC "KAMA" (Russia)
- **Svetlana Latkina**, Head of the Department for Work with Executive Authorities and IT Communities of the Russian Association for Electronic Communications, Russian Code (Russia)

Block J / National sovereignty

12.00-13.30
Hall E6

Practical results of creating a digital territory management platform for a municipality

Co-organiser: Foundation for the development of municipalities

Section description:

Digital technologies used in management bring management efficiency to a new level. Unfortunately, local authorities still do not have the tools to implement digitalisation of processes. However, many companies and management bodies are beginning to develop in this direction. Within the framework of the section, we will consider the tasks, current implementation, achievements and plans for the development of a digital management platform for municipalities.

Moderator:

- **Elena Evert**, Deputy Chairman of the Saint Petersburg State University of Economics' Development Foundation (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alexey Ryabov**, Director of Information Systems and Technical Training Tools of "Sitronics CT" JSC (Russia)
- **Anastasia Ershova**, Product Manager of the Directorate for Information Systems and Technical Training Tools of "Sitronics CT" JSC (Russia)
- **Nikolay Ushatsky**, Director of the Department of Economics and Finance of Saint Petersburg University of Economics (Russia)
- **Igor Evert**, Chairman of the Foundation for the development of municipalities (Russia)
- **Karine Tirabyan**, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of State and Municipal Administration for International Cooperation, RANEPA Saint Petersburg, Candidate of Political Sciences (Russia)

Block H / Society

12.00-13.30
Zone F

Strategic session "BRICS+: 2030"

Co-organiser: Eurasia Peoples' Assembly

Training description:

BRICS+ is a unique promising platform for multidisciplinary cooperation. Due to the expansion of the geography of the BRICS+ countries, it is necessary to solve large-scale tasks, in the implementation of which an important role is played by young people who make up the majority of the population in the BRICS+ countries.

Within the framework of the strategic session, an image of the future of the BRICS+ countries through the eyes of youth will be formed, proposals for the implementation of joint youth projects will be prepared.

Moderator:

- **Daria Saprynskaya**, Project Manager of the Gorchakov Foundation, Co-Chair of the Coordinating Council of the Eurasia Peoples' Youth Assembly, Researcher at the Institute of Asia and Africa of the Moscow State University (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Fayzal Yusif Alanesi**, Vice President of Prince Muhammad Bin Fahd University, Saudi Arabia University Youth Council (Saudi Arabia)

- **Diana Kovala**, Deputy Head of the Project Office for International Youth Cooperation "Russia – BRICS" (Russia)
- **Stanislav Korolev**, Deputy Secretary General of the Eurasia Peoples' Assembly, Director of the SCO National Centre for Public Diplomacy in Russia, Chairman of the Board of the Eurasian Analytical Centre (Russia)
- **Alok Kumar**, Honorary Director of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (India)
- **Svetlana Smirnova**, First Deputy Secretary General – Head of the General Secretariat of the Eurasia Peoples' Assembly (Russia)
- **Serge Fokas**, Founder of the "Africa Calls" Business Club, President of the "Centre for Business Development and Cooperation with Russia" Foundation (Benin)
- **Samip Shastri**, Vice-President of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry, President of the Young Leaders of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (India)

Block C / Cities of tomorrow

12.00-13.30
Hall A8-A9

Industrialisation, innovation and infrastructure as the key factor to sustainable territorial development

Co-organiser: Institute of Modern State Development

Round table description:

Industrialisation has made the modern world a comfortable place to live for an ordinary person. Technology has enabled the current generations to live in warmth, prosperity, while the transport infrastructure has connected almost the entire world together. Comprehensive industrialisation creates competitive economic forces capable of turning villages into cities and giving thousands of people jobs. Is comprehensive industrialisation possible today? Which industries are the most promising for development? How to introduce innovations into already established production? Will the development of infrastructure significantly increase the economic potential of the territories? Is modern production capable of ensuring the sustainable development of the regions?

Moderator:

- **Dmitry Solonnikov**, Director of the Institute of Modern State Development (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Vsevolod Belikov**, Chairman of the Council of Municipalities, Deputy (Russia)
- **Chen Xi**, Expert on Geopolitical and Technological competition, Smart Cities and Corporate Strategy (China, Online)
- **Daniel Savadogo**, Cultural Attaché of the Embassy of Burkina Faso (Burkina Faso, online)
- **Bakhtiyor Ergashev**, Chairman of the MANO Research Centre (Uzbekistan, online)

- **Nina Shevchuk**, Leading Researcher of the Institute of Strategic Planning and Eurasian Integration, Associate Professor of the Department of International Relations of the RANEPA Northwestern Management Institute (Russia)
- **Karina Argvliani**, Development Director of the BRICS and SCO Innovation Diplomacy Centre (Russia)
- **Ekaterina Emelianenko**, Chair of the Expert Council of the "BRICS and SCO Centre for Innovative Diplomacy" (Russia)
- **Nina Ladygina-Glazunova**, Director of the BRICS and SCO Innovation Diplomacy Centre (Russia)
- **Zhou Yudi**, Independent Political Scientist (China)
- **Natalia Eremina**, Professor at Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)

Panelists:

