



INTERNATIONAL FORUM

“Eurasia: space for business and cooperation”

13 March 2019

14:00–16:00

Venue: The Ritz-Carlton Moscow, 3 Tverskaya str., Ballroom-II

Growing geopolitical tensions, escalating trade and investment protectionism, the WTO crisis and erosion of international economic relationship rules affect business environment, undermine the credibility of international governance and curb economic growth. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) forecast global growth is projected at 3.7 percent for 2019 and 3.6 percent for 2023. Russia is expected to grow by 1.8 percent in 2019 and 1.2 percent in 2023, respectively.

The Forum aims to discuss the global and regional trends of economic and business development, the priorities for business and government cooperation to achieve sustainable growth at a higher than the world average growth rate and join the top five largest economies. These goals can be attained only on the basis of technical modernization, transition to the sustainable energy models, increasing productivity and boosting infrastructure investment. To achieve these goals it is vital to ensure expansion of international cooperation, the Russian companies' integration into regional and global value chains (GVCs) and new markets, and competitive attractiveness of the national economy for foreign investors.

What is the business vision of the international cooperation priorities? Can Russia and the EU reset their relationships? Can deepening of integration in the Eurasian economic union (EAEU) become a factor of the EAEU member-countries competitiveness? Is it possible to build a common economic space from Lisbon to Vladivostok or has this concept become a utopia? What are the prospects of the Comprehensive Eurasian Partnership? What factors define business strategies in Eurasia? How can the business provide an impulse to positive changes in international economic relations? These topics among others will be discussed by the Forum participants.

Moderator: Professor Alexey MASLOV, Head, School of Asian Studies, Faculty of World Economy and International Affairs, National Research University Higher School of Economics

Invited speakers:

Mr. Vladimir BULAVIN, Head of the Federal Customs Service of the Russian Federation

Mr. Oleg GOSHCHANSKY, Chairman and Managing Partner, KPMG in Russia and the CIS

Mr. Alexey GRUZDEV, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation

Mr. Timur MAKSIMOV, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Ms. Karine MINASYAN, Board member (Minister) for the Internal Markets, Informatization, Information and Communication Technologies, Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC)

Mr. Alexander PANKIN, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Mr. Oleg PASHAEV, Senior Vice President for Sales and Supplies, PJSC LUKOIL

Mr. Ivan POLYAKOV, CEO of the Interstate Development Corporation; the Chairman of the Russia-ASEAN Business Council of the CCI of Russia

Mr. Ulf SCHNEIDER, Managing Partner, SCHNEIDER GROUP

Mr. Daisuke SAITO, Head, of the Japan Association for Trade with Russia and NIS (ROTOBO) in Moscow

Mr. Alexander SHOKHIN, President, Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP)

Mr. Frank SCHAUFF, Director General, Association of European Businesses (AEB)

Mr. Victor VEKSELBERG, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Renova Group; President, Skolkovo Foundation; Chairman, RSPP International Cooperation Committee

Mr. XU Jinli, Head of Representative Office, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT)