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## UNIDO-ONLINE, MAY 16-18

### Eurachem Scientific Workshop on Quality Assurance of Measurements

UNIDO, through its Global Quality and Standards Programme (GQSP), supported the Georgian Laboratory Association (GeLab) to organize an online scientific workshop on Quality Assurance of Measurements from Field to Laboratory with Focus on ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Requirements on 16-18 May 2022, in connection with the Eurachem General Assembly 2022.

The three-day workshop was organized by GeLab and attended by over 100 participants from laboratories, associations and universities in 33 countries all around the world. The scientific workshop focused on the quality of analytical measurements and the reliability of decisions based on test results as per the relevant international standards ISO/IEC 17025. It addressed current practices, challenges, and future recommendations on quality assurance of physicochemical and microbiological measurement methods and their validation, including sampling-related issues.

As one of the main beneficiaries of the GQSP Georgia, GeLab has been supported by UNIDO to upgrade its service capacity for a sustainable enhancement of the Georgian laboratory infrastructure in terms of knowledge sharing, talent training, network building and capacity upscaling. As of today, UNIDO has been providing support to the association in various areas, including institutional setup, membership strategy, business plan development, provision of services to laboratories and establishment of a training Centre under GeLab, as well as the creation of corporate branding and a professional website ultimately leading to membership engagement and enhanced service provision.

The GQSP Georgia is funded by Switzerland through the Swiss Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and implemented by UNIDO, aiming to strengthen the capacity of conformity assessment

bodies (CABs) serving the fruit and vegetable value chain for upgrading producer's ability to comply with market requirements, facilitating market access for SMEs and ultimately enhancing export capacities of fruits and vegetables from Georgia mainly towards the EU market.



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## KAZAN, MAY 19-21

### The impact of the UN Sustainable Development Goals until 2030 on global processes was discussed at Kazan Summit 2022

From May 19 to May 21, Kazan hosted the XIII International Economic Summit "Russia - Islamic World: KazanSummit 2022" (hereinafter referred to as the Summit). This year, more than 6,000 guests from 64 countries took part in the Summit.

The key topic of the Summit was *the sharing economy and the common good of halal*. Within the framework of the Summit, participants and guests discussed issues of strengthening trade, economic, scientific, technical, social and cultural ties between Russia and the member countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), as well as measures to strengthen the positive image of Russia in the OIC countries and the OIC countries in Russia, development of international initiatives within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Summit brought together representatives of international organizations, public and financial institutions, government officials, investors and businessmen. Among the participants were: President of the Republic of Tatarstan Rustam

Minnikhanov, Chairman of the Halk Maslakhaty of the Milli Gengesh of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation Maxim Reshetnikov, State Counselor of the Republic of Tatarstan Mintimer Shaimiev, acting. Prime Minister of the Republic of Sudan Osman Eldirdiri, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain H.E. Sheikh Abdulrahman Mohamed Rashed Al Khalifa, Chairman of the World Halal Day (UNWHD) Mohammed Jinnah, Head of KOSGEB Hasan Basri Kurt, President of the Russian Chamber of Commerce Sergey Katyrin, Deputy Minister of Economy of the UAE Abdullah Al Saleh, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Mikhail Bogdanov, Special Representative of the Minister Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation for Cooperation with Organizations of Muslim States, Ambassador-at-Large Konstantin Shuvalov, Director General of Rosgeo Sergey Gorkov, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Ramazan Abdulatipov, Secretary General of SMIIC - Institute of Standards and Metrology OIC Ihsan Ovt, President World Halal Summit Yunus Ete, President of the OIC Youth Forum Taha Ayhan and others.

international cooperation” and “The impact of the UN Sustainable Development Goals until 2030 on global processes”.



*Photo: Sergey Korotkov at the session of the International Forum of Chambers of Commerce and Industry*

Mr. Korotkov spoke about the importance of sustainable development solutions and UNIDO methods for improving energy efficiency, including the implementation of the ISO 50001 standard at industrial enterprises.

Also Mr. Korotkov mentioned the “International Guidelines for Industrial Parks” developed by UNIDO, which was presented during the 18th session of the UNIDO General Conference in Abu Dhabi. This guide is the result of years of research by a team of experts and a guideline for the development of modern industrial parks in line with best-in-class practices and standards.

“The development of industrial parks gives us huge opportunities for industrialization and economic growth due to investment opportunities and, integration into global value chains as well as creating competitive employment force while preserving the environment,” he said.

The agenda of the two-day Summit also included Islamic finance and partner banking, the halal industry, youth diplomacy, export development, entrepreneurship and investment. The important events of the Summit were the Machine-Building Cluster Forum, the Forum of Young Investors of



*Sergey Korotkov and Chairman of the Tatarstan Committee for the Protection of Cultural Heritage Sites Ivan Gushchin*

Director of the UNIDO Centre for International Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as the UNIDO CIIC Russia) Sergey Korotkov took part in the Plenary session of the Summit, and also acted as an honorary speaker in the sessions “Business as a universal language of

the OIC Member Countries, the Forum of Young Diplomats of the OIC Member Countries, SberTalk discussions on financial issues, the Modest Fashion Day festival and the Russia Halal Expo 2022 exhibition.

A landmark event this year was the celebration on May 21 of the 1100th anniversary of the adoption of Islam by the Volga Bulgaria. The guests of the Summit were able to see a unique light show and a solemn ceremony of installing a memorial stone to commemorate the construction of the Cathedral Mosque complex.

## BISHKEK, MAY 26

### Eurasian Economic Forum 2022

On May 26, the Eurasian Economic Forum 2022 was held in Bishkek. The main topic of the Forum was "Eurasian Economic Integration in the Era of Global Changes. New Opportunities for Investment Activity".

The Forum was intended to promote economic cooperation and investment, innovation and export potential of the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union.

As part of the business program of the Forum, a Plenary session was held with the participation of the heads of states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union and panel discussions on financial markets, industrial cooperation and the agro-industrial complex.

Representatives of the UNIDO CIIC Russia took part in the Forum. Sergey Korotkov, Director of the CIIC, spoke at the Panel Discussion dedicated to the main areas of industrial cooperation: key trends, implementation tools, as well as challenges and risks.

According to experts, in 2021, despite the negative impact of the pandemic, industrial production in the EAEU as a whole increased by 5.3%, while the manufacturing industry increased by 5%. Similarly, other indicators characterizing the development of industrial cooperation in the EAEU also increased.

However, in the context of recent political and economic constraints, including disruption of traditional production chains, blocking of logistics corridors, disruption of the investment climate, the EAEU countries are facing risks for industrial development and cooperation of its member states. In this regard, the participants discussed ways to overcome these negative factors.

The Forum also hosted an exhibition with an exposition of agro-industrial products from the EAEU countries and partner countries.

## MOSCOW, MAY 31

### Industrial Technology Forum "Digital environmental monitoring 2022 - 2024" held at the RF CCI

On May 31, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation hosted a regular Forum dedicated to the control of industrial emissions, discharges at sources, air and water quality control in the zones of influence of enterprises - "DIGITAL ECOMONITORING 2022 - 2024".

The Forum was organized by ERBA-ECO (part of the European-Russian Business Associatio/ERBA) with the information support of the UNIDO CIIC Russia.

Within the framework of the Forum, the participants discussed practical issues of import substitution in the environmental modernization of enterprises for Russian manufacturers of instrumentation equipment and systems for automatic control of emissions and discharges, as well as issues of production control and industrial safety in the current realities.

SAINT PETERSBURG, June 15-18

## Egypt became a guest country of the XXV St. Petersburg International Economic Forum

On June 15-18, one of the largest business events in the world took place - the XXV St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF-2022).

For 25 years, the Forum has gained the status of the world's leading platform for discussing key issues of the global economy and sharing best global practices and competencies in order to ensure sustainable development. In 2022, Egypt became the guest country of the SPIEF-2022. Prosecutors General of Russia and Egypt Igor Krasnov and Hamada el-Sawi signed a cooperation program for the next two years in the field of combating "the misuse of virtual currency", transport security, protecting the rights of entrepreneurs and the environment, as well as interaction in the field of combating terrorism and extremism .

This year the Forum was attended by over 14 thousand participants from 130 countries. The plenary session was attended by the heads of China, Egypt, Kazakhstan and Russia. Agreements worth in general 5.6 trillion rubles were signed in the fields of SPIEF-2022.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, as part of his speech at the Plenary meeting, noted the basic principles of the development of the state: "The first is openness. Truly sovereign states are always committed to equal partnership, to making their contribution to global development. <...> The second principle of our long-term development is the reliance on entrepreneurial freedoms. <...> The third principle is a responsible and balanced macroeconomic policy. ... The fourth principle of our development is social justice. ... The fifth principle, on which Russia builds its economic policy, is the priority development of infrastructure. <...> The sixth, cross-cutting principle of development that unites our work is the achievement of real technological sovereignty, the creation of an integral system of economic

development, which, in terms of critical components, does not depend on foreign institutions"<sup>1</sup>



*Sergey Korotkov and First Deputy Chairman of the Scientific and Technical Council for New Technologies Sergey Vasiliev*

Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO CIIC Russia, took part in the working meeting of the Forum on the topic "Saving the water potential of the North-West region of the Russian Federation" and shared UNIDO's experience in implementing projects in the field of water conservation.

Within the framework of the Forum, 6 bilateral business events were held with foreign partners from Egypt, China, Africa, Latin America, Turkey, Iran, as well as meetings with representatives of the BRICS countries, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the Eurasian Economic Union and ASEAN.

Based on the results of the Forum, a report titled "Results of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum 2022" will be prepared, which will be available on the official website of the event and on the website of the Information and Analytical System of the Roscongress Foundation [roscongress.org](https://roscongress.org)<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> According to IA Dialog, <https://topdialog.ru/>.

<sup>2</sup> [According to the news agency Vedomosti]

### Quality Infrastructure for Sustainable Development Index - The story behind the data

On 17 June 2022, UNIDO launched the Quality Infrastructure for Sustainable Development (QI4SD) Index. The QI4SD Index was developed in collaboration with partner organizations of the International Network on Quality Infrastructure (INetQI), and its development was funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO). The index is composed by 36 indicators related to quality infrastructure and covers 137 countries.

To celebrate the launch of the QI4SD Index, its website and the report publication of its key results was presented. UNIDO invited stakeholders and partners to participate in a high-level panel discussion. High-level speakers from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), International Accreditation Forum (IAF), the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) and the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) convened to share some key insights and interpretations of the QI4SD Index and its contribution to sustainable development. Furthermore, they discussed how their organization's mandates in quality infrastructure (QI) enable this, the aggregation of indicators into the 3Ps of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – People, Prosperity and Planet, and the importance of and need for reliable data, collecting it, and making it publicly available to all QI stakeholders. The opportunities and challenges facing data collection in an increasingly digitalized world were also touched upon. The event was attended by more than 190 participants from 63 different countries.

Furthermore, during the launching event, a brief demonstration of the QI4SD Index website was given, where all data can be downloaded, as well as the methodology used to develop and build the index, particularly the identification of the QI indicators, and clustering of them into People, Prosperity and Planet.



Screenshot from <https://hub.unido.org/qi4sd/>

The need for improvements in QI to achieve the SDGs was emphasized in the closing of the event.

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## MOSCOW, JUNE 23

### Measures to preserve international cooperation under the current conditions were discussed at the ICIE meeting

On June 23, an online meeting of the ICIE took place. The main topic of the meeting was the social and political situation in the world and its impact on the members of the International Congress. The Chairman of the Council of the ICIE, Vasily Tarlev, proposed practical steps to preserve and intensify international cooperation, as well as to reduce the negative impact on the members of the ICIE, both national business associations and specific commercial structures.

At the meeting, a number of issues of the current activities of the Congress were considered, including the development of comprehensive measures and areas of cooperation aimed at solving urgent logistical, financial, trade and economic problems in modern conditions.

New members of the ICIE were also introduced. They were UNIMATIC-MSK LLC, Russian Federation

and the Association of Small and Medium Businesses of the Vincenza Region, Italy.<sup>3</sup>

## MOSCOW, JUNE 28-29

### Experts discussed the prospects of the Russian AIC in the fields of the International Agro-forum "Perspektiva"

On June 28-29, the International Agricultural Forum "Perspektiva" was held in Moscow. The event was organized by AIS EVENT LLC, the founders were the Agribusiness Association with the support of the FOOD CITY Agrocluster, the International Foundation for Emerging Markets NGO.

The participants of the Agroforum discussed the creation of an international platform for expanding the processes of import substitution and import expansion, as well as the issues of expanding business ties and introducing new technologies for the production, processing and processing of products, including using digital technologies.

The event was attended by representatives of state authorities, specialized NGOs, representatives of companies in the agricultural sector, the banking sector, consulting, legal and logistics companies, foreign organizations, associations and unions.

Representatives of the UNIDO CIIC Russia also took part in the Plenary meeting and the work of specialized sections.

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<sup>3</sup> According to the press service of the ICIE

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