- **Yuri Shevtsov**, Director of the Centre for European Integration (Belarus)
- **Anastasia Lavrina**, Member of the Republican Council, Deputy Chairman of the organisation "Russian Community of Azerbaijan", leading expert/commentator (Azerbaijan)
- **Vaddakh Al-Djundi**, Director of the Centre for Russian-Arab Cooperation (Russia)
- **Mussalam Sheaito**, Chairman of the Russian-Arab Cultural Centre (Russia)
- **Alexa Filipovic**, Researcher at the Institute of Europe (Serbia)
- **Juan Martin Gonzalez Cabanas**, University of Business and Social Sciences, UCES (Argentina)
- **Ricelli Alves Je Lima Cristiano**, Independent journalist, consultant on Russian-Latin American Relations of the Estácio de Sá University (Brazil)
- **Gauns Dessai Puish Hemant**, Adviser to the Chief Minister for Urban Development Reforms (India)

Block F / Entrepreneurship

12.00-13.30
Hall B10

Women's view: Investing in the future

Co-organiser: Saint Petersburg Branch of the Union of Women of Russia

Round table description:

Women have a natural balance of responsibility and harmony and provide stability to the most important processes, from the birth and upbringing of children to international cooperation. They combine the responsible roles of a mother, a wife, a female leader or a public figure, having the desire to be useful and involved in social changes and to be where help is needed. The involvement of women in the active social, economic and political life of the country is determined by the National Strategy of Action in the Interests of Women. More and more women are making decisions at the state and political levels. During the Round Table, a dialogue between women based on the spiritual and moral principles of peace and harmony will take place. The speakers will share their knowledge, experience and ideas about how women can influence

the future through the fields of health, education, business, political participation, etc., investing their time, strength and abilities there. Why is the participation of women in politics crucial for the prosperity of the country? What is "soft power" as a woman's influence potential? What is the significance of women's entrepreneurship for the country's economy?

Moderator:

- **Elena Kalinina**, Rector of the Saint Petersburg Socio-Economic Institute (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Marianna Shchetkina**, Head of the Standing Committee of the Union State of Russia and Belarus (Russia)
- **Irina Drozdenko**, Chair of the Committee for Charity of the Leningrad Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Russia)
- **Didi Santosh**, CEO of the Regional Cultural and Educational Public Organisation "St. Petersburg Brahma Kumaris Centre" (India)
- **Irina Serbina**, Chair of the Omsk Regional Public Organisation "Centre for Innovations in the Social Sphere" (Russia)
- **Anna Savchuk**, Producer, expert in political communications, organiser of peacekeeping expeditions, Vice-Rector for Innovation of ANCO of Additional Professional Education "MASPO" (Russia)
- **Elena Galibina**, Member of the BRICS Expert Council (Russia)
- **Sofia Rebrey**, Candidate of Economics, Associate Professor of the Department of World Economy of MGIMO of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia (Russia)
- **Ernestine Bertille Kenne Ngeukeng**, Assistant Manager of Bright Africa Businesses Ltd (Cameroon)
- **Tjijombo Toucy Uazepaije**, Executive Director of TUT Investment CC (Namibia)
- **Galina Roketskaya**, Adviser to the Chair of the Union of Women of Russia (Russia)
- **Natalia Grigorieva**, Medical Director of Ai-Clinic SZ LLC (Russia)

Presenters:

- **Marina Vecher**, Vice-Rector of the International Academy of Modern Professional Education (Russia)

Block D / Healthy cities

12.00-13.30
Hall A1

Biosafety

Co-organiser: International public organisation "Euro-Asian Society for Infectious Diseases"

Round table description:

Participants are invited to discuss issues of biosafety of countries related to the possibility of new pandemics, threats of antimicrobial resistance, the role of vaccine prevention and the possibility of countering biological threats.

Moderator:

- **Yuri Lobzin**, President of the NGO "Euro-Asian Society for Infectious Diseases", Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Konstantin Zhdanov**, Vice-President of "Euro-Asian Society for Infectious Diseases", Director of the Children's Scientific and Clinical Centre for Infectious Diseases of the Federal Medical-Biological Agency of Russia (Russia)
- **Dmitry Lioznov**, Vice-President of the NGO "Euro-Asian Society for Infectious Diseases"; Director of the Influenza Research Institute named after A. A. Smorodintsev (Russia)
- **Daria Danilenko**, Deputy Director for Scientific Work of the Influenza Research Institute named after A.A. Smorodintsev (Russia)
- **Susanna Harit**, Member of the "Euro-Asian Society for Infectious Diseases"; Head of the Department of Prevention of Infectious Diseases of the Federal Medical-Biological Agency (Russia)
- **Sergey Sidorenko**, Member of the "Euro-Asian Society for Infectious Diseases", Head of the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Medical Epidemiology of the Federal Medical-Biological Agency (Russia)
- **Oksana Svitich**, Director of the I.I. Mechnikov Research Institute of Vaccines and Serums (Russia)
- **Tatiana Vinogradova**, Chief Physician of the Centre for the Prevention and Control of AIDS and Infectious Diseases (Russia)
- **Vladimir Timchenko**, Head of the Department of Infectious Diseases in Children, Saint Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University (Russia)
- **Elena Esaulenko**, Head of the Department of Infectious Diseases of Adults and Epidemiology, Saint Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University (Russia)
- **Andrey Ivanov**, Director of the State Research Institute of Federal Medical-Biological Agency (Russia)
- **Alexander Suvorov**, Head of the Department of Molecular Microbiology of "Institute of Experimental Medicine" (Russia)
- **Batyrbek Aslanov**, Head of the Department of Epidemiology, Parasitology and Disinfection, I.I.Mechnikov Northwestern Medical University (Russia)
- **Valery Volzhanin**, Vice-President of the NGO "Euro-Asian Society for Infectious Diseases" (Russia)
- **Mikhail Lebedev**, Executive Director of the NGO "Euro-Asian Society for Infectious Diseases" (Russia)
- **Olga Che**, Marketing Director of the NGO "Euro-Asian Society for Infectious Diseases"(Russia)

