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10.00 –11.30 A-1

Field-specific session

MODERNIZATION OF PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT AS A BASIS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN TRANSPORT SYSTEMS (EXPERIENCE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION)**Co-organizers:**

- **Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation**

Modern understanding of the concept of sustainable development of urban transport systems in the context of problems of urban transport development in the Russian Federation (congestion of road networks, environmental pollution, noise, accidents, etc.). The role of public urban passenger transport in solving the problem of ensuring the transition of urban transport systems to a model of sustainable development, as well as the need for its modernization. Directions of modernization of urban passenger transport with examples of implementation in Russian cities. A set of measures to increase the attractiveness of urban public passenger transport for users, including the introduction of new types of public transport services.

Moderator:

- **Vadim Donchenko**, Scientific Director of JSC NIIAT.

Speakers:

- **Alexey Bakirei**, Director of the Department of state policy in the field of automobile and urban passenger transport of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation;
- **Alexander Litvinov**, Head of a sector, JSC NIIAT;
- **Andrey Gorev**, Professor, Saint Petersburg State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering (Russia);
- **Cheng Xiumei**, Head of Department, Research Associate of the Chinese Academy of Transport Sciences (China);
- **Pavel Chistyakov**, Vice President, "Center for Infrastructure Economics", LLC (Russia);
- **Sanyukta Bhatiya**, Mayor of Lucknow (India);
- **Alexander Polyakov**, Director of the Scientific Research and Design Institute of the city of Moscow "MosTransProekt" (Russia);
- **Irina Gerun**, CEO of the Directorate for Transport Development of Saint Petersburg and the Leningrad Region (Russia);
- **Giuliano Vincenzo Locanto**, Financial Director of EMTU (Brazil);
- **Christian Bettger**, Director of Development at SIMETRA (Russia);
- **Denis Minkin**, President of MAP GET and Director of Saint Petersburg State Unitary Enterprise "Gorelektrotrans" (Russia).

10.30 –12.00 A-2

Field-specific session

DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE AS THE BASIS FOR A COMFORTABLE LIFE**Co-organizers:**

- **Ministry of Construction Industry, Housing and Utilities Sector of the Russian Federation**

The comfortable life of urban residents consists of various components: digital transformation, housing and utilities, transport infrastructure, environmental safety. Each decision related to a change in the city and the conditions of its functioning must be correlated with how positively these changes affect a person living in that city. A modern and technologically modernized infrastructure contributes to an increase in the standard of living, and hence the conditions for sustainable urban development.

Moderator:

- **Tatyana Remezova**, TV Presenter, "Russia 1" correspondent.

Speakers:

- **Maxim Egorov**, Deputy Minister of Construction Industry, Housing and Utilities Sector of the Russian Federation;
- **Svetlana Kolesova**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Ulyanovsk region (Russia);
- **Dmitry Yalov**, Deputy Chairman of the Government of the Leningrad region, Chairman of the Committee for Economic Development and Investments of the Leningrad region (Russia);
- **Vadim Kstenin**, Head of the city of Voronezh (Russia);
- **Yevgenia Uvarkina**, Head of the city of Lipetsk (Russia);
- **Meng Fanli**, Head of the city of Qingdao (China);
- **Anton Finogenov**, Deputy CEO of the DOM.RF Foundation (Russia);
- **Alberto Celani**, representative of the Polytechnic University of Milan, master of engineering (Italy);
- **Nishant Yadav**, CEO of Smart City "Karnal City" (India).

11.00 – 12.30 A-3

Field-specific session

**CREATION OF NEW TOURIST ROUTES
WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE BRICS MUNICIPALITIES****Co-organizers:**

- **Committee for Tourism Development of Saint Petersburg**

With the support of

- **Federal Agency for Tourism of the Russian Federation (Rosturizm)**

New routes that reveal national culture and traditions can become a strong driver of development in the tourism industry of each of the five countries.

How can we increase the attractiveness of BRICS regions and municipalities for tourist and business trips? Positive experience of tourist centres of the BRICS countries. How can we improve the existing tourist infrastructure in Russia using the best foreign practices? How can municipalities become competitive players in the tourism market? How can the cooperation of BRICS municipalities increase the tourist flow in each of the countries?

Moderator:

- **Anastasia Izmailova**, Host of the TV channel "Saint-Petersburg".

