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MOSCOW, 10 AUGUST

The General Meeting of FBA EAC members was held

On August 10, 2022, the General Meeting of the Association members was held at the headquarters of the Financial and Business Association of Euro-Asian Cooperation (FBA EAC) in Moscow. The subject of discussion was the election of the President of the FBA EAC, the rotation in the membership of the Supervisory Board and the Board of the Association, as well as the issues of opening a network of regional FBA EAC Bureaus.

The Meeting was attended by 62 heads of companies representing 46 countries of the world, out of 77 registered in the Register of FBA EAC members.

Alexander Kotlyarsky, the First Vice-President of the FBA EAC, in his opening remarks greeted the members of the Association and the guests of the Meeting and presented the Diploma of membership to the new members of the FBA EAC. Members of the Association congratulated Anatoly Kazakov, Member of the FBA EAC Business Council, Advisor to the Office of the Chairman of the Executive Committee - CIS Executive Secretary, Chairman of the Coordinating Council of the CIS Financial and Banking Council, and Samvel Chzmachyan, Head of the Representative Office of FBA EAC in Armenia, on their 70th anniversaries.

The FBA EAC membership diploma was presented by the Association's management to the SLC-Rus Corporation. Yves Pozzo Di Borgo, Member of the FBA EAC Supervisory Board, Honorary Chairman of the Friendship Group with Central Asia in the French Senate addressed the participants of the Meeting with a welcoming speech.

The first issue of the Agenda was devoted to the election of the President of the FBA EAC. Based on the voting results, Li Shobin, the founder and head of the SLC-Rus Corporation, was unanimously elected President of the Association.

Bakytzhan Sagintayev, Member of the Board (Minister) in charge of Economics and Financial Policy of the EEC, became the Chairman of the Supervisory Board.

As a result of the rotation, Anatoly Tkachuk, President of the Russian Titanium Resources Group, became a member of the FBA EAC Board.



FBA EAC meeting participants

The project of opening a network of FBA EAC Regional Bureaus was presented by FBA EAC General Director Oleg Berezovoy. As a result of a comprehensive discussion, the Meeting decided to entrust the FBA EAC Administration with the development and implementation of this project.

In conclusion, the Acting President of FBA EAC, Alexander Kotlyarsky, warmly thanked the participants of the Extraordinary General Meeting and expressed confidence that the decisions taken at the Meeting would become a new milestone in the history of FBA EAC.

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MOSCOW, 19 AUGUST

The development of the "Safe City" system was discussed at the III International Fire and Rescue Congress

On August 19, at the Patriot Exhibition and Convention Center, Kubinka, Moscow Region, the III International Fire and Rescue Congress was held under the auspices of the Russian Emergencies Ministry. The Congress is a key professional event intended to demonstrate the results of the implementation of state policy in the field of security in various areas of life.

Within the framework of the Congress, the International Scientific and Practical Conference "Safe City" and an off-site meeting of the Council of Chief Designers of the hardware and software complex "Safe City" took place.

The following persons were invited to participate in the Plenary meeting: Denis Manturov, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation - Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation, Alexander Kurenkov, Minister of the Russian Federation for Civil Defense, Emergencies and Disaster Relief, Yury Averyanov, First Deputy Secretary of the Council Security of the Russian Federation, Ruslan Edelgeriev, Advisor to the President of the Russian Federation and others.

systems, innovative technologies and solutions in the field of ensuring the safety of the living environment and public order, as well as building a Unified Safe City system in the border areas of the Russian Federation.

Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO Centre in the Russian Federation (UNIDO CIIC), is a member of the Expert Committee on Environmental Safety to integrate efforts at the regional and municipal levels in creating a system. He supported the event and made proposals for the development of the system.

NOVOSIBIRSK, 23-26 AUGUST

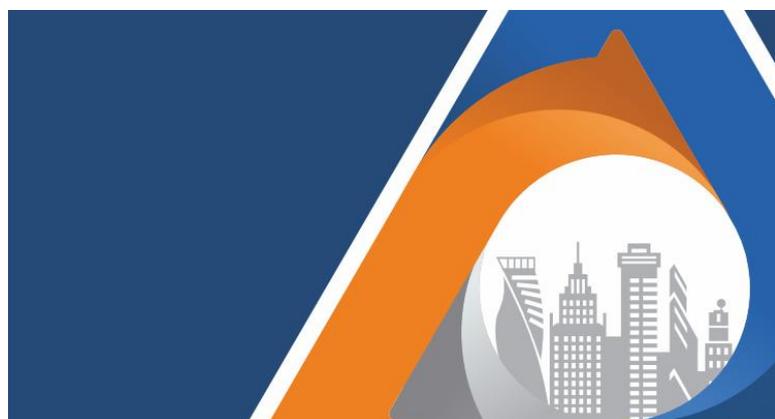
Technological sovereignty and sustainable development of Russia at the Technoprom-2022

From August 23 to 26, Novosibirsk hosted a major technological event — the IX International Technological Development Forum Technoprom-2022, organized with the support of the government of the Novosibirsk Region. The main topic of the Forum this year was "Technological Sovereignty and Sustainable Development of Russia".

The Technoprom-2022 was attended by Dmitry Chernyshenko, Deputy Prime Minister of Russia, Andrey Travnikov, Governor of the Novosibirsk Region, Valery Falkov, Minister of Science and Higher Education of Russia.

The Director of the UNIDO CIIC took part in the Panel session "International scientific, technological and entrepreneurial cooperation in the new geopolitical conditions".

In his speech, Sergey Anatolyevich spoke about the dynamics of FDI from both Russia and China as part of the One Belt, One Path Initiative and noted the importance of Russia's presence in the Central Asian region and cooperation in the BRICS+ format.



"Safe City" promo

At the conference, the participants discussed new approaches to management decision-making

“Cooperation within the BRICS+ in the current implementations can, on the one hand, be extremely promising for Russia, and on the other hand, have a certain conflict of interests in the region between Russia and China. However, with China's booming post-pandemic industry, it is important for us to maintain a certain presence in the region,” he said.



Director of the UNIDO Center in the Russian Federation Sergey Korotkov and Program Director of Technoprom 2022 Sergey Sannikov

In total, according to the organizers, about 800 speakers representing more than 60 regions of the Russian Federation took part in Technoprom-2022. More than 70 agreements were signed at the forum sites.

VIENNA, 25 AUGUST

GMIS Outcome document heralds new initiatives on digital transformation

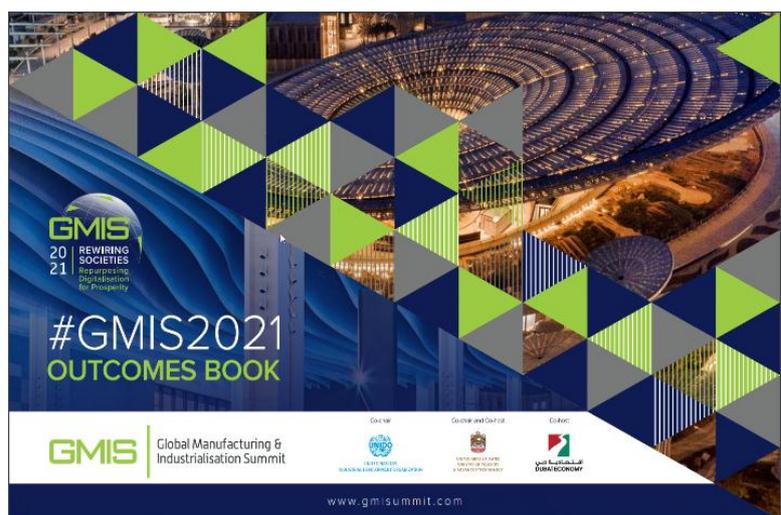
Since 2017, the Global Manufacturing and Industrialisation Summit (GMIS) has gathered policymakers, private sector leaders and academic experts to catalyze action, partnerships and networking concerning the future of manufacturing. UNIDO is a Co-Chair of GMIS, in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology of the United Arab Emirates.

GMIS 2021 took place last November, in parallel to Dubai Expo 2020, under the theme of “Rewiring societies: Repurposing digitalization for prosperity”.

As ever, the Summit featured contributions from thought leaders worldwide, including the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres; Prime Minister of Namibia, Saara Kuugongelwa; President of Mauritania, Mohamed Ould Cheikh El Ghazouani; President of Austria, Alexander van der Bellen; and US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, John Kerry, inter alia.

The Summit also featured over 250 global speakers, including five Heads of State, four Heads of United Nations entities, 16 ministers and government representatives, as well as experts from 178 countries. More than 16,000 people registered for the Summit, over 3,170 of them as in-person attendees.

UNIDO played an integral role in the programming of GMIS 2021, including the working group sessions on global industrial safety, gender empowerment within the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) and inclusive and sustainable industrial performance. A number of flagship initiatives were announced at GMIS 2021 touching upon the greening of value chains; harnessing manufacturing against global shocks; and global industrial safety, inter alia.



The next GMIS Summit is planned for 2023 and discussions are ongoing to determine the final host country candidates.

Learn more about GMIS 2021 outcome document [here](#).

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VIENNA, 16 SEPTEMBER

UNIDO and Switzerland renew commitment to promoting quality and standards

UNIDO and Switzerland, through the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), today signed the second phase of the Global Quality and Standards Programme (GQSP), a CHF 14 million (approximately US\$14.5 million) programme extension to consolidate and scale up joint work initiated in 2017.

The programme is based on UNIDO's innovative and holistic approach to quality infrastructure cum value chain development. By creating a conducive environment, raising awareness and providing support to the private sector to increase compliance with standards and good manufacturing practices, the approach strengthens the supply side and also stimulates demand for quality services.



Gerd Müller, Director General of UNIDO and Rafael Nägeli, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE, UN and others

During the first phase of the programme, the GQSP assisted 12 countries to boost their competitiveness in 16 value chains. The GQSP supports industries in achieving greater international competitiveness by strengthening their capacity to comply with quality and standards,

thereby facilitating market access for firms and ultimately increasing their exports and integration in value chains. At the same time, the programme developed global solutions for common challenges through global quality tools like the Quality Infrastructure for Sustainable Development Index and the Standards Compliance Analytics tool.

“Since its launch, the programme has strengthened over 250 quality institutions and service providers around the world. It has directly supported 275 firms, mostly small and medium-sized enterprises, in improving their operations, management practices and access to new markets”, noted Gerd Müller, Director General of UNIDO.

Recognizing the success of the first programme phase, UNIDO and SECO have agreed to continue the efforts during a second phase, with a duration of five years (2022-2027). The new programme will build on the results and impact achieved in the first phase, aiming to elevate the programme approach through continuous improvement at the thematic and operational levels to ensure that continued efforts remain effective and meet the needs of the stakeholders.

“Global programmes like the GQSP are a remarkable milestone in the long history of cooperation between SECO and UNIDO. Its comprehensive approach allows country-specific standards and quality compliance issues to be addressed while facilitating synergies, enhancing coherence among interventions and maximizing programme efficiency,” said Raphael Naegeli, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE, the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna.

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MARYINA GORKA, SEPTEMBER 23-24

The UNIDO CIIC supports the development of environmentally friendly industries and string transport in Belarus

On September 23-24, Maryina Gorka, Belarus, hosted the 5th Anniversary International Scientific and Technical Conference "Near Space Non-Rocket Industrialization: Problems, Ideas, Projects" (NRNSI 2022). The event was organized by Yunitskiy's group of companies.

The NRNSI Conference has been held since 1988 and is a unique platform for discussing topics aimed at finding the best environmental solutions and technologies for the exploration of near space within the framework of the uSpace program. However, the transition to industrial space exploration does not mean a complete rejection of industrial development on Earth. Anatoly Yunitskiy, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, General Designer of Astroengineering Technologies LLC and String Technologies CJSC, proposes to evolve the existing earth industry to more efficient and environmentally friendly industries using the following technologies:

1. transport and infrastructure complexes of the "second level" uST;
2. construction of linear uCity cities based on pedestrian and fully self-sufficient eco-oriented clusters;
3. "green" electrical and thermal energy uEnergy;
4. Biospheric agriculture based on biohumus uTerra.

The projects and technologies presented at the conference are united by the concept of the global program "EcoWorld", which involves the development of eco-oriented biospheric technologies aimed at transforming the main areas of the earth's industry, infrastructure, energy, transport, and agriculture. It involves the removal of a harmful part of the earth's industry into near-

Earth orbit with the help of a general planetary vehicle (GPV)..

Director Sergey Korotkov and representatives of the UNIDO CIIC took part in the event. In his welcoming speech, Sergei Anatolyevich noted the relevance of the task of industrial space exploration in the light of the desire of mankind to implement the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

"The tasks of industrial space exploration and the implementation of projects within the framework of the international platform EcoWorld can become an important part of the concept of sustainable development with practically applicable results," he said.

Anatoly Yunitskiy attended the event remotely and supported the discussions between the participants.

"We need to start thinking and acting on a cosmic scale. By the middle of the 21st century, a large-scale industrialization of near space should be carried out. The resources of the Solar System are enough to satisfy all the technological needs of mankind for millions of years to come. Before it's too late, it is necessary to choose the biospheric path of sustainable development of our technogenic civilization in the logic: "Earth is for life. Space is for industry," he said.