Medical tourism and clinical trials in the BRICS+ countries: Path to cooperation

Co-organiser: "National Medical Research Centre of Oncology named after N.N. Petrov" of the Ministry of Health of Russia

Round table description:

Increasing the availability of qualified medical care and advanced innovative technologies in the field of medicine for patients of the BRICS+ member countries are the most important tasks facing the states. Remote consultations doctor-doctor, doctor-patient, cross-border medical consultations - these formats of interaction in the BRICS+ digital space will provide qualified medical care to patients in the most remote locations. Medical tourism is one of the key aspects of international cooperation. As the development of cross-border medical tourism, the solution of urgent problems in this area and the introduction of the experience of the BRICS countries can help in increasing the availability of qualified medical care to patients. The opportunity to receive innovative therapy within the framework of international multicentre clinical trials, both sponsored and initiated by physicians from different countries, will help patients from the BRICS+ countries receive the most advanced therapy in leading medical centres, and will also allow specialists to continuously improve their professional level.

Moderator:

- **Artem Poltoratsky**, Head of the Department of Organisation of Preclinical and Clinical Research of "National Medical Research Centre of Oncology named after N.N. Petrov" of the Ministry of Health of Russia (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alexey Belyaev**, Director of "National Medical Research Centre of Oncology named after N.N. Petrov" of the Ministry of Health of Russia (Russia)
- **Sangaji Tarbayev**, Chairman of the Committee of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation for Tourism and Tourism Infrastructure Development (Russia)
- **Anna Malkova**, Head of the Information and Reference Service of "National Medical Research Centre of Oncology named after N.N. Petrov" of the Ministry of Health of Russia (Russia)
- **Lin Feng**, Deputy Head of the Dental Department of the First Medical Centre of the General Hospital of the People's Liberation Army of China (China)
- **Dmitry Rozhdestvensky**, Head of the Department of Coordination of Work in the Field of Circulation of Medicines and Medical Devices of the Department of Technical Regulation and Accreditation of the Eurasian Economic Commission (Russia)
- **Irina Saleeva**, Expert on Medical Tourism of "National Medical Research Centre of Oncology named after N.N. Petrov" of the Ministry of Health of Russia (Russia)
- **Tanezha Rajiv**, Vice-President of the Foundation for the Promotion of Health and Well-Being; Member of the Council for the

Promotion of Export Services of the Ministry of Trade and Industry for Medical Tourism (India)

- **Irina Borovova**, President of the All-Russian Association of Cancer Patients "Hello!"; Member of the Expert Council under the State Duma Committee for Family, Women and Children; Member of the Expert Council on Oncology, Haematology and Cellular Technologies of the State Duma Committee for Health Protection; Member of the Presidential Council for the Development of Civil Society and Human Rights (Russia)
- **Elena Kadushkina**, Public figure; Author of the social project on cancer prevention "Pro_life"; Founder of the international project "THE ICONIC" (Russia)
- **Arina Zinkina**, Director of the Clinical Development Department of JSC "BIOCAD" (Russia)
- **Ksenia Mavritsyna**, Director of the Clinical Research Department of JSC "BIOCAD" (Russia)
- **Natalia Reshetova**, Expert of the Department of Organisation of Preclinical and Clinical Studies of the "NMIC of Oncology named after N.N. Petrov" of the Ministry of Health of Russia (Russia)

14:00-15:30
Hall E1-E2

Plenary session

Development of the BRICS+ cities: Global challenges and joint solutions

**Access zone: invitations, VIP/Honorary Guest badges*

Description:

The development of cities in the BRICS countries is an urgent task for strengthening relations between the states of the association and improving the lives of the population of their territories. One of the main issues is how the use of the infrastructure bond mechanism can affect the acceleration of the integrated development of territories.

The key aspects of joint solutions are the exchange of experience in the development of urban planning, the development of export-import cooperation at the regional and municipal levels, the popularisation of successful practices of territorial management, the creation of accessible infrastructure, the organisation of joint cultural and sports events with the participation of national teams and other collectives from municipalities, as well as joint investments in sustainable development.

Countries uniting diverse cultures and economic models face common challenges related to the development of a unified model of territorial development that will improve the integration of the association and will solve environmental and infrastructure problems, promote economic growth.

