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## Russian Regions and Businesses: Pathways to Cooperation across Asia and the Pacific in Leveraging Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development

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## Organizer

United Nations Association of Russia

## Co-organizer(s)

- Embassy of the Russian Federation in the Kingdom of Thailand
- UN Information Centre in Moscow
- MGIMO University

## Registration

To register for this side event, please use <https://forms.gle/A2p2ZzP8qqRcSAUg6>

To attend the side event, all registrants must also register on Indico to attend the 80th Session by April 12 using the link here: <https://indico.un.org/event/1007591>

Please register using the option “Registration for Others (Side events, Exhibition, etc.)” Those who do not register on Indico will not be able to access the United Nations Conference Center.

## Background

At the side event the UN Association of Russia along with its co-organizers aim to present best Russian regions and businesses practices in leveraging digital innovation for sustainable development along with discussing possible ways of cooperation and such practices development across Asia and the Pacific.

**Among the regions to be presented are Moscow, the Sverdlovsk region, the Republic of Tatarstan, the Samara region, the Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra along with company SBER, and international organizations such as UNIDO, ITU, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division of the ESCAP.**



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## Background

Since 2009 the UN Association of Russia has been implementing the program "Regions of Russia and the UN SDGs", which is supported by the Russian Foreign Ministry, the UN Information Center in Moscow and MGIMO University. Until 2015, the Program was called "Regions of Russia and the MDGs". The project includes presentations of regions and urban agglomerations, as well as leading corporate structures, Russian business at major international venues, including the UN headquarters. Within the framework of this program, the regions of Russia form local voluntary reviews on the implementation of the SDGs and present them at the UN venues, such reports include the innovative and digital sustainable projects, which are also presented within the personal meetings of the Russian regions' heads with the UN Secretary General. The participants of the program "Regions of Russia and the UN SDGs" are currently 16 subjects of Russia.

## Key Questions and Outcomes

The following issues will be considered during the event:

- Digital Transformations in Russian Regions and businesses: challenges and opportunities
- Sustainable Development and Digital Technologies: best practices and perspectives
- Investments in Digital Projects: attracting funding for sustainable growth
- Collaborative Projects and Partnerships: Experience of Russian Regions and businesses interacting with partners from Asia and the Pacific Region
- Innovative Approach to Sustainable Urban Development
- Renewable energy adoption, energy-efficient practices, and responsible waste management
- Digital platform governance and sustainability
- Digital technologies and environmental innovations
- Digital technologies and low-carbon circular economy



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## Expected outcomes:

- A fruitful discussion on the presented digital innovation for sustainable development and comprehensive feedback on them from the representatives of the region and presented institutions.
- Identification of the innovative sustainable activities, realized in Russia, which might be upscaled and replicated in other countries of the region or realized in collaboration.
- Identification of the common ground in sustainable agenda between the representatives of Russia and other participants of the event.

## For information

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