Pilot-Cosmonaut, Hero of the Russian Federation Sergey Avdeev

The event was supported by well-known scientists, public figures and business representatives. Among them, Mr. Hussein Al Mahmoudi, General Director of the Sharjah Research Technology and Innovation Park, Angelina Poteryaiko, Deputy Director of the Scientific School of Strategic Planning N.I. Veduta, Igor Babichev, Chief of Staff of the Committee on Regional Policy and Local Self-Government of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, Marina Minina, Vice President of the Arctic Public Academy of Sciences, Chairman of the Arctic Council of the Eurasian Peoples' Assembly and others.



NRNSI 2022 conference participants

The guest of honor of the event was the pilot-cosmonaut, Hero of Russia, holder of the Order of the Legion of Honor (France) Sergey Avdeev. He has more than 2 years of work on the ISS as part of international expeditions. Sergey Vasilyevich shared his experience of being in space and answered questions about how the working days of astronauts in a confined space proceeded.

Currently, Unitsky String Technologies Inc. tests and demonstrates transport and infrastructure complexes at the uSky Testing and Certification Center in the UAE (Sharjah).

As a result of the conference, the need to promote the EcoWorld program was emphasized. The importance of cooperation between countries and research institutions in the framework of non-rocket space exploration and the removal of a dangerous part of the technosphere beyond the earth's boundaries was noted.

MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 29

Experts discussed the prospects for cooperation between the banking sector and business of the Russian Federation and the Asia-Pacific region within the framework of the ESG financing and sustainable development agenda

On September 29, 2022, a side event "Cooperation between the banking sector and business of the Russian Federation and the Asia-Pacific region within the framework of the ESG finance and sustainable development agenda" was held online on the sidelines of the Third Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in the Asia-Pacific Region, UNESCAP.

The event was held by the United Nations Russian Association with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (MFA of Russia), the Embassy of the Russian Federation in the Kingdom of Thailand and Sberbank. The event was attended by experts in the field of green finance from Russia and other countries of the Asia-Pacific region (hereinafter referred to as the Asia-Pacific region), representatives of international organizations, business, government agencies, academies and the non-governmental sector.

The stated purpose of the event was to discuss the current status of cooperation in the field of sustainable finance between interested companies and regulators in Russia and the Asia-Pacific region. In addition, the event discussed potential projects and initiatives aimed at strengthening cooperation and promoting crisis resilience.

The event was opened by its moderator - First Deputy Chairman of the UN RAS, Vice-President of the World Federation of UN Associations, Head of the UNESCO Chair A.N. Borisov.

Further, Oleg Anatolyevich Shamanov, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to ESCAP, delivered a welcoming speech.

Sberbank's ESG Managing Director Milana Stanislavovna Verkhunova spoke on behalf of Sber, noting the bank's goals in the field of sustainable development and ESG transformation, the development of the ESG Policy, and achievements in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda.



Participants of the UN RAS event

UNESCAP Director of Macroeconomic Policy and Development Finance Hamza Ali Malik said ESCAP is stepping up its technical assistance in the area of sustainable finance, not only influencing policy making, but also improving the ESG investment environment. Hamza Ali Malik stressed that ESCAP works with a wide network of partners to provide training programs to governments and the private sector on sustainable finance principles, issuance processes and policy development.

VEB.RF Senior Banker Sergei Anatolyevich Storchak noted that the discussion on topics related to the efficient use of the resource possessed by Sberbank, VEB.RF, other Russian banks, as well as banks in the Asia-Pacific region, must be supported in every possible way.

Daria Arkadyevna Silkina, Head of the Sustainable Development Financing Division of the Corporate Relations Department of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, presented the activities of the Bank of Russia in the field of sustainable

development. D.A. Silkina spoke in detail about the working group on financing sustainable development of the Bank of Russia, the priorities of the Bank of Russia, participation in the development of criteria for sustainable development projects (taxonomies), the market for "green" financial instruments, regulation of the sustainable development market in Russia, green mortgage, and also about the publication of recommendations of the Bank of Russia, taking into account all international approaches.

During the Q&A session, Chief Researcher of the MGIMO Center for Sustainable Development K.E. Turbina, UNIDO National Expert I.N. Seregin, President of the Thai-Russian Chamber of Commerce V.E. Dyukarev.

Ivan Seregin, in his speech, noted megatrends in the post-pandemic future according to the UNIDO report on industrial development.

"According to the report (*UNIDO - ed. note*), digitalization, green industry and the global shift of power towards Asia are identified as megatrends that will affect industrial development in the post-pandemic future. ", - he said.

First Deputy Chairman of the UN RAS, Vice President of the World Federation of UN Associations, Head of the UNESCO Chair A.N. Borisov summed up the event, noting the need for further development of cooperation between Russia and the banking sector and business of the Asia-Pacific countries in order to increase resilience to crises.

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