Cooperation of efforts between countries in solving these issues contributes to the introduction of sustainable management methods in cities. The solution to these issues can have a tremendous positive impact on the economic well-being of the BRICS countries, which will serve as

an example for other friendly countries and regions of the world. All BRICS participants will have to address these issues in the next five years.

Block J / National sovereignty

14.00-15:30
Hall D2

Municipal model of sustainable development as a way to energy and food sovereignty

Co-organiser: Foundation for the development of municipalities

Description of the main session:

National sovereignty consists of many factors, and in the current conditions, these are, in addition to defense issues, basic issues of energy and food security, as well as effective digital governance. Russia is a recognised leader in all international energy and food markets, as well as information technology markets. The developed system of professional and higher education, as well as the expert community in Russia, make it possible to ensure equal partnership with the BRICS+ countries in shaping energy, food security, and digital governance policies based on country approaches. Municipalities play a special role here, being a key link in the structure of state management of regional economic systems, resource markets and ensure the participation of the population and the business community in these processes.

The organisation of an international network of municipalities will facilitate the exchange of best practices in the development of model approaches for the implementation of a sustainable development model. The introduction of information technologies and digital platforms creates conditions for the formation of common food, energy, logistics, insurance, and investment markets. All these processes determine the formation of economic security in the BRICS+ countries in the socio-economic spaces of new transport and logistics corridors.

Moderator:

- **Stanislav Babich**, Associate Professor, Department of Regional Economics and Environmental Management, Saint Petersburg State University of Economics (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alexander Patrushev**, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for the development of municipalities (Russia)
- **Karin Kneissl**, Head of the G.O.R.K.I. Centre, Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)
- **Ivan Marino**, Head of the Centre for Political Monitoring of Russia "Osservatorio Russia" (Russia, online)
- **Igor Maksimtsev**, Rector of the Saint Petersburg State University of Economics (Russia)
- **Galina Morunova**, Professor, Department of Finance, Saint Petersburg State University of Economics (Russia)
- **Lyudmila Pronina**, RANEPА Visiting Professor, State Adviser of the Russian Federation, second class (Russia, online)

14.00-15.30
Hall D4

Priority 2030. A fresh look at education

Session description:

The transformation of traditional education is an integral part of the development of society. And it is no longer so much about creating digital educational resources and implementing information systems, as about forming a single ecosystem of digital services. The year 2021 in Russia was declared the year of science and technology, in connection with which the launch of the government programme "Priority 2030" was announced. The declared goal is the formation of progressive modern universities that will become centres of scientific, technological and socio-economic development of the country. What innovations in the field of education are expected in the near future?

Speakers:

- **Andrey Khlutkov**, Director of the RANEPA Northwestern Research Institute (Russia)
- **Vladislav Arkhipov**, Director of the Centre for Research on Information Security and Digital Transformation of Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)
- **Vadim Dubichev**, First Deputy Chief of Staff of the Governor of the Sverdlovsk Region and the Government of the Sverdlovsk Region – Director of the Department of Local Self-Government of the Governor of the Sverdlovsk Region and the Government of the Sverdlovsk Region (Russia)
- **Daria Kozlova**, First Vice-Rector of ITMO (Russia)
- **Ekaterina Petrova**, Director of Technological Development and Innovation of the Russian Venture Company (Russia)
- **Yulia Surkova**, Head of the International Cooperation Department of Perm National Research Polytechnic University (Russia)
- **Tulani Twala**, Chief Research Officer of SNSETindustries (South Africa)
- **Joel Tresor Nyongka'a**, Researcher at the University of Yaounde II (Cameroon)
- **Kate Sithole**, President of MN Business Solutions & Projects (South Africa)

14.00-15.30
Hall A6

International scientific cooperation: View of young scientists

Co-organiser: Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation

Round table description:

It is time to define a new vector of international cooperation, including in the scientific field. At the same time, it is important to understand that the conclusion of new partnerships with foreign researchers opens up wide horizons of joint activities. It is the competent coupling of scientific potential that will allow for a seamless transition to new innovative

projects and achieve better results in ensuring technological sovereignty.

What opportunities do the scientific community face in the new political conditions? What is necessary to create Russian points of attraction of the best leading practices? How to build mutually beneficial scientific cooperation with foreign colleagues? The experts of the session will answer these questions and share their experience in building international relations.

Moderator:

- **Anna Ponarskaya**, Senior Adviser of the Department for Work with Young Scientists of the Department of State Youth Policy and Educational Activities of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Tatiana Kissler**, Chair of the Council of Young Scientists of the Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)
- **Andrey Baranov**, Researcher at the Centre for Global and Strategic Studies, Deputy of the Council of Young Scientists on "Prospects for the development of transport Infrastructure on the African continent" (Russia)
- **Viktor Denisenko**, Deputy Vice-Rector of the Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University (Kyrgyzstan)
- **Oleg Eliseev**, Director of the ITMO Student Science, Conferences and Exhibitions Training Centre (Russia)
- **Vyacheslav Samoilov**, Chairman of the Council of Young Scientists of Moscow State Linguistic University (Russia)
- **Alexander Marusin**, Chairman of the Council of Young Scientists of the RUDN, Associate Professor of the Department of Transport of the RUDN Engineering Academy (Russia)
- **Elena Maslenkova**, Chair of the Council of Young Scientists of Medical and Pharmaceutical Organisations of Higher Education and Science (Russia)
- **Alexander Saburov**, Director of the Institute for Strategic Development of the Arctic of the Northern Arctic Federal University, Head of the innovation project "Arctic Floating University" (Russia)
- **Dmitry Kachanov**, Chairman of the Council of the Student Scientific Society of the I.I. Mechnikov Northwestern State Medical University (Russia)
- **Ivan Kulakov**, Coordinator of the Youth Club of the Russian Historical Society, postgraduate student of the Institute of Russian History of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)
- **Tatiana Mokeeva**, Associate Professor of the Higher School of Engineering and Economics (Deputy Director of the Higher School of Engineering and Economics for International Activities) Peter the Great Saint Petersburg Polytechnic University (Russia)