Welcome address:

- **Demyan Smilevets**, Head of the international cooperation department of the Federal Agency for Tourism of the Russian Federation.

Speakers:

- **Andrey Maksimov**, Member of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation (Russia);
- **João Pedro Motta Leal**, CEO of the Consortium for the inter-municipal development of the Eastern Fluminense region, Rio de Janeiro state (Brazil);
- **Olga Kuznetsova**, Deputy Governor of the Murmansk region (Russia);
- **Subhash Goyal**, Honorary General Secretary of the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH) (India);
- **Sergey Korneev**, Chairman of the Committee for Tourism Development of Saint Petersburg (Russia) (*TBD*);
- **Chen Zhigang**, Head of the Chinese Society in Saint Petersburg, CEO of the Russian-Chinese Business Park (China);
- **Anna Rabinovich**, Deputy Head of the department of economic development, investment and trade of the Samara city district administration (Russia), co-presenter: **Inna Gavrilova**, Deputy Head of the Kuibyshev branch of JSC FPC, Russian Railways Holding (Russia);
- **Surpal Singh Deora**, CEO of IND-VEST (India);

Presenters:

- **Lyubov Soldatkina**, Head of the department of expert and analytical work, monitoring the implementation of priority decisions and national projects of the All-Russia People's Front (Russia);
- **Sergey Yakovlev**, Director of "Art-Triumph" (Russia).

12.00 – 13.30 A-4

Field-specific session

**PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AS A GUARANTEE OF THE FUTURE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE BRICS COUNTRIES****Co-organizers:**

- **Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation**

The training of qualified personnel is one of the most important tasks of the state. Professional skills are laid down at the stage of training, and it is important that higher education institutions meet the needs of the modern world and can train personnel in demand on the labour market. Leadership and management of such institutions also require high qualifications and experience. The exchange of international practice in matters of professional training of teachers and heads of educational institutions will improve the efficiency of educational processes and increase the demand for graduates in the labour market.

What methods and programs are being implemented by ministries and their subordinate institutions as part of the implementation of personnel policy? What qualification requirements should modern leaders of educational institutions meet? What is the practice of international exchange of specialists for professional training and advanced training at the municipal level?

Moderator:

- **Sergey Andryushin**, Deputy Rector for International Affairs, Saint Petersburg State University.

Speakers:

- **Peter Kucherenko**, Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation (Russia);
- **Anzor Muzaev**, Head of the Federal Service for Supervision of Education and Science of the Russian Federation;
- **Vladimir Borisenko**, Honourary Consul of the Republic of South Africa in Saint Petersburg;
- **Vitaly Gutman**, Minister of Education and Science of the Astrakhan region (Russia);
- **Alvaro Sedlacek**, Consultant at the City Hall of Guarulhos (Brazil);
- **Olga Lysikova**, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of the Samara region (Russia), co-presenter: **Oksana Shaldybina**, Director of the State Autonomous Professional Institution of the Samara region "Samara State College" (Russia);
- **Manik M. Jolly**, Founder and CEO of G.R.I.D. (India);
- **Yulia Chekmareva**, Director of the foreign language training centre, "EGO University" (Russia);

12.30 – 14.00 A-5

[Panel discussion](#)

CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND DIGITALIZATION OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

Co-organizers:

- **Saint Petersburg State University**

The digitalization of public administration is one of the main directions associated with the fourth industrial revolution. It creates qualitatively new conditions for management activities and, at the same time, gives rise to a number of challenges and threats. Public manageability is one of the key challenges. If earlier manageability was ensured by better functioning of state and municipal institutions, sensitivity and accountability of public authorities, and ensuring sustainable development, today, while maintaining the previous guidelines, civic participation in public administration comes to the fore. Various technologies (big data analysis, internet of things, blockchain, artificial intelligence) create a contradictory basis for electronic forms of participation in public administration. The round table session is devoted to the analysis of risks and prospects of civil participation in the context of digitalization of public administration.

Moderator:

- **Leonid Smorgunov**, PhD of Philosophy, Professor, Head of the Department of Political Management, Saint Petersburg State University (Russia).

