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## MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 9

### BURN-OUT OF EMPLOYEES DISCUSSED AT ALL-RUSSIAN LABOR PROTECTION WEEK

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On September 7-9, Moscow hosted a large-scale event for specialists in the field of labor safety, health, ecology and industrial safety - the Forum "All-Russian Labor Protection Week" (VNOT-2021), organized by the Association for the Promotion of Occupational Health and Safety "ETALON". This year it was held under the motto "No risks!"

The speakers and participants of the event were heads of companies, specialized specialists, representatives of public organizations from Russia, the CIS countries and Europe. Among them were the WHO Representative in Russia Melita Vujnovich, Director for Production Safety at Danone Group in Russia Dmitry Zubov, Director of the UNIDO Center in Russia Sergey Korotkov and others.

The experts discussed issues of automation of labor protection processes, an approach to digitalization in terms of the implementation of technological solutions and the practical use of these solutions in terms of monitoring production processes. Particular attention in the digitalization block was paid to the demonstration of wearable devices that are actively used to increase the level of safety culture in production.

Participants of VNOT-2021 spoke about the degree of resilience of modern companies to the problem of mental health and employees' burnout, which has become especially acute during the pandemic and very expensive for business. Meanwhile, many studies have shown that improving the well-being of employees leads to an improvement in the business performance of enterprises.

Within the framework of VNOT-2021, Moscow also hosted the official launch in Russia of the 5Z concept, an international project aimed to create

safe and sustainable organizations, focused on the ISSA Vision Zero concept and the UN Sustainable Development Goals until 2030.

The launch was carried out by the ETALON Association in cooperation with the ORP International Foundation. Elena Compasenko, Head of the HSE Department of Zarubezhneft, shared her experience of the company's effective transition to the new 5Z concept.

"It is important to note that the effective implementation of 5Z tools begins at the correct self-assessment of the enterprise, therefore, first of all, we should honestly assess ourselves," said the speaker. "In addition, the transition will take place only if the head of the enterprise fully understands the importance of this process. In this sense, our company is very lucky," she said.

By the end of the year, Moscow will host events dedicated to popularizing the 5Z concept, including with the support and participation of representatives of the UNIDO Center in the Russian Federation.

## MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 17

### II RUSSIAN INTERSECTORAL SUMMIT "INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY" WAS HELD IN MOSCOW

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On September 17, the II Russian Intersectoral Industrial Ecology Summit was held in Moscow. The event was organized by ENSO company with the support of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation, the Federal Agency for Water Resources, the Project Office of the federal project "Clean Air", the Center for Environmental Industrial Policy, and the Centre for International Industrial Cooperation UNIDO in the Russian Federation.

The Summit was attended by more than 150 participants, including more than 90 representatives of industrial companies in several

industries: Salym Petroleum Development N.V., LLC PO Kirishnefteorgsintez, PJSC LUKOIL, JSC Zarubezhneft, LLC Baltic Chemical Complex, PJSC "T Plus", PJSC "Enel Russia" and others.

The agenda of the II Russian Intersectoral Summit "Industrial Ecology" included issues of optimal combination of production processes and environmental cleanliness, processing and disposal of industrial waste, elimination of accumulated environmental damage, and current changes in environmental legislation.

The business program of the event included thematic sessions "Clean industrial air", "Clean industrial air" and round tables on the search for environmental solutions for the oil and gas, energy, metallurgical and construction industries.

## MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 23

### EXPERTS DISCUSSED BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN A LOW-CARBON ECONOMIC AGENDA

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On September 23, a joint meeting of the RF CCI Committee on Nature Management and Ecology, the Moscow CCI Committee on Ecology and Natural Resource Management, the Center for Green Economy and Climate of the VEB.RF Institute was held, within which the role and capabilities of the business community, associations of entrepreneurs in the formation and further implementation of the low-carbon agenda for Russia's economic development.

The event was moderated by Sergey Alekseev, Chairman of the RF CCI Committee on Nature Management and Ecology, Honored Ecologist of the Russian Federation.

The event was attended by over 80 representatives of relevant ministries, committees of the Federation Council and the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, chambers of commerce and industry, Russian and

foreign expert and business communities, including: PJSC Inter RAO, LLC SIBUR, OKHK Uralchem, PJSC Gazprom Neft, Trade Representation of the Russian Federation in Germany.

In his opening remarks Vice President of the RF CCI Dmitry Kurochkin spoke about the implementation of the strategy for the long-term development of the Russian Federation with a low level of greenhouse gas emissions until 2050 in the interests of business and the state, verification of greenhouse gas emissions, and the development of an accreditation system for verifiers. He also spoke about the need to study the risks timely and opportunities for business in the context of the global energy transition and the formation of a new climate policy in Russia.

Igor Bashmakov, Director of the Center for Energy Efficiency-XXI Century, Nobel Peace Prize laureate as part of the UN Climate Change Group, announced the objectives of the strategy for the long-term development of the Russian Federation with low greenhouse gas emissions until 2050.

