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## SAINT PETERSBURG, OCTOBER 5

### X ANNIVERSARY PETERSBURG INTERNATIONAL GAS FORUM

From 5 to 8 October 2021, the X Anniversary St. Petersburg International Gas Forum (SPIGF-2021) was held in St. Petersburg.

The SPIGF is the largest event in the gas industry, in which representatives of oil and gas companies, innovation centers, specialized universities and research institutes take part annually to discuss global trends and government policy in the gas industry, as well as priority industry projects.

Representatives of the UNIDO Centre in the Russian Federation (CIIC) took part in the session "Technological progress and the future of the hydrocarbon economy" with a report on the topic "The role of UNIDO in the transition to sustainable development: green innovation and energy efficiency".

One of the important directions in the transition to green energy UNIDO considers the development of hydrogen energy. In this regard, UNIDO launched a global program to promote the use of green hydrogen in industry in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

The participants also expressed the opinion that Russia could take steps towards solar and lithium batteries production as well as wind energy market development and nickel mining, provided that it makes timely investments in these areas.

All session participants, however, agreed with the opinion that the problem of reducing CO2 emissions cannot be solved without active international cooperation.

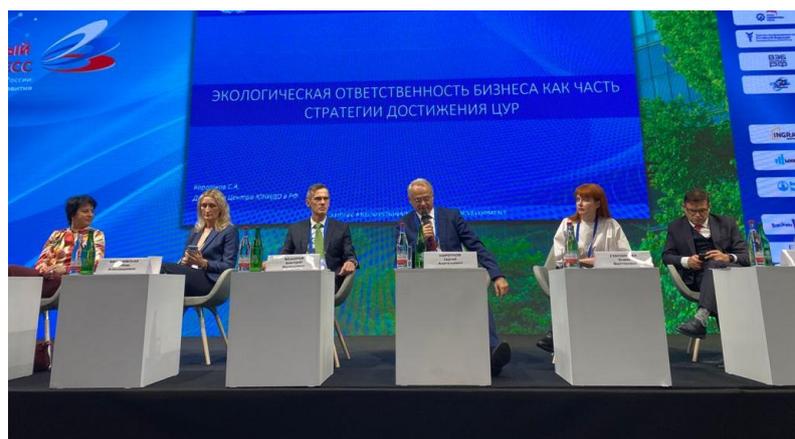
The Forum's exposition was attended by 370 companies from different countries. The exhibition covered all areas of the oil and gas industry - from production to consumption, including the use of the capabilities of supercomputers and neural networks in the development of the gas industry.

## MOSCOW, OCTOBER 6

### XVI NATIONAL CONGRESS

From 5 to 6 October 2021, the 16th National Congress was held at the Digital Leadership Center, Moscow. The organizers of the Congress were ANO Initiative and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation. This year, the main theme of the National Congress-2021 was "Comprehensive modernization of industries."

As part of the session "Environmental responsibility of business", speakers discussed the economic and reputational benefits of environmentally responsible business, the principles of the ESG agenda, promising eco-projects for SMEs, the tasks of reducing the carbon footprint in industry and many others.



The session was moderated by Dmitry Fedorov, director of ANO "Green Civilization", head of regional development of the interregional environmental public organization "ECA".

Within the framework of the session, a report was made by the UNIDO CIIC in the Russian Federation on the topic "Environmental responsibility of business as part of the strategy for achieving the SDGs". Thus, it was noted that one of the activities of UNIDO is to support Impact Investing as part of a social and environmentally responsible business. Impact investing is carried out in companies, organizations and foundations with the aim of creating measurable, socially or environmentally beneficial impacts, as well as to obtain financial returns.

In addition, the participants discussed the topic of environmental investments of the state budget. On the one hand, the government pays attention to the solution of many environmental problems, financing projects at the federal, inter-regional and ministerial levels. However, in order to achieve ambitious goals, it is also necessary to attract private investment.

The Russian Ecological Society quotes its executive director Yulia Filatkina:

"Non-commercial projects in the field of ecology and sustainable development for business are always about money. Individual managers and shareholders of the company may be personally interested in one or another environmental agenda (climate change, separate waste collection, protection of the Red Book animals, etc.), but the company's strategy as a whole is always aimed at increasing profits, economic growth, entering new markets. Therefore, when choosing a non-commercial project, the business is guided by how support for this project will help it to solve these problems. "

## MOSCOW, OCTOBER 8

### INDUSTRIAL CYBER SECURITY ISSUES DISCUSSED ON VISION ZERO DIGITAL PLATFORM

On October 19, the VZ Digital platform hosted the Industrial Cybersecurity event, in which invited experts talked about their experience and successful cases.