Speakers:

- **Sergey Volodenkov**, Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences, Professor in the Department of Public Policy, Moscow State University (Russia);
- **Margarita Pavlova**, member of the Defense and Security Committee of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (Russia);
- **Kotze Dirk**, PhD, Professor at the University of South Africa (South Africa);
- **Aleksey Baryshkin**, Manager for business development at LLC "Netrika" (Russia);
- **Bajpai Arunoday**, Doctor, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science, Agra College (India);
- **Gavril Kirillin**, Minister for External Relations and Peoples' Affairs of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) (Russia);
- **Petta Gomes da Sosta de Leon**, Doctor, Research Associate at the international relations research centre of the University of Sao Paulo, (Brazil);
- **Lada Shipovalova**, PhD., Professor, Head of the Department of Philosophy of Science and Technology, Saint Petersburg State University (Russia);
- **Erika Elizabeth Gorbak**, PhD, Research Associate at the International Relations Research Centre of the University of Sao Paulo, full-time Associate Professor of constitutional law at the University of Buenos Aires (Argentina);
- **Georg Sootla**, PhD, Research Associate at the International Relations Research Centre of the University of Sao Paulo, full-time Associate Professor of constitutional law at the University of Buenos Aires, Professor of State Policy at the University of Tallinn (Estonia)
- **Yulia Slav**, Deputy Executive Director of the Council of Municipalities of Saint Petersburg, (Russia);
- **Marcus Vinicius Lisboa de Almeida**, Founder of INEPP (Brazil).

14.00 – 15.30 B-6

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PLENARY SESSION II IMBRICS FORUM**Topic: "Public diplomacy as a tool for BRICS economic development: interregional and municipal cooperation"**

What is the place of public diplomacy in the modern political and economic systems of the world? The purpose of public diplomacy is not solely to broadcast information about the country, but also to participate in the development of foreign policy decisions, study, inform and directly contact people of other countries, in particular with the aim of forming a constructive dialogue and improving the business climate. In turn, international relations that are developing at the regional and municipal levels are currently being transformed and acquire new economic potential. In addition to cooperation in scientific, technical, educational and cultural fields, economic ties are being strengthened through the following: exchange of resources, investment cooperation, development of the foreign economic activity, import and export, implementation of joint infrastructure projects, and building up business relations. Participants in such relations are not only state authorities, but also local self-government bodies, entrepreneurs, public associations, unions, and others. Everyone contributes to the establishment of new contacts and the implementation of new projects focused on progress and sustainable development.

What role does the institute of public diplomacy play in the BRICS countries? What are the prospects for increasing inter-regional and inter-municipal cooperation for the general political and economic development concept of the BRICS Association? What can the BRICS Plus and BRICS Outreach formats do for the development of the interstate association, at the municipal level in particular? What role do non-governmental organizations play in shaping a positive image of their country in the international arena? How can municipalities become a powerful foundation for a new stage of cooperation between the five countries, and what needs to be done?

Moderator:

- **Victoria Panova**, Scientific Supervisor of the Expert Council for Preparation and Maintenance of the Russian BRICS Chairmanship, Managing Director of the National Committee on BRICS Research, Vice-President for International Relations of the Far Eastern Federal University, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Associate Professor.

Addresses:

- **Welcome address of Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation** (*representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation - TBD*);
- **Mikhail Bryukhanov**, Deputy Head of the Federal Agency "Rossotrudnichestvo";
- Video address of **Alexander Beglov**, Governor of Saint Petersburg;
- Welcome address of **Mikhail Cherepanov**, Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the preparation and holding of the International Municipal BRICS Forum.

Speakers:

- **Deepak Miglani**, Consul General of the Republic of India;
- **Wang Wenli**, Consul General of the People's Republic of China;
- Representative of the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa in the Russian Federation (*TBD*);
- Representative of the Embassy of the Federative Republic of Brazil in the Russian Federation (*TBD*);
- **Valery Fadeev**, Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation;
- Representative of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (*TBD*);
- Representative of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (*TBD*);
- Representative of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (*TBD*);

Presenters:

- **Alexey Teksler**, Governor of the Chelyabinsk region (Russia);
- **Sergey Morozov**, Governor of the Ulyanovsk region (Russia).
- **Bruno Covas**, Mayor of Sao Paulo (Brazil).