Prospects and opportunities for the development of Russian-African relations, directions, projects

Co-organiser: Investment Russia

Session description:

In current times, which are characterised by the change of the unipolar vector of development to a multipolar one, many relations between countries are undergoing significant changes. Due to the sanctions, Russia is beginning to actively revive economic and humanitarian ties with the countries of the African continent.

Following the results of the African International Congress held in Moscow in April 2023 under the auspices of the Eurasian International University with the participation of African ambassadors and representatives of Russian and African business circles, representatives of the Russian government, deputies and senators, the African International Business Club was established.

The opening of the Africa House and Safari Park in Moscow; the results of business missions to South Africa, Mauritius and other African countries; new business projects of Russian entrepreneurs in Africa; new innovative and alternative solutions in the field of finance in the rapidly developing digitalisation of the banking sector and the main sectors of the African economy (including the organisation of interstate payments), logistics, trade, energy, the signing of agreements of intent between Russian and African business communities, government agencies, as well as the definition of a roadmap for the development of Russian-African business relations for 2024 will make a significant contribution to the development of Russian-African international and business relations.

Moderator:

- **Konstantin Klimenko**, Rector of Eurasian International University, Chairman of the Council for International Humanitarian Cooperation and Public Diplomacy (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Igor Morozov**, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee for Economic Cooperation with African Countries (AFROCOM) (Russia)
- **Dmitry Veselov**, Co-Chairman of the All-Russian Public Organisation "Investment Russia", CEO of AFROINVEST Group (Russia)
- **Irina Abramova**, Director of the Institute of Africa of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)
- **Vsevolod Tkachenko**, Director of the Africa Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia (Russia)
- **Alexander Bernalov**, Co-Chairman of the All-Russian Public Organisation "Investment Russia" (Russia)
- **Epiphanea Maunzagona**, Managing Director of MN Business Solutions & Projects (Zimbabwe)

- **Auguste Aimontche**, Head of the Association of African Houses in the Russian Federation
- **Sheikh Salim Humaid Salifa** (UAE)

Block G / FEA

16.00–17.30
Hall D2

Municipal economic cooperation in the BRICS space. Prospects and challenges

Co-organiser: Eurasia Peoples' Assembly

Session description:

Intermunicipal cooperation in modern conditions, increasingly asserting the line of integration processes, is becoming one of the leading tools for managing the socio-economic development of small and medium-sized cities, allowing to concentrate the resources of municipalities and combine economic, cultural and humanitarian potential. As international experience shows, successful results through the association are achieved not only at the highest level but also through direct communication between city leaders, representatives of business and the culture of the regions. Joint search for new solutions and development of strategies, strengthening and development of mutual contacts will undoubtedly contribute to the formation of a common atmosphere of trust.

Moderator:

- **Stanislav Korolev**, Deputy Secretary General of the Eurasia Peoples' Assembly (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Mikhail Solomentsev**, First Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Crimea to the President of the Russian Federation
- **Olga Guseva**, Minister of International and Interregional Relations of the Nizhny Novgorod Region (Russia)
- **Lyudmila Berg**, Deputy Minister of International and Foreign Economic Relations of the Sverdlovsk Region (Russia)
- **Vladimir Levkin**, CEO of the National Association of Rescue and Environmental Organisations (Russia)
- **Igor Fomin**, Head of ANCO "BRICS Development Organisation in education, science, culture, healthcare, industry and public diplomacy BRICS INTERO" (Russia)
- **Dilbar Sadykova**, Chair of the Academy of Youth Diplomacy of Tatarstan (Russia)
- **Yuri Shumakov**, Head of Gazprombank Branch in Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Andrey Grachev**, Partner, Head of the Tax Practice "Birch Legal" LLC, Candidate of Law (Russia)
- **Olga Shtemberg**, Director and Founder of the "Life" Foundation
- **Elena Churina**, Director of Scientific and Educational Programmes of the Foundation for the Support of Education, Science and Culture "Universities of Saint Petersburg" (Russia)

- **Alok Kumar**, Honorary Director of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (India)

Block H / Society

16.00 – 17.30
Hall E10

Electoral processes in modern Russia. Current trends and ongoing challenges

Co-organiser: Council of Municipalities of Saint Petersburg

Session description:

This year's elections in Russia were held on a Single voting day. Certain electoral events took place in all the regions of the Northwestern Federal District, except Saint Petersburg. These were campaigns for the election of governors, legislative authorities of regions of the Russian Federation, elections to local government bodies of the capital of regions of the Russian Federation, municipal election campaigns of different levels in all other regions.

