



Russia House Programme during the World Economic Forum in Davos

22–26 January 2018, Davos

23 January 2018

16:00–17:00
Conference Hall 2
(Level -1)

Panel session
Russia and the Global Digital Agenda

Russia is a major player in global information technology with scientists, startups, and major companies all contributing innovations in a diverse array of areas – from blockchain and fintech to cyber security and smart city technologies. What are the most recent 'Made in Russia' innovations to enter the global marketplace? What role are Russia's cities playing in the deployment and scaling of new technologies?

Panelists:

Alexander Borodich, Founder, Universa Blockchain Platform

Sergey Cheremin, Minister of the Moscow City Government and Head of the Moscow City Foreign Economic and International Relations Department

Sergey Gorkov, Chairman, Bank for Development and Foreign Economic Affairs (Vnesheconombank)

Alexander Ivanov, Founder and CEO, Waves Platform

Andrey Kuzyaev, President, ER-Telecom Holding

Nikolay Nikiforov, Minister of Telecom and Mass Communications of the Russian Federation

Kirill Varlamov, Director, Internet Initiatives Development Fund

Moderator:

Tom Blackwell, CEO, EM

24 January 2018

11:00–12:30
Conference Hall 2
(Level -1)

Panel session
Russian Competitiveness in the Global Energy Sector

In an era of growing competition in energy markets, Russia holds an uncontested advantage in its first-class resource base, geographical location, and attractive regulatory system. The Russian fuel and energy sector is attractive to investors in all key regions, from the point of view of both its development potential and valuations of its assets. What steps should be taken by Russian companies (and by the government in support of them) to leverage Russia's experience and competitive advantages in organizing and managing complex technical solutions? How can advantages in the energy sector be leveraged to stimulate the development of related industries? How are technical innovations impacting the global energy balance, and what steps should Russia take to both respond to and embrace these changes?

Panelists:

Vagit Alekperov, President, Member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Management Committee, LUKOIL

Arkady Dvorkovic, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation

Denis Khramov, Deputy Chairman of the Management Board, NOVATEK

Dmitry Konov, Chairman of the Management Board of OOO SIBUR

Alexander Novak, Minister of Energy of the Russian Federation

Daniel Yergin, Vice Chairman, IHS Markit

Moderator:

Ryan Chilcote, Special Correspondent, PBS

17:00–18:00

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It's More Than Just Football: Realizing the Opportunities of World Cup 2018

With the support of the Department for External Economic and International Relations, Moscow City Government

According to experts, Russia's attractiveness to foreign investors has risen over the last two years. An important role in this process has been played by various major international sporting events held in the country, including the Olympic Games, the FIFA Confederations Cup, and the World Cup, which attract an enormous number of fans, tourists, and business executives, provide the country with an opportunity to demonstrate its potential, and stimulate the development of infrastructure which can be used in the longer term. How are the authorities in Moscow making use of these opportunities? Where are the most favourable conditions for investment being created? Which sectors benefit the most from the hosting of major events? Moscow is expecting more than a million extra tourists during World Cup 2018 – is the city ready to receive them? How can the economic impact of hosting major events be assessed? What conditions must the Moscow authorities put in place in order not to miss out on the positive effects? Which sectors might receive the strongest stimulus for growth? What other positive effects do major international sporting events have on life in major cities? What other events outside the world of sport could have a positive influence on the investment climate? What plans are in place to make use of the infrastructure that will remain after World Cup 2018?

Panelists:

Sergey Cheremin, Minister of the Moscow City Government and Head of the Moscow City Foreign Economic and International Relations Department

Alexander Ivlev, Country Managing Partner for Russia, EY

Victoria Lopyreva, Ambassador of the FIFA World Cup 2018

Alexis Rodzianko, President and CEO, American Chamber of Commerce in Russia

Shlomo Weber, Rector, New Economic School

Moderator:

Tina Kandelaki, General Producer, Match TV

25 January 2018

11:00–12:00

Conference Hall 2
(Level -1)

Panel session

Russia: New Production Hub

Manufacturing accounts for 63% of Russia's industrial sector, and it continues to expand at a rapid rate. Policies designed to support investors and train highly qualified managers and skilled staff, and to increase productivity, make Russia

an increasingly attractive location for establishing new manufacturing facilities. Which sectors offer the most potential and what modern technologies can be deployed to boost productivity and returns on manufacturing in Russia? What are the main challenges confronting investors seeking to launch production in Russia, and what recent case studies best illustrate successful ventures?

Panelists:

Yossi BenAmram, President, Europe, Russia, Africa and Middle East (EURAM), MSD

Heinz Haller, Executive Vice-President and President of Dow Europe, Middle East and Africa, The Dow Chemical Company

Hemant Kanoria, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Managing Director, SREI Infrastructure Finance Limited

Dmitry Konov, Chairman of the Management Board of OOO SIBUR

Andrey Kuzyaev, President, ER-Telecom Holding

Maxim Oreshkin, Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Moderator:

Ryan Chilcote, Special Correspondent, PBS

13:00–14:00

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Russia–USA Bilateral Relations One Year On

Supported by the U.S.-Russia Business Council (USRBC) and American Chamber of Commerce in Russia

Over the last few years, relations between Russia and the United States have been characterized by increased tension and decreased understanding. Commercial relations, while clearly underdeveloped, represent one of the few areas where Russians and Americans continue to work together as Russia's economy has turned the corner from recovery to slow growth. What can we expect for Russian–American relations in 2018? What are the strategic issues that require closer cooperation between the two countries and what can be done to mitigate points of disagreement? What could serve as a foundation for improving relations, and what steps should the leaders of Russia and the US take to strengthen mutual trust? How can business play a role in improving relations?

Panelists:

Thomas Graham, Managing Director, Kissinger Associates

Fyodor Lukyanov, Chairman, Presidium of the Council on Foreign and Defence Policy; Editor-in-Chief, Russia in Global Affairs

Alexis Rodzianko, President and CEO, American Chamber of Commerce in Russia

Shlomo Weber, Rector, New Economic School

Moderator:

Daniel A. Russell, President and CEO, U.S.-Russia Business Council (USRBC)

15:00–16:30

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New socioeconomic challenges and successful practices for overcoming them

With each passing year, increasing attention is being devoted worldwide to solving social development challenges faced by society, including by means of large-scale initiatives undertaken by major charitable foundations, governments, and intergovernmental organizations. The latest trends in this area include challenges that have emerged in the social sector as a result of digitization and robotization, and the search for ways of effectively integrating technology into systems for providing social and charitable assistance, as well as the

development of the concept of 'social investment', which promotes the idea of investing in projects and initiatives designed to achieve a significant social and/or environmental impact. How can the potential of the digital economy be harnessed to solve socially important problems in Russia and at a global level? What issues in social development and philanthropy are most current and in need of priority attention? For which issues can we already provide a response by ensuring the necessary support for relevant projects? Which support formats are the most effective (assistance at the initial stages of a project, consolidation of current projects and initiatives, assessment of the impact of projects that have already been implemented, etc.)? How is organized charitable activity involving government, charitable foundations, business, and social investors already responding to new social challenges in Russia and the world? Which global best practices should be followed in tackling problems in the social sector? What steps should Russia take to strengthen its role as part of the global socioeconomic agenda?

Panelists:

Olga Bashkirova, General Director, Renova Charity Foundation

Piers Cumberlege, Board Director and Vice Chair of the Investment Committee, Global Sustainable Capital Management (GSCM)

Irina Efremova-Garth, Head of Corporate Citizenship, IBM Russia/CIS, board member of Donors Forum

Maria Krasnikova, Director, Art, Science, and Sport Charity Foundation

Abigail Noble, CEO, The ImPact

Dmitry Polikanov, President, Chairman of the Donors' Forum Council, Connection Deafblind Support Foundation

Valerie Rockefeller, Board Member, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors; Chair, Rockefeller Brothers Fund

Shamina Singh, Executive Vice President of Sustainability and President of the Center for Inclusive Growth, Mastercard

Alexander Stuglev, CEO, The Roscongress Foundation

Alexander Tkachenko, Archpriest, Chairman of the Committee for Philanthropy, Civic Education, and Social Responsibility of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation

Anna Yanchevskaya, President and Chairman of the Management Board, Sistema Charitable Foundation

Moderator:

Tina Kandelaki, General Producer, Match TV

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Press Briefing by Arkady Dvorkovic, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation