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From Local to Global: Russian Regional and NGO Contributions to the SDGs 3, 5, 8, and 14

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Organizer:

United Nations Association of Russia

Co-Organizers:

- Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office
- United Nations Information Centre in Moscow
- MGIMO University

Date and Time:

3 April 2025, 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM, Geneva time

Event Description:

This side event, organized by the United Nations Association of Russia (UNA-Russia) at the 2025 UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development will highlight the contributions of Russian regions and NGOs toward achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 3, 5, 8, and 14. The session will showcase regional health programs, gender equality initiatives, sustainable economic models, and marine conservation efforts. Experts from policy, civil society, and business sectors will share their insights, best practices, and challenges, underscoring the

importance of local action and multistakeholder partnerships in advancing the 2030 Agenda.

The event aims to foster dialogue among policymakers, NGO representatives, and business leaders to explore effective strategies for implementing sustainable development initiatives at the local level while ensuring their global impact. The discussion will also highlight Russia's regional approaches to addressing key development challenges and their integration into the global SDG framework.

Key Objectives:

- To present regional and NGO-led initiatives in health, gender equality, economic growth, and marine conservation.
- To facilitate knowledge exchange on successful SDG implementation strategies.
- To explore opportunities for strengthening partnerships between local actors and international organizations.

Related SDGs:

- **SDG 3:** Good Health and Well-Being
- **SDG 5:** Gender Equality
- **SDG 8:** Decent Work & Economic Growth
- **SDG 14:** Life Below Water

Agenda and Structure

Opening Remarks

Moderator: **Mr. Alexey Borisov**, Secretary-General of the UNA-Russia, Vice-President of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)

Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Mr. Vladimir Kuznetsov, Director of United Nations Information Centre in Moscow

Discussion:

- **Mr. Sergey Cheremin**, Minister of the Government of Moscow, Head of the Department for External Economic and International Relations of Moscow
- **Mr. Vasiliy Kozlov**, Deputy Governor of the Sverdlovsk Region
- **Ms. Taliya Minullina**, Chief Executive of the Tatarstan Investment Development Agency (TBC)
- **Mr. Andrey Panteleev**, Head, Economic Policy Strategies Section, Eurasian Economic Commission
- **Mr. Ilya Gurov**, First Deputy Executive Director of the Russian Geographical Society

- **Mr. Polukhin Evgeny**, General Director of Legal Principles
- **Ms. Marianna Shevchenko**, Development Director of the National Parenting Association

Q&A Session

Target Audience:

Representatives of regional governments, civil society organizations, academic institutions, business leaders, international organizations, and UN agencies.

Expected Outcomes:

- Enhanced awareness of regional and NGO contributions to sustainable development in Russia.
- Strengthened collaboration between policymakers, NGOs, and private sector actors.
- Identification of best practices for scaling local SDG initiatives to the global level.