In 2024, we are expecting several important election campaigns at once. The Russian presidential elections will be held in March.

On a Single voting day, elections will be held in the subjects of the NWFD, including in Saint Petersburg, the elections of the Governor of Saint Petersburg and the elections of deputies of the councils of municipalities of Saint Petersburg.

How will the election campaigns of 2024 differ, given the aggravation of the international situation? How will Russian domestic policy change? How will the election coverage be organised in the new social media?

Moderator:

- **Vsevolod Belikov**, Deputy of the Legislative Assembly of Saint Petersburg, Chairman of the Council of Municipalities of Saint Petersburg (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Dmitry Solonnikov**, Director of the Institute of Modern State Development (Russia)
- **Sergey Ivanov**, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Legislative Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Andrey Zhabrev**, Head of the Polyustrovo Municipality (Russia)
- **Alexander Shifman**, Head of the Municipality of Peterhof (Russia)
- **Natalia Chashina**, Head of the Municipality of Kronstadt (Russia)
- **Natalia Eremina**, Professor of Saint Petersburg State University, Doctor of Political Sciences (Russia)
- **Alexander Kapturovich**, Head of the municipality of Narva District (Russia)

Block B / Sustainable development and environment

16.00 – 17.30
Hall E4.1

Green society in municipal development: Experience of Russia and the BRICS countries

Co-organiser: Saint Petersburg University of Management Technologies and Economics

Section description:

The implementation of environmental policy and sustainable development goals in modern realities remains relevant and important for large corporations, municipalities, regions and states.

The session is aimed at attracting the attention of young people, representatives of public authorities, the business community, universities and public organisations from different regions of the Russian Federation to the issues of greening society, building a "green" economy, as well as achieving sustainable development goals. Special attention will be paid to the issues of digitalisation of ecology and ecology of digitalisation.

The session is aimed at discussing the problems and prospects of building an effective "green" society in order to ensure the development of the BRICS countries, including in the BRICS+ format, exchange of experience and "best practices" in the field of innovative, scientific and educational cooperation, intercountry and intercity collaborations.

Moderator:

- **Evgeny Shchipanov**, Director of the Institute of Economics, Management and Information Technologies of the Saint Petersburg University of Management and Economics Technologies, Expert of the Agency for Strategic Initiatives (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Dmitry Dmitriev**, Deputy of the Legislative Assembly of Saint Petersburg (Russia)
- **Oleg Smakotin**, Head of the Yekaterinhof Municipal District (Russia)
- **Vitaly Zholdasov**, Head of the Georgievskoye Municipal District (Russia)
- **Yulia Ryabinina**, Head of Digital Transformation Projects at the Northwest Bank of Sberbank PJSC (Russia)
- **Yanina Rychkova**, Deputy Director of the Centre for Development and Support of Entrepreneurship in Saint Petersburg (Russia)

Block I / Media transformation and communication

16.00-17.30
Zone F200

Anti-colonialism 2.0: Myths we choose

Co-organiser: Federal Centre for Humanitarian Practices

Section description:

The section titled "Anti-colonialism 2.0," curated by the Federal Centre for Humanitarian Practices, focuses on debunking the long-standing "great colonial myth" that traces its origins back to the early 17th century. European civilization being superior to "third world countries" was the dominant belief until recently, acting as the main herald of democratic, spiritual, socio-cultural and other values according to which all civilised humanity should exist. We will talk about options for demythologising the traditional European narrative. Among the choices, there is the proposal to confront ourselves - our history, traditions, culture, and dignity - in the face of archaic colonial schemes. Forum participants can

take part in a discussion on this topic and in the presentation of the thematic issue of the Museum World magazine.

Speakers:

- **Peter Trenin-Strausov**, Deputy Director of the Federal Centre for Humanitarian Practices (Russia)
- **Alexey Pishchulin**, Documentary filmmaker, writer, editor-in-Chief of the Museum World magazine (Russia)
- **Ksenia Sergazina**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, expert of the Federal Centre for Humanitarian Practices, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the journal (Russia)
- **Dmitry Orekhov**, Writer, publicist, lecturer at Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)

Block C / Cities of tomorrow

16.00 – 17.30
Hall E6

Prospects for the development of international cooperation of representative bodies at the metropolitan, regional and municipal levels within BRICS+

Co-organiser: Moscow City Duma

Section description:

The parliaments of the BRICS countries play a significant role in mobilising public opinion to address issues of world politics and economics, work out a complex problem agenda and administrative regulation in the geopolitical turbulence that is gaining momentum in certain regions of the world.

In the context of the upcoming expansion of the format and entry of new members

in January of 2024, our priority task is to establish a dialogue and ensure stable and prompt feedback at all levels of government. The session is devoted to the exchange of experience in this area, activation and building of communications through the channels of inter-parliamentary interaction at the BRICS+ metropolitan and regional levels, with the involvement of representative bodies of municipalities in the dialogue

Moderator:

- **Alexander Stepanov**, Deputy Head of the Department of the Chief of Staff of the Moscow City Duma (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alexey Shaposhnikov**, Chairman of the Moscow City Duma (Russia)
- **Sergey Cheremin**, Minister of the Government of Moscow, Head of the Department for External Economic and International Relations of Moscow (Russia)
- **Joël Trésor Nyonka'a**, Responsible for the Ministerial action on Mobilizing Territorial Diplomacy for National Development of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cameroon

- **Devanir Cavalcante Lima**, Secretary for Culture of Guarulhos City Hall (Brazil)
- **Purnima Anand** , President of the BRICS International Forum, Managing Director of BRICS International Consultancy Pvt. Ltd (India)

Block J / National sovereignty

16.00–17.30 Hall E9 Municipality: Approach to achieving results in Latin America and Africa collaborations

Co-organiser: Foundation for the development of municipalities

Section description:

The section will consider the conditions that determine the specifics of establishing relationships with foreign municipalities, as well as practical examples of the implementation of international inter-municipal cooperation.

Moderator:

- **Igor Evert**, Chairman of the Foundation for the development of municipalities (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Alexey Khovanov**, Chairman of the Commission for the Study of Latin America of the Saint Petersburg Regional Branch of the Russian Geographical Society (Russia)
- **Sese Bartolomi**, Head of the Guinean Diaspora in Saint Petersburg (Guinea)
- **Alan Naniev**, First Secretary of the Embassy of South Ossetia in Russia
- **Arsenty Semkin**, Expert on International relations at the municipal level, Advisor to the Chairman of the Foundation for the development of municipalities (Russia)
- **Thomas Molleli**, Counsellor to the Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania to the Russian Federation and Other CIS Countries (Tanzania)
- **Lyubov Demidova**, Chair of the Board of the Association "Strategic Agency for the Development of Relations with African Countries" (Russia)

Block C / Cities of tomorrow

16.00 – 17.30 Zone F Small towns as the basis of the country's sustainable development

Co-organiser: Centre for Social Design and Volunteerism «Team 2018», Institute of Applied Urban Studies

Training description:

The sustainability of the development of any city is always associated with the construction of a qualitative system of relationships between management entities aimed at achieving joint interests and strategic goals both in the cities themselves and between them. What is the secret of sustainable development of small towns and where to get the

resources for it? How to build a truly capable community of cities, mutually reinforcing each other with joint projects and experts?

Speakers:

- **Svyatoslav Murunov**, Chairman of the Institute of Urban Studies of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Evgeny Komlev**, Candidate of Law, Deputy Director of the RUDN Law Institute for Research, Associate Professor of the Department of Municipal Law of the RUDN Law Institute (Russia)
- **Natalia Plavinskaya**, Director of the Department of Integrated Development of Territories, "Institute of Territorial Development" LLC (Russia)

Block G / FEA

**16:00-17:30
Hall A6**

Prospects for the development of joint projects by the BRICS+ countries in the energy sector

Co-organisers: International Business Promotion Centre, African-Russian Energy Association

Round table description:

The world is being transformed in an accelerated mode and new centres of power are becoming more noticeable in the international arena. At the same time, the process of change is accompanied by military conflicts, crises in the political, economic, and social plane. But the main question remains: on what principles should the future world order be built? What are the spiritual foundations and common values that the global community will be able to focus on in the conditions of the new model? How can the new model ensure fair cooperation and constructive development of the global community?

Moderator:

- **Andrey Gromov**, Director of the international consulting agency GR Group (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Oleg Budargin**, Deputy Chairman of the Global Organisation for Development and Cooperation in the Field of Energy Interconnections (GEIDCO) (Russia)
- **George Sebulela**, Chairman of the African United Business Confederation (South Africa, online)
- **Vitaly Nikiforov**, Head of the Department for International Activities of the FAA "RosKapStroy" (Russia)
- **Clifton Ellis**, Director of "Astel Consulting" Technology Company (Jamaica)
- **Valery Pyatnitsev**, AREA Supervisory Board Coordinator (Russia)
- **Huang Tongtong**, CEO of Beijing Zhongrong Gas Turbine Co., Ltd (China)
- **Yulia Berg**, CEO of IBAC (Russia)
- **Alexander Kucherskoy**, CEO of "TK-Energostroy" LLC (Russia)
- **Suli Suliman**, CEO of SENABIL Foreign Trade Agency JSC (Turkey)

- **Sergey Petryaev**, Deputy Chairman of the Eurasian Confederation (Russia)
- **Vladimir Toshchenko**, CEO of Arctic Power Capital (Russia)
- **Alexander Patrushev**, Chairman of the NGO "League of Professionals" (Russia)
- **Vitaly Trukhin**, Deputy CEO of New Energy Solutions LLC (Russia)
- **Elena Demchenko**, Adviser to the Director of the FAA "RosKapStroy" (Russia)

Block D / Healthy cities

16.00 – 17.30
Hall A1

Pulmonology in applied medicine. Modern trends

Co-organisers: Committee for Healthcare of Saint Petersburg, "City Multidisciplinary Hospital 2", First Pavlov State Medical University of Saint Petersburg of the Ministry of Health of Russia

Round table description:

The participants of the round table will discuss current development trends and achievements in the field of pulmonology. The main directions of structural changes in the organisation of specialised medical care in the field of "pulmonology" in the region, as a reflection of global trends, the best practices of leading medical institutions and centres - all of this will be presented. To share the accumulated experience of effective work, to acquire a new one when communicating with representatives of medical science and applied healthcare from the BRICS countries – that is the main purpose of the round table.

Moderator:

- **Olga Titova**, Director of the Pulmonology Research Institute of the First Pavlov State Medical University of Saint Petersburg of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Natalia Kuzubova**, Head of the "Expert Centre in the "Pulmonology" field of the Saint Petersburg State Medical Institution City Multidisciplinary Hospital No. 2 (Russia)
- **Natalia Shapороva**, Head of the Department of General Medical Practice (Family Medicine), Dean of the Faculty of Postgraduate Education of the I.P. Pavlov First St. Petersburg State Medical University of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Andrey Komanenko**, Chief Physician of Saint Petersburg State Medical Institution Polyclinic No. 27 (Russia)
- **Vladimir Volchkov**, Chief Physician of Saint Petersburg State Medical Institution "City Multidisciplinary Hospital No. 2" (Russia)
- **Vasily Trofimov**, Head of the Department of Hospital Therapy with the course of Allergology and Immunology named after Academician M.V. Chernorutsky with the clinic of the First St. Petersburg State Medical University named after I.P. Pavlov of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation" (Russia)

- **Mikhail Kharitonov**, Professor of the 1st Department (Advanced Medical Therapy) of the Military Medical Academy named after S.M. Kirov; Deputy Chief Pulmonologist of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Olga Sukhovskaya**, Head of the Advisory Telephone Centre for Assistance in Quitting Tobacco Consumption of Saint Petersburg Research Institute of Phthisiopulmonology of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation (Russia)
- **Yana Kozlova**, Professor (Allergologist, Immunologist) of the Department of Clinical Mycology, Allergology and Immunology of the I. I. Mechnikov Northwestern State Medical University (Russia)
- **Anastasia Povtoreyko**, Chief Physician of the Pskov Regional Infectious Diseases Clinical Hospital; Chief Pulmonologist of the Pskov Region (Russia)
- **Tatiana Stepanenko**, Head of the Pulmonology Department of Saint Petersburg State Medical Institution "City Multidisciplinary Hospital No. 2" (Russia)
- **Vitaly Sereda**, Deputy Chief Physician for Therapy-Chief Internist of LLC "My Medical Centre-High Technologies"; Professor of the Department of Hospital Therapy of the Faculty of Medicine of Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)

Block G / FEA

16.00 – 17.30
Hall B10

Russia-ASEAN: Business cooperation in a changing world

Co-organiser: Russian-Asian Business Council

Round table description:

ASEAN remains one of the friendliest regions to Russia in the world, and although the beginning of its development has become a powerful driver for the development of trade, economic and investment cooperation, the potential of bilateral cooperation is still not being realised fully. During the round table, it is planned to discuss the current state, problems and prospects for the development of bilateral business ties in the current conditions.

Moderator:

- **Maxim Kuznetsov**, Chairman of the Russian-Asian Business Council (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Daniyar Akkaziev**, Executive Director of the Russia-ASEAN Business Council (Russia)
- **Valentina Alikova**, Senior Associate of "KLS" LLC (Russia)
- **Amerigo Tatel**, Adviser to the Chairman of the Russian-Asia Business Council for the Philippines, Managing Partner of B2B Vostok Group (Philippines)
- **Alyona Shevtsova**, Partner at Skylex Group (Russia)
- **Sergey Almazov**, CEO of Delasia LLC at BRICS (Russia)
- **Andre Septiyanto**, Founder of MIR (Maju Indonesia Rusia), Head of Global Diaspora Indonesia in Russia (Indonesia)

- **Vadim Zazimko**, Executive Director of the Association "Composite Cluster of Saint Petersburg" (Russia)
- **Regina Budarina**, Deputy Chair of the Russian-Vietnamese Friendship Society (Russia, online)
- **Lubarto Sartoyo**, Member of Global Diaspora Indonesia in Russia, Head of the Committee of the Association of Exporters and Importers, Member of the Board of the Friendship Society of Russia and Indonesia (Indonesia, online)

Block C / Cities of tomorrow

16.00 – 17.30
Hall D1

Expanding horizons: Regional tourism as an engine of economic development

Session description:

Within the framework of this session, speakers will discuss how the development of tourism in the regions can become a powerful catalyst for economic growth and the creation of new jobs. Leading experts from various fields of tourism will share their experience of successful implementation of tourism development projects in their regions, as well as discuss opportunities, challenges and prospects for the field's development. Among the topics that will be covered: infrastructure, promotion and marketing, interaction with local communities, environmental and social aspects of tourism. The participants of the session will receive valuable knowledge and practical tools for creating and promoting tourism products in their regions.

Moderator:

- **Elena Dyukareva**, Vice-President of the Leningrad Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Russia)

Speakers:

- **Andrey Oberemok**, CEO of "SberAnalitika" (Russia)
- **Yuri Korobov**, Business Ambassador to Tanzania, Member of the General Council of the All-Russian Public Organisation "Business Russia" (Russia)
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