



International cooperation to achieve the SDGs during COVID-19 pandemic: current challenges and prospects

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One of the dramatic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic has been the worldwide lockdown. Governments have introduced severe restrictions on the movement of people, goods, and vehicles to slow down the rapid spread of the virus among population. In addition to the decline in global trade (in 2020, trade in goods has fallen by 8%, trade in commercial services – by 21%), collapse of some service markets (tourist services decreased by 62.2%) and the disruption of international production chains due to difficulties in logistics; international cooperation in solving global and regional development problems has received a significant blow. The initial focus on solving the problems associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, only by using internal resources eventually did not show its effectiveness, but at the same time made it necessary to take a fresh look at the existing system of international cooperation for sustainable development (SDG 17).

Issues for discussion:

1. Reasons of suspension of the international cooperation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development implementation.
2. Principles of international partnership to SDGs promotion in the new economic and social reality.
3. The platform approach as an effective tool for international cooperation to achieve the SDGs.
4. The role of international organizations, development institutions and regional integration associations to SDG 17 implementation.
5. The role of entrepreneurship in SDGs promotion and establishing an effective international dialogue

Considering the importance and complexity of ensuring sustainable development in a period of profound socio-economic shocks and changes, international cooperation and the creation of a platform for experience sharing get a crucial role.

The side-event is aimed at bringing together representatives of executive authorities, development institutions, integration associations and businesses to identify the most comprehensive approach to solve problems of global economic development and exchange the best practices in SDGs implementation and monitoring.

*The side-event will be held in an online mode

Timing (draft program)

16:15 – 16:25 (Bangkok time)	<p>Welcoming address</p> <p>Mr. Sergei Glazyev, Member of the Board (Minister) in charge of Integration and Macroeconomics, Eurasian Economic Commission</p> <p>Mr. Askar Japparkulov, Director of the Macroeconomic Policy Department, Eurasian Economic Commission (moderator)</p>
16:25 – 16:35	<p>Mr. Muratbek Azymbakiev, Deputy Secretary General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation</p> <p><i>Topic: "Approaches and principles of interaction within the SCO framework in the period of COVID-19"</i></p>
16:35 – 16:45	<p>Ms. Fathimath Niuma, Deputy Minister of National Planning, Housing and Infrastructure of the Republic of Maldives</p>
16:45 – 16:55	<p>Dr. Ahmad Zafarullah Abdul Jalil, Director of the ASEAN Integration Monitoring Directorate, ASEAN Secretariat</p> <p><i>Topic: "Opportunities and principles for the development of international cooperation for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the post-pandemic world"</i></p>
16:55 – 17:05	<p>Ms. Irina Gaida, Director of Energy Centre, School of Management SKOLKOVO</p> <p><i>Topic: "Reasons for the decline of international cooperation for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development implementation"</i></p>
17:05 – 17:15	<p>Mr. Yaroslav Lissovolik, Programme Director of the Valdai Discussion Club</p> <p><i>Topic: "The role of platforms for regional integration associations and development institutions in achieving the SDGs"</i></p>
17:15 – 17:25	<p>Mr. Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO Centre for International Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation</p> <p><i>Topic: "UNIDO's role in the transition to sustainable development: measures for achieving sustainable development during the pandemic"</i></p>
17:25 – 17:35	<p>Ms. Tatiana Zavyalova, Senior Vice President for ESG, Sberbank</p>
17:35 – 17:45	<p>Mr. Amangeldy Issenov, Vice Chairman of the Management Board, Eurasian Development Bank</p>
17:45 – 17:55	<p>Ms. Anastasia Nesvetailova, Head of Macroeconomic and Development Policies Branch, UNCTAD</p>
17:55 – 18:10	<p>Discussion, concluding remarks</p> <p>Mr. Sergei Glazyev, Member of the Board (Minister) in charge of Integration and Macroeconomics, Eurasian Economic Commission</p> <p>Mr. Askar Japparkulov, Director of the Macroeconomic Policy Department, Eurasian Economic Commission</p>

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Simultaneous translation will be provided.