16.00 – 17.30 C-7

Panel discussion

**HOUSING AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT: SMART CITIES,
TECHNOLOGY AND SAFETY****Co-organizers:**

- **Northwestern Management Institute of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration**

Smart city digital technologies enable urban planners, architects, policymakers, and city administrators to create a framework for rethinking urban systems and ensuring the prosperity and economic sustainability of cities by promoting citizen engagement in planning and management processes. Digital technologies also allow you to effectively model the development of urban areas, the operation of housing and communal services, transport, security, and the impact of climate and environmental conditions. This makes it possible to manage all systems in accordance with the adopted development strategy, predict the consequences of proposed changes and make optimal decisions.

Moderator:

- **Sergey Zimin**, Director of the Center for urban technologies and spatial development, RANEPА.

Welcome address:

- **Andrey Maksimov**, member of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation (Russia).

Speakers:

- **Sergey Kupchenko**, Deputy of the Legislative Assembly of Saint Petersburg (Russia);
- **Yu Jianning**, Doctor of Sociology, Peking University, Associate Professor, Shanghai Administrative Institute, Shanghai (China);
- **Alexey Kurlov**, Director of the project office of RANEPА, Saint Petersburg (Russia);
- **Priyadarshi Mishra**, Chairman of the Odisha State Housing Board (India);
- **Maksim Grishin**, PhD, MBA, RMR, President of the Saint Petersburg branch of the Project Management Institute (PMI) (Russia);
- **Guilhermo-Basto Lima**, Advisor for International Urban Development Municipality of Niteroi (Brazil);
- **Denis Leontiev**, CEO of "Strelka" Design Bureau (Russia);
- **Sivuyile Stuart Ntlathi**, CEO of SNSSETInstitute (South Africa);
- **Laura R. Spinadel**, Architect, urban planner, writer, professor at the faculty of architecture of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil, Head of BUSarchitektur and BOA büro, Vienna (Austria);
- **Maksim Chakhovsky**, Deputy CEO for new businesses, "RusAtom Infrastructure Solutions" JSC (Russia).

16.30 – 18.00 C-8

Panel discussion

ROLE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE BRICS MUNICIPALITIES**Co-organizers:**

- **All-Russian Public Organization "Business Russia"**

Effective interaction between municipalities is impossible to imagine without cooperation at the small and medium-sized businesses level and, as such, the active involvement of public and business associations acting as a key reflector of the interests and needs of the business community. The specifics of the BRICS countries prove that the established communications between public associations at the federal level contribute to the further strengthening of interaction at the municipal level.

How to increase the level of interaction between business associations of the BRICS countries, taking into account the development of digital opportunities? Feedback from the business. How to find a partner in another country through the activities of business associations and municipalities? Effective tools. Out of the arsenal of business associations' capabilities, what promotes cooperation between municipalities?

Moderator:

- **Nonna Kagramanyan**, Vice President of "Business Russia", Head of the Executive Committee.

Speakers:

- **Olga Kulikova**, business ambassador of "Business Russia" in India;
- **Gilberto Ramos**, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Tourism Brazil-Russia (Brazil);
- **Vitaly Mankevich**, President of the Russian-Asian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (Russia);
- **George Cebulela**, Founder and President of the African Business Council;
- **Pavel Zhang**, Executive Director of the Sichuan Chinese-Russian Association;
- **Wesley Douglas**, Chairman of the International Relations Committee of the Black Business Council, Former Member of Parliament (National Council of Provinces, 2006-2009)
- Representative of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) (TBD);
- **Purnima Anand**, President of the International BRICS Forum (India).

17.00 – 18.30 C-9

Field-specific session

SPORT UNITES THE NATIONS**Co-organizers:**

- **Rugby Union of Russia**

Nowadays, the topic of the sports industry, sports management, and competitions is becoming more and more important. Sports play an important role in everyone's life. Sports are the key to physical health and endurance. What mechanisms are used by sports departments and organizations in the BRICS countries to promote sports among the population? What creative practices are being implemented in the cities of the BRICS countries? How is the sports infrastructure developing in the BRICS countries at the municipal level, and what problems do we have to face? How can we help young people become professional athletes? How do city administrations and sports institutions interact internationally?

Moderator:

- **Ivan Losev**, Editor-in-chief of the sports news channel "Saint Petersburg".

Speakers:

- **Alexey Gorbunov**, Adviser to the Minister of Sports of the Russian Federation (Russia);
- **Svetlana Zhurova**, Deputy of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Olympic champion in speed skating;
- **Sergey Markov**, Sports Director of the Rugby Union of Russia;
- **Matthew Booth**, Trustee of the Booth Education and Sports Trust (South Africa);
- **David James Manuel**, professional rugby coach (South Africa);
- **Francisco José Pereira de Lima**, President of CUFA (Brazil);
- **Evgeny Nikora**, Head of the Murmansk city administration (Russia);
- **Geetanjali Sharma**, President of MSWS (India).

NOVEMBER 6, 2020 (FRIDAY)

10.00 –11.30 D-10

Field-specific session

INVEST IN DEVELOPMENT: FINDING INVESTORS FOR YOUR PROJECT

One of the most important tasks of regions and municipalities is to attract investment in projects that allow territories to develop. Why, in reality, is it not so easy to attract investment in projects? What requirements should projects meet in order to attract the investor's attention? Why do many municipalities not understand the difference between a project and an investment project? What difficulties can potential investors face when creating a business in Russia?

Moderators:

- **Vladimir Shestakov**, Deputy Director for external economic activity of "Energiya Priroda SPB", LLC;
- **Evgenia Vaskova**, Director of the Mediation Center of Saint Petersburg State University.

Presenters:

- **Alexandre Eisman**, Head of the Legal Support Department of the Organizing Committee of the International Municipal BRICS Forum (Finland);
- **Andrey Dmitrievsky**, Director of the travel company "Northern Empire" (Russia).
- **Elena Alekseeva**, Deputy Director of the centre for translation and legalization of documents of "EGO Translating" (Russia);
- **Peter Trenin-Strausov**, Director of the marketplace of excursions (Russia).
- **Prashant Gupta**, Chairman of "Pacific Keys Capital" (India);
- **Mamakhoa Gail Maluga**, CEO of "House of Yadah" (South Africa);
- **Pritpal Singh Pannu**, Chairman of NIFAA (India);
- **Denis Bezruchko**, Head of Investment Projects Department of the Organizing Committee of the International Municipal BRICS Forum (Russia);
- **Fadima Sangare**, CEO of DANA Groupe (Mali).

10.30 –12.00 D-11

Field-specific session

**CREATING A FAVOURABLE BUSINESS CLIMATE:
ADVANCED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES IN THE WORK OF
ORGANIZATIONS, STATE AUTHORITIES AND PUBLIC-LAW
INSTITUTIONS****Co-organizers:**

- **Federal Customs Service of Russia**
- **Federal Tax Service of Russia**

The current stage of the world's economic and social development is characterized by a significant influence of digitalization. The new trend, which replaced informatization and computerization, is based on the information being presented digitally, which, on the scale of economic and social life, both in an individual country and throughout the world, leads to an increase in the economic efficiency and an improvement in the quality of life.

How is society adapting to the modern demands of times, and what technologies do organizations implement in their regular activities? How does digitalization affect the efficiency of government bodies? What are the positive consequences of the introduction of innovative, information and digital technologies in the BRICS countries? How do digital technologies affect the interaction between government and business, society as a whole?

Moderator:

- **Yuri Shcherbakov**, Host of the "Saint Petersburg" TV channel.

Speakers:

- **Dmitry Volvach**, Deputy Head of the Federal Tax Service (Russia);
- **Vladimir Ivin**, Deputy Head of the Federal Customs Service (Russia);
- **Elena Martynova**, Deputy Head of the Federal Service for State Registration, Cadastre and Cartography "Rosreestr" (Russia);
- **Mikhail Khomich**, Permanent Representative of the Head of the Udmurt Republic under the President of the Russian Federation - Deputy Chairman of the Government of the Udmurt Republic;
- **Stanislav Shklensky**, Head of the Department for the Implementation of Advanced Customs Technologies of the Customs Control Organization Service of the North-West Customs Administration of the Federal Customs Service of Russia;
- **Raji Satyarth**, Deputy Commissioner Commercial Tax, Government of Uttar Pradesh (India);
- **Gustavo Henric Costa**, Mayor of Guarulhos (Brazil);
- Representative of China;
- Representative of South Africa.

11.00 – 12.30 D-12

Field-specific session

POST-PANDEMIC COOPERATION: MAKING CITIES MORE SUSTAINABLE, ATTRACTIVE, SMART AND SAFE**Co-organizers:**

- **Federal Agency "Rossotrudnichestvo"**
- **Union of Russian Cities**

At the post-crisis stage, due to the pandemic, the need for new strategies suited for these times emerges, in order to preserve and increase the accumulated social capital, to rethink and organize the introduction of new approaches to organizing interaction between the BRICS cities, to define new priorities and adequate tools for their achievement, to make cities more sustainable, protected and attractive, provide the green light for cooperation and the rapid implementation of various initiatives, for example, in the field of municipal health, environmental protection, support for entrepreneurship and new forms of contact, including the use of digitalization.

Moderators:

- **Alexandra Ignatieva**, CEO of the Union of Russian cities;
- **Juan Carlos Bellozo**, President of Future Places, SLU.

Welcome address:

- **Mikhail Bryukhanov**, Deputy Head of the Federal Agency "Rossotrudnichestvo" (Russia).

Speakers:

- **Andrey Fedotov**, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) - permanent representative of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) to the President of the Russian Federation (Russia);
- **Ilsur Metshin**, Mayor of Kazan (Russia) *(TBD)*;
- Representative of the Association of European cities (Eurocities);
- **Carlos Cruz**, President of the Association of São Paulo State Municipalities;
- **Robert Govers**, Chairman of the International Place Branding Association;
- **Roman Takhtarov**, CEO of the Agency for the development of the digital economy (Russia);
- **Kelebogile Molopyane**, CEO of "Africa Beyond 4IR" (South Africa);
- **Alexander Prilepin**, Head of the project office "Strategic planning" of the Union of Russian Cities (Russia);
- Representatives of the People's Republic of China
- Representatives of the Republic of India

12.00 – 13.30 D-13 [Field-specific session](#)**EXCHANGE OF ELECTORAL PRACTICES AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN ELECTORAL PROCESSES****Co-organizers:**

- **Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation**

The Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation pays great attention to the use of new technologies, which is driven by the need for effective provision of information to voters and the digitalization trends of modern electoral processes. In this context, it becomes necessary to resolve issues that appear in the process of an ever-increasing level of digitalization. Primarily it pertains to the development of digital interaction of election commissions of various levels with election observers and information security of the organization of the electoral process.

Moderator:

- **Mikhail Lebedinsky**, Chairman of the Election Commission of the Leningrad region.

Welcome address:

- **Welcome address of Ella Pamfilova, Chairman of the Central Election Commission** (*representative of the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation – TBD*);

Speakers:

- **Maxim Grigoriev**, Head of the coordination council of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation for public control over voting (Russia);
- **Herculano Castilho Passos Junior**, Federal Deputy of the Chamber of Deputies (Brazil);
- Representative of the Election Commission of New Delhi (India);
- **Alena Bulgakova**, member of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, Executive Director of the "Independent public monitoring" association (Russia);
- Representative of the Election Commission of Pretoria (South Africa);
- **Inessa Vinyarskaya**, Chairman of the Election Commission of the Kaliningrad region (Russia);
- Representatives of the People's Republic of China;
- **Alexander Zakuskin**, Co-Chairman of the public movement "Russia chooses", Head of the municipal district "Meshchansky" (Russia).

Presenters:

- **Mikhail Levin**, Chairman of the Territorial Election Commission No. 23 of Saint Petersburg (Russia).

12.30 – 14.00 D-14

Field-specific session

ANTIMONOPOLY REGULATION AND CONTROL AS TOOLS FOR IMPROVING THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN MUNICIPALITIES**Co-organizers:**

- **Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation**

Antimonopoly legislation is directly related to the improvement of the investment climate. Improving legislation in this area is aimed at effectively protecting competition and creating conditions for the functioning of commodity markets not only at the state level but also in regions and municipalities. BRICS competition agencies interact at the highest level and are currently making joint efforts not only to combat the negative economic consequences of the pandemic but also to help gradually resume and stabilize the economy, continue to improve the business and investment climate while gradually removing restrictive measures. *Which sectors of the economy were most affected by the pandemic in the regions and municipalities of the BRICS countries? What measures are needed for recovery? What impact does antimonopoly legislation have on the development and improvement of the investment climate in the BRICS countries and the economy as a whole? In what areas can cooperation between BRICS competition authorities develop at the regional and municipal level? How can such interaction contribute to the investment attractiveness of BRICS cities? What measures are necessary for business development in the regions? What barriers does the business face in the regions and why?*

Moderator:

- **Vadim Fedoseev**, Host of the "Saint Petersburg" TV channel.

Speakers:

- **Andrey Tsyganov**, Deputy Head of the Federal Antimonopoly Service of Russia (TBD).
- **Kirill Ivanyuzhenko**, Deputy Head of the Moscow regional office of the Federal Antimonopoly Service (Russia);
- **Sergey Muravyov**, Deputy Head of the Moscow regional office of the Federal Antimonopoly Service (Russia);
- **Ruslan Abeydullin**, Deputy Head of the Leningrad regional office of the Federal Antimonopoly Service (Russia);
- **Svetlana Zhuravleva**, First Deputy of the Competition Policy Committee of the Moscow region (Russia);
- **Elena Volkova**, Chairman of the Competition Policy Committee of the Moscow region (Russia);
- **Martiros Sarkisyan**, First Deputy Director of the state-owned institution "Regional trade centre "(Russia);
- **Vijay Kalantri**, President of the All India Association of Industries;
- Representative of the Competition Commission of India;
- Representative of the Administrative Council for economic protection of Brazil;
- Representative of the State Administration for market surveillance of the People's Republic of China;
- Representative of the Competition Commission of South Africa.

13.00 – 14.30 F-15

Field-specific session

**PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES,
MAINTAINING THE SAFETY OF THE PRODUCTS IMPORTED AND
EXPORTED IN THE BRICS COUNTRIES, IMPROVEMENT AND
MODERNIZATION OF SAFETY SYSTEMS****Co-organizers:**

- **Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing (Rospotrebnadzor)**

Prevention of the spread of infectious diseases, ensuring the safety of products, including those imported and exported in the BRICS countries, is an integral part of ensuring the sanitary and epidemiological well-being of the population of the Russian Federation and one of the conditions of implementation of constitutional rights of citizens to health protection and healthy environment.

At the same time, the current situation in the world is accompanied by the preservation of a number of existing and the emergence of new, including the epidemiological, threats to the safety of the population of the Russian Federation. For a timely response and management of the risks of medical and demographic losses of the country, it is necessary to identify these threats and predict the consequences of their implementation. The key vector for countering threats is the transition from the paradigm of harmlessness to the paradigm of security with an analysis of health risks.

Moderator:

- **Valentina Vozhegova**, correspondent and journalist of the "Saint Petersburg" TV channel.

Speakers:

- Representative of the Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing (*TBD*);
- **Areg Totolyan**, Director of Saint-Petersburg Epidemiology and Microbiology Pasteur Institute of "Rospotrebnadzor", Doctor of Medical Sciences, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia);
- **Kirill Fridman**, Deputy Director for research at the "North-West Public Health Research Center" of "Rospotrebnadzor", Doctor of Medical Sciences (Russia);
- **Ivan Sinitsky**, Head of the Department for Supervision of Products in Circulation of the "Rospotrebnadzor" Administration for the city of Saint Petersburg (Russia);
- **Irina Chkhinzheriya**, Head of the Epidemiological Surveillance Department of the "Rospotrebnadzor" Administration for the city of Saint Petersburg (Russia);
- **Jackson Henrique de Campos Dias**, Global Head Pharma & Healthcare at "Asia Shipping" (Brazil);
- **Isaac Makae**, CEO of "Mbabala Consulting" (Pty) Ltd (South Africa);
- **Jagdish Patel**, Mayor of Surat (India).

14.00 – 15.30 F-16

Field-specific session

INTERREGIONAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC COOPERATION OF THE BRICS COUNTRIES: AN INTER-PARTY ASPECT**Co-organizers:**

- **All-Russian Political Party "United Russia"**

Political parties are the link between the state and citizens, they ensure the integrity and stability of the political system. Prestigious parliamentary parties are responsible for the expression of the will of citizens and should be guided by the interests of the electorate in their actions.

What projects are being implemented by parliamentary political parties for the purpose of socio-economic development of regional and municipal territories and improving the quality of life of the population of the BRICS countries? What role do political parties play in strengthening international relations in the BRICS countries? What are the mechanisms used by parties for the implementation of orders of voters?

Moderator:

- **Marina Grigorieva**, coordinator of the "New School" party project in the Leningrad region.

Speakers:

- **Andrey Klimov**, Deputy Secretary of the General Council of the Party "United Russia", Chair of the Commission of the Presidium of the General Council of the Party for International Affairs, Deputy Chair of the Federation Council Committee for International Affairs (Russia);
- **Jai Parkash**, Mayor of North Delhi (India);
- **Sergey Busurin**, Mayor of Veliky Novgorod (Russia);
- **Sergey Kravchuk**, Mayor of Khabarovsk (Russia);
- **Yuri Bochkov**, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Saint Petersburg (Russia);
- **Anton Kapralov**, Deputy Chairman of the Yaroslavl regional Duma (Russia);
- Representatives of the People's Republic of China;
- Representative of the Indian People's Party;
- Representative of the Workers' Party of Brazil;
- Representative of the African National Congress (South Africa).

16.00 – 17.30 G-17

Panel discussion

STRENGTHENING OF THE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE BRICS PLUS COUNTRIES: DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT RELATIONSHIPS AND MECHANISMS FOR INCREASING THE INVESTMENT ATTRACTIVENESS OF REGIONS**Co-organizers:**

- **Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation**
- **Business Russia (Saint Petersburg branch)**

Today, the development of the Russian economy can be ensured by expanding Russia's external economic relations with other countries. The goal of the BRICS is to create conditions for efficient cooperation and a significant increase in the economic and technological potential of the member states of the association, which can ensure sustainable economic development and strengthen financial and social stability. In the context of the modern world economy, the issues of further development of cooperation between Russia and the BRICS countries, their participation in mutual trade, strengthening positions in the political arena, as well as the joint creation of financial institutions, acquire particular relevance not only within the group but also outside it.

Agenda for discussion:

- Stimulation of the inflow of foreign investments into Russia from the BRICS + countries;
- Best global practices of investment agencies;
- Formation of a favourable investment image in the regions: consolidation of efforts and exchange of experience in attraction of foreign investment.

(Part 1) Panel discussion "Modern mechanisms and incentives for attracting investments in the Russian Federation during a pandemic"**Moderators:**

- **Nonna Kagramanyan**, Vice President, Head of the Executive Committee of "Business Russia";
- **Dmitry Panov**, Coordinator of "Business Russia" in the Northwestern Federal District, Chair of the Saint Petersburg branch of "Business Russia".

Speakers:

- Representative of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (*TBD*);
- Vice-Governor of Saint-Petersburg (*TBD*);
- Chairman of the Committee for industrial policy innovation and trade of Saint Petersburg (*TBD*);
- Representative of the investment promotion bureau of the Yantai Economic and Technological Development Zone, Yantai (China);

- **Manish Kumar**, Deputy Director, Confederation of Indian Industry (India).
- **Per-Olof Egli**, Export Trade Adviser of the Russian Export Centre, CEO of Trade Partner C.I.S. AB (Sweden);
- **Walter Heredia Martínez**, Director of the International Technical Cooperation Office, Regional Government of Madre de Dios (Peru);

(Part 2) Public-Talk: "Development of export-import relations: practical cases from Russian exporters" (areas: energy, food industry, pharmaceuticals, jewellery industry).

Moderator:

- **Alexander Shchelkanov**, Candidate of Economic Sciences, Executive Director, Deputy Chair of the Committee for the Development of Export and Import of the Saint Petersburg Regional Branch of "Business Russia"

Speakers:

- **Dmitry Shagardin**, CEO of BSPB Capital Management Company;
- **Yaroslav Kabakov**, Director of Strategy at FINAM (Russia);
- Representative of "Rakurs Engineering" Group of Companies (*practical case of the development of export-import relations with South Africa*);
- Representative of "Lubimy Kray" (*a practical case of the development of export-import relations with China*);
- Representative of "Russkie Samotsvety";
- Representative of LLC "Groteks";
- Representative of VERTEX.

16.30 – 18.00 G-18

Field-specific session

SHAPING THE VALUES OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION IN THE REALITIES OF THE MODERN DIGITAL WORLD**Co-organizers:**

- Autonomous non-profit organization for development and support of innovative projects “Center of Systemic Initiatives”

With the support of

- Federal Agency