The event was attended by:

Nikolay Pavlin - Head of Technology Department, NOVA

Sergey Korotkov - Director of the UNIDO Center for International Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation

Andrey Suvorov - General Director of NPO APROTECH

At the end of September, within the framework of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly, the global challenges of the new era were discussed. The global community is more aware than ever of the need for digital security.

"The Russian Federation is in favor of agreeing on the UN platform on ways to ensure international information security," said Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. According to the head of the Russian Foreign Ministry, in this matter, the criterion should be universal agreements that allow considering any concerns in a transparent manner, based on facts.



One of the most important tasks of UNIDO is to promote the implementation of best technological practices towards a green circular economy while maintaining a high level of safety in industrial systems. This, in turn, requires the training of appropriate personnel. These are trainings and full-scale courses, and from the point of view of infrastructural changes - the creation of specialized industrial hubs, Technoparks, the development of Smart Cities projects. All these areas are actively supported by UNIDO.

In cooperation with Aprotect, UNIDO supported the development of information security awareness courses for industrial enterprises based on the latest research. The course is aimed at acquiring competent knowledge of the aspects of cybersecurity.

For its part, UNIDO also carries out a number of trainings aimed at increasing competencies in the

context of the 4th industrial revolution. Including responsible investment and energy management.

Vision Zero Digital is a unique online platform that brings together specialists in the field of labor protection, health and safety, and environmental protection. More than 40 events will take place on the platform throughout the year.

## MOSCOW, OCTOBER 12

### INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL FORUM "ECO-MONITORING"

On October 12-13, the RF Chamber of Commerce and Industry hosted an event dedicated to the digitalization of monitoring of discharges and emissions of industrial enterprises - the International Technological Forum-Exhibition "Digital Eco-Monitoring of Emissions and Discharges in 2021-2022."

The organizers were Digital Eco-Monitoring, a developer of a platform for digital environmental monitoring, together with the European-Russian Business Association ERBA and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation. The forum discussed legislative initiatives, organizational and technological issues and requirements for environmental monitoring, as well as digital technologies and software for environmental monitoring of emissions and discharges from industrial enterprises with facilities of I and II categories.

Representatives of the UNIDO Center in the Russian Federation took part in the forum.

In addition, it is known that the Digital Eco-Monitoring Company next year will launch a series of pilot projects with factories and settlements. Demonstration monitoring services were developed for Moscow, Chelyabinsk, Perm, Ryazan. Now "Digital Eco-Monitoring" is working to increase the number of digital and intelligent services that are focused on use in the urban environment.

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## MOSCOW, OCTOBER 14

### FIRST RUSSIAN INTERNATIONAL OPEN CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ESG TRANSFORMATION

On October 14, MGIMO hosted the First Russian International Open Conference on Sustainable Development and ESG Transformation.

Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO Center for International Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation, took part in the section "Green transition or a new phase of trade wars - the role of green diplomacy". In his speech, he noted the significant role of international organizations of the UN structure in solving environmental and economic problems, spoke about UNIDO's initiatives to strengthen cooperation with government agencies and large industrial enterprises in order to harmonize efforts to reduce the carbon footprint and green transformation. The section was moderated by I.A. Guliev.

The conference also hosted a plenary session of RAMI "Sustainable Development - a Platform for Broad International Dialogue", a plenary session of the First Russian Open International Conference on Sustainable Development and ESG Transformation, as well as a section "Sustainable Development and ESG Transformation: Challenges and Opportunities for Business "And" Science and education in sustainable development "and others.



Among the conference participants, Minister of Foreign Affairs S.V. Lavrov, rector of MGIMO A.V. Torkunov, Special Representative of the President of Russia for Relations with International Organizations to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals A.B. Chubais, Deputy Chairman of the Milli Mejlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan A.A. Aliyev, First Deputy Chairman of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan S. Safayev, President of the Paris Peace Forum, Honorary President of the Jacques Delors P. Lamy Institute, Chancellor of Austria (2000-2007) V. Schussel.

## MOSCOW, OCTOBER 19

### XIV CONGRESS ASSEMBLY ICIE

On October 19, 2021, XIV Assembly took place at the headquarters of the International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs. The event was held both virtually and offline. 39 member organizations of the Congress from 21 countries of Europe and Asia were represented, a large group of invited partners of the ICIE was present.