Elena Medvedeva, regional representative of the RF CCI in the Benelux countries and France, made a presentation on the Role and Opportunities of Business Associations in the Formation and Further Implementation of the Low-Carbon Agenda and presented a number of proposals for cooperation with European partners, in particular, with the Eurochamber.

Valentin Uvarov, a member of the RF CCI Committee on Nature Management and Ecology, General Director of SR Climatic Monitoring System LLC, a member of the RAS Council for Space, presented a report on obtaining reliable and verified data on emissions and removals of greenhouse gases.

Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO Centre for International Industrial Cooperation, presented UNIDO methodologies for monitoring data on climate gas emissions and analytical platforms for tracking countries' performance.

“The UNIDO methodology uses a set of individual indicators related to industrial development, including emissions. To ensure that the best available sources are used for each indicator, data is taken from both internal and external databases,” he said in his presentation.

Andrei Stetsenko, President of ANO Center for Environmental Innovations, spoke about the practical implementation of forest projects, which will result in the development of a system for the market turnover of certificates of absorbed carbon units, using the example of the Altai forest project.

As a result of the joint meeting, a consolidated position of the RF CCI will be formed, which will be sent to the relevant federal executive bodies.

## MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 30

### SKOLKOVO HELD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ECUMENE 2021

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On September 29-30, Skolkovo in a hybrid format hosted the Ecumene 2021 Congress: Financing Sustainable Development in the Context of Climate Change. Experts discussed the climate agenda, the new economic model and ways to manage financial risks arising against the backdrop of the global trend to abandon dirty energy sources.

According to the participants, trillions of dollars of investment will be required to achieve the sustainable development goals, as well as the formation of common rules that everyone understands and implements. Countries should agree on an environmental impact assessment and compensation mechanisms. The Congress was held with the support of the UN, and Gazprombank became the general partner.

Representatives of Russian and foreign banks, departments and organizations took part in the congress. The climate agenda, changes in the economy, global trends in ESG and disclosure of

information on sustainable development were the main topics of discussion. The event was held ahead of the Glasgow climate conference. It will be held in November, the participating countries will present their strategies and programs to limit greenhouse gas emissions.

Within the framework of the section "The Energy Sector in the Era of Energy Transition" at the ECUMENE Congress 2021, the procedure for the competent implementation of the energy transition, as well as the achievement of an energy balance, were considered. According to the moderator of the discussion, the first vice-president of Gazprombank Natalia Tretyak, the relevance of the energy transition has long ceased to be a debatable issue on the world agenda, since the need for such a transition is recognized by everyone.

Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO Centre for International Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation, took part in the session “The Energy Sector in the Era of Energy Transition”.

“In order to move in one direction, you need to have a general plan - and there are prerequisites for its development. One of the important initiatives is the creation of a UN-based working group on the methodology for calculating greenhouse gas emissions”, - said Mr. Korotkov, - "UNIDO dealing with the issue of industry development and ecology safety, is just right place for this - we have both a methodology and techniques for such calculations that could be applied by all UN member states".



Photo: website <https://esgcongress.com/>



The section has become an important platform for the exchange of experience during the period of energy transition. It has demonstrated that there are ways for cooperation between the EU and Russia. "I am sure that such a platform as ECUMENE will allow us to reach a consensus and our common goal - to preserve nature and pass it on to our children in a flourishing state," - summed up the meeting, moderator Natalya Tretyak.

## MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 30

### UNIDO CENTER SUPPORTS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT LEADERS CONTEST

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We continue to accept applications for participation in the open competition of best practices and ideas in the field of sustainable development "Sustainable Development Leaders", organized by Strategy Partners and the New Digital agency with the information support of the UNIDO Center for International Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation.

The main objectives of the Contest are to select and popularize the best projects in the field of sustainable development, as well as to increase their environmental, economic and social efficiency.

Companies, corporations, public organizations, representatives of NGOs, scientific and educational institutions, the media, representatives of municipalities, students and young entrepreneurs are invited to participate in the competition. Completed or partially completed projects on the territory of the Russian Federation are submitted to the Competition. Participation is free.

The winners will be awarded at the Sustainable Development Leaders Forum in November 2021.

The jury will select the 3 best projects in each of the nominations:

- PLANET: Projects related to resource efficiency and the climate agenda (SDG 6,7,11,12,13,14,15)
- SOCIETY: Projects aimed at solving social problems (SDGs 1,2,3,4,5)
- WELFARE: Projects that support inclusive and sustainable growth and reduce inequality in income distribution (SDG 8,9,10)
- GENERATION OF THE FUTURE: Youth projects aimed at realizing the SDG agenda. The nomination is being implemented within the framework of the University SDG Leaders program.

Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO Centre for International Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation, expressed confidence that holding a project competition would not only mark the social and environmental contribution of companies, but also demonstrate, using best practices, new sustainable opportunities for other market players: "The world needs positive changes ... This applies to all aspects of doing business in the ESG concept - from inclusiveness to new approaches to management, taking into account environmental challenges. "





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