The participants of the Assembly considered a series of topical issues of international economic cooperation in the development of the activities of the Congress at the present stage.

The main issue on the agenda was the discussion of opportunities and proposals for enhancing the interaction of members and partners of the ICIE with the business community of the city of Moscow. President of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry Vladimir Platonov and Acting Head of the Department of Foreign Economic and International Relations of the Moscow Government Igor Tkach spoke about the opportunities and preferences available in the Moscow metropolis for foreign and Russian business partners represented in the ICIE, made serious and weighty proposals on the most actual problems and specific projects of joint work. In the message delivered by the President of the International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs Artem Chaika, it was noted that the organization actively cooperates with the authorities and business public structures of

Moscow, through its member organizations and working bodies it conducts a number of practical projects in the field of construction, medicine, housing and communal services. economy, digitalization of the city infrastructure.

A number of the most promising of them were told by the Chairman of the ICIE Committee on Assistance to Entrepreneurial Structures in the Construction Industry, the head of the 3SGroup company Ruslan Seyukov and the founder of the Intermobility Group of Companies Daniil Titarenko.

The analysis of the current state of affairs in the world economy, including the problems and prospects of its development in the post-pandemic period, sounded in the information and expert message of the Director General of the International Research Institute of Management Problems, Academician of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences Alexander Ageev. The topic was continued by Anatoly Kinakh, President of the Ukrainian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs.

First Executive Vice President of the ICIE Vyacheslav Pshenichnikov spoke about the main plans of the Congress for the coming 2022, as well as the necessary measures to revitalize the ICIE in the near future.

Vladimir Remyga, Chairman of the ICIE Coordinating Council for interaction with business associations of Asian countries, informed the participants of the statutory event of the Congress about the plans and results of the work that the Coordinating Council continues to conduct, despite the difficult period associated with the pandemic. Particular emphasis in his speech was placed on interaction with partners from the People's Republic of China.

From the side of the Chinese colleagues - Director General of the China International Investment Corporation "Huaming" Mr. Li Zheng and the head of the Association for Research and Promotion of the Strategy "One Belt One Way" Mr. Chen Zhigang - promising and large-scale proposals were made for members and partners of the Congress.

The received statements on the intention to join the ranks of the ICIE of the Russian companies LLC "Medved" (General Director - Kirill Shumkov) and LLC "TVP GROUP" (General Director - Alexander Dyug) were supported. The heads of the adopted organizations were presented with official certificates of membership in the ICIE.

On all issues on the agenda of the Assembly, appropriate decisions were made, which are published on the Congress website.

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MOSCOW, OCTOBER 27

## EAEU BUSINESS FORUM "INTEGRATION": NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANDING COOPERATION

On October 27, the EAEU Business Forum "Integration" was held in Moscow at the President-Hotel Group of Companies. The Forum was organized by the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Alpha Corporation for the Promotion of Economic Activity of Entrepreneurs.



The Forum is an international discussion platform aimed to gather discussions on current problems and prospects of industrial and economic cooperation, as well as the development of interaction between entrepreneurs in the EAEU and friendly countries. Within the framework of

the 2021 Forum, joint measures of the EAEU were discussed to overcome the negative consequences of the pandemic, the development of priority, high-performance sectors of the economy, stimulation of joint research and development, as well as the role of digital and "green" technologies in the development of sectors of the economy.

Representatives of the UNIDO Center in the Russian Federation took part in the Forum.

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5-6 NOVEMBER

## III INTERNATIONAL MUNICIPAL FORUM OF THE BRICS COUNTRIES

On November 5-6, 2021, the III International Municipal Forum of the BRICS countries was held online in St. Petersburg. The event is annual and is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Federal Agency Rosstrudnichestvo and the Government of St. Petersburg.

This year, the forum participants considered issues of sustainable development of territories, digitalization of state and municipal services, innovative development of medicine and quality of life, measures to support and develop sports culture and infrastructure in regions and municipalities, and other topical issues. The forum was attended by 235 speakers, as well as over 4.5 thousand spectators. The participants were representatives of the five countries, as well as Italy, Spain, Brazil, Argentina, Mali, Peru, Nigeria, Mongolia, Mexico, Egypt, Germany, Estonia, Finland, Denmark, Austria. In the course of the work, a number of agreements were signed between regions and municipalities.

Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO CIIC in the Russian Federation, moderated the session "New technologies and methods for the rehabilitation and conservation of water resources", which discussed issues of state policy in the field of rehabilitation and conservation of freshwater

resources, as well as the creation of an international system of financing the industry.

IMF BRICS is being held in St. Petersburg for the third time. The 2022 Forum is scheduled for September 14-15. With a favorable development of the epidemiological situation, the event will be held in full-time format.

## GLASGOW, 8 NOVEMBER

### COP26 ENERGY TRANSITION DISCUSSION

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Representatives of the UNIDO Center in the Russian Federation took part in the Energy Transition round table within the framework of the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26). UN Goodwill Ambassador Vyacheslav Fetisov opened round tables.

Within the framework of the round table, such issues as: energy transition, hydrogen and nuclear energy, oil and gas industry, problems of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and methane leakage were discussed.

Among the speakers were Hasseldin Stewart, Professor of Carbon Capture and Storage, University of Edinburgh, Harrison Gareth, Head of the Department of Electricity, University of Edinburgh, Edelgeriev Ruslan Sayd-Khusainovich, Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation on Climate Issues and others.

Roundtables on energy transition, responsible financing and sustainable development of the Arctic region received more than 10,000 views on the day of the live broadcast. The final results of the discussions will subsequently be sent to the UNFCCC Secretariat and the President of the Russian Federation.

## MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 10-12

### INTERNATIONAL FORUM - WORLD QUALITY DAY

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On November 10-12, an international forum "World Quality Day - 2021" was held in Moscow with the support of the UN.

The forum was organized by the Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade, Roskachestvo, Rosstandart and Rosaccreditation, NSC, with the support of the European Organization for Quality and the Asia-Pacific Organization for Quality, the Roscongress Foundation and the Russian Society "Knowledge".

The main topics of the forum were the best practices for improving the quality and efficiency of business processes in various industries.

The UNIDO CIIC in the Russian Federation representatives took part in the section "International practices in the field of increasing the level of business excellence of organizations". The section was moderated by Pavel Titov, President of the All-Russian public organization "Business Russia", President of PJSC "Abrau-Dyurso". Among the speakers were Ulf Gustavsson, Secretary General of the European Organization for Quality, Pedro Saravia, Vice President of the Portuguese Organization for Quality (APQ), Avelino Brito, Director of the Spanish Association for Quality (AEC), and others.

At the section, a report was made on UNIDO's international experience in standardization in the field of environmental performance of industrial enterprises. In particular, UNIDO is developing the QI4SD Quality Infrastructure for Sustainable Development Index. The index allows you to assess the general state of development of a country and / or region and the readiness of the quality infrastructure (QI) to support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

According to the organizers, the forum attracted more than 30 thousand people, among whom were heads of organizations and enterprises,

quality specialists and representatives of foreign organizations and alliances in the field of quality.

## MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 12

### ALL-RUSSIAN FORUM "B2CDTO: BUSINESS PRACTICES FOR THE DIGITAL STATE"

On November 12, the Russia Segodnya Press Center, with the support of VimpelCom, hosted the B2CDTO forum - business practice for the digital state. The forum was organized by the Digital Economy Development Fund, Forum.Digital company.

Within the framework of the forum, participants discussed digital technologies that allow to optimize the processes of public administration and planning: platforms for the provision of public services, digital monitoring and decision-making systems, electronic services in the field of public safety, transport, ecology and energy, electronic document management platforms. The participants of the sections discussed the future of digitalization in such areas as artificial intelligence, Big Data, Internet of Things, 5G.



Director of the UNIDO CIIC in the Russian Federation Sergey Korotkov took part in the “Big Data” section with a report on “Digitalization and business. UNIDO Approach”. In his report, Mr. Korotkov spoke about measures to promote the dissemination of advanced digital production

technologies (ADP). In particular, UNIDO annually holds a competition for innovative projects and technologies for sustainable development UNIDO GLOBAL CALL. This year, RUNWITHIT Synthetics won one of the prizes in the category “Decarbonization of a growing urban environment”, using an artificial intelligence (AI) system to create living digital laboratories of the future, focused on specific cities and regions.

The event was attended by representatives of 51 regions, regional governors and heads of republics, heads of digital transformation of federal and regional authorities, heads of leading technology companies, developers of technologies, solutions, platforms, integrators and consultants, representatives of the expert community, universities and scientific organizations.

## DUBAI, 22-27 NOVEMBER

### GMIS2021

The IV World Manufacturing and Industrialization Summit (GMIS2021) was held from 22 to 27 November in Dubai, UAE. This year, the Summit was held in parallel with EXPO 2020 (previously postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic) under the patronage of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and ruler of Dubai. The main theme for this year was “Restructuring Societies: Using Digital Technologies to Thrive”.

GMIS 2021 is a joint initiative of UNIDO and the United Arab Emirates' Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology that will bring together again government leaders, policy makers, the private sector, academia and civil society from around the world to collaborate to achieve an inclusive and sustainable future of manufacturing.

The GMIS program included lectures, panel discussions, fireplace talks and interviews with some of the most prominent industry leaders, as well as working groups, interactive workshops, youth sessions and events related to GMIS initiatives such as the Mohammed bin Rashid

Initiative (MBR) for Global Prosperity and the Green Chain Decarbonization Initiative.

“GMIS is instrumental in building the strong partnerships, networks and collaborative initiatives needed in the digital age as we accelerate sustainable solutions and transform the world to address the biggest challenge of the 2030 Agenda, including SDG 9. To achieve this digital transformation, we must work closely with private



sector partners, governments and academia. GMIS2021 will be a catalyst for transformative ideas and actions,” said UNIDO Director Lee Yong.

The themes of cooperation and sustainability were highlighted in the keynote speech by the Minister of Industry and Advanced Technologies and GMIS Co-Chair Dr. Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber. He spoke about the challenges faced by the industrial and commercial sector during the COVID-19 period and what is now required to resume growth and stimulate opportunities. "For industry leaders, the lesson of recovery from the pandemic is clear: true recovery requires resilience," he said, adding that industrial progress "depends on smart partnerships."

Within the framework of GMIS2021, discussions took place on such topics as “Society 5.0: Building Smart Societies”, “Energy as a Service (EaaS):

Digitalization of the Electricity Industry”, “Demystifying the Blockchain: Optimizing Supply Chains” and many others.

With the support of the UNIDO CIIC in the Russian Federation, a section “Cybersecurity: Trust in zero trust” was organized with the participation of Andrey Suvorov, General Director of the NGO Adaptive Industrial Technologies (Aprotech).

Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO CIIC in the Russian Federation, also took part in the GMIS events. In the section “Managing health and safety in a cyber-physical environment” Sergey Anatolyevich, together with other participants, discussed the possibilities of digital technologies in improving the safety of employees, in particular workers in factories, as well as the importance of human-machine interfaces for new standards and rules of labor protection, issues of increasing competence and staff training in new digital environments.

Participants and guests of the Summit also attended #GMIS2021, which was held at the Dubai Exhibition Center.

GMIS2021 brought together global leaders, business leaders and business executives, civil society representatives and many others to study the leading technological, industrial and political trends that will shape the post-pandemic response to create a more sustainable future.

## MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 30

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT LEADERS NAMED 2021

On November 30, 2021, the results of the open competition of the best Russian practices and ideas "Leaders of Sustainable Development" (LUR), organized by Strategy Partners (part of the Sberbank ecosystem) and the New Digital agency with the information support of the UNIDO Center for International Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation and in partnership with the UN RAS.

The main goal of the Competition is to select and popularize the best Russian projects in the field of sustainable development, as well as to increase their environmental, economic and social efficiency.

The federal research "Readiness for ESG-transformation of companies and industries", conducted by Strategy Partners, confirms the high assessment, relevance and importance of all ESG - areas for business. Most of the surveyed companies pay special attention to caring for employees and society (Social) - over 74% of companies. Improving the quality of corporate governance (Governance), as a top priority, is noted by more than 66% of companies. Environmental protection as the main focus of the ESG agenda is highlighted by 55% of survey participants.

"Many Russian companies today are implementing successful ESG initiatives, reflecting their increased responsibility for the impact on society and the environment. ESG leaders already today demonstrate global thinking and offer systemic solutions in the environment and social sphere that affect the entire supply chain or even entire industries," notes Aleksey Prazdnichnykh, Partner at Strategy Partners, executive director of the Eurasian Institute for Competitiveness of Countries (ECI).

More than 100 applications were received for the Leaders of Sustainable Development competition from companies, corporations, public organizations, representatives of NGOs, scientific and educational institutions, the media, representatives of municipalities, students and young entrepreneurs with implemented or partially implemented projects in the Russian Federation. Anastasia Popova, Founder and Head of the Sustainable Development Services Ecosystem +1, noted that "every such competition and award is, first of all, an industry development institution".

The selection of the best projects took place in two main categories: PLANET (projects related to resource efficiency and the climate agenda) and SOCIETY (projects aimed at solving social

problems). The organizers of the competition specially highlighted a separate category GENERATION OF THE FUTURE, dedicated to the projects of young specialists, which was implemented within the framework of the program "University Leaders of the SDGs of Russia".

"When analyzing the projects submitted to the Competition, priority was first of all given to large-scale initiatives to transform economic sectors with the involvement of all key players, which are being implemented outside the ESG agenda of one company," Aleksey Prazdnichnykh comments on the jury's decision.

In turn, Elena Verkhovskaya, General Director of New Digital, noted the diversity of the participants' projects: "Today, the global and local ESG agenda forces companies to transform their strategies, introduce environmental innovations and projects in the field of sustainable development, and strengthen responsible management. Big business has a lot of opportunities for this - resources, a strong corporate culture, and a technological base. However, today you don't have to be a large company to create value for the planet, society and people. Among the projects participating in the competition were not only amazing large-scale and scalable stories of large corporations, but also unique small initiatives that are at the same time becoming the leaders of significant change. "

Sustainable development leaders in the Planet nomination are projects aimed at solving environmental problems:

1st place: the X5 Group project "Detailed recommendations for suppliers on sustainable packaging" and the Digital Ecology project from the Big Three.

The 2nd place was given to projects implementing solutions for the closed-cycle economy: "Service for accepting furniture for recycling" by IKEA and the project "Paperwork" by OPTICOM.

The 3rd place was taken by the project of the ARSKA Technologies company "Autoclave sorting of MSW with subsequent processing of polymer waste by the method of chemical recycling".

In the "Society" nomination, the places were distributed as follows:

1st place: DonorSearch - the largest blood donation project in Russia from the Donor-Search Association.

2nd place: Educational online platform "Lift to the Future" by AFK Sistema.

3rd place: TSQ consulting project "Kind Hare" for the chain of stores "Magnit" and social service "Cashback for the Good" of Tinkoff company.

In the "Generation of the Future" nomination, the leaders are:

1st place - the project "Ecosystem CTNFC - Carbotechnological Fuel Neutral Cycle" from the students of the Moscow State Technical University. N.E. Bauman.

2nd place - the project "Technology for the integrated use of the resource potential of biogas of MSW landfills" from a postgraduate student of the Institute of Ecology of the RUDN University.

3rd place - the project "Climatic scales" from the "Week of Sustainable Development of St. Petersburg State University".

The competition was held in a partner cooperation with the UN RAS and with information support from the UNIDO Center for International Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation.

Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO Center for International Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation, noted: "The Sustainable Development Leaders competition is an important step towards achieving the SDGs, the main result of which is the popularization of socially significant environmental initiatives, educational projects and technological solutions. In the projects presented, many interesting ideas and projects were announced, the implementation of which will undoubtedly bring great benefits to society and the environment in the long term. "

In turn, when summing up the results of the competition, Alexey Borisov, First Deputy Chairman of the UN RAS, Vice-President of the World Federation of UN Associations, Head of the UNESCO Chair at MGIMO of the Russian Foreign Ministry, commented: "Having supported this Competition, we express our readiness to present on international platforms as projects that have global scaling, and local projects, which are now included in the shortlist of the Competition. "

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## MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 30

### PCB PROJECT WON'S ECOWORLD2021 AWARD

The project, implemented by the UNIDO Center for International Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation, received a diploma from a prestigious environmental competition. The UNIDO / GEF project "Environmentally sound regulation and final destruction of PCBs at the enterprises of Russian Railways and other owners" was awarded in the EcoWorld-2021 International Competition, held by the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences.

Competition participants are awarded for outstanding achievements in environmental protection and environmental safety, education, new technologies, as well as in other environmental activities aimed at sustainable development.

The aim of the project is to create a system for the management of PCBs in the Russian Federation within the framework of the implementation of the provisions of the Stockholm Convention on POPs. The project provides for the creation of a system for the identification of PCBs in insulating liquids of electrical equipment, as well as subsequent labeling and disposal of PCBs in an environmentally friendly way. The project is the first phase of a nationwide program to phase out the use of PCBs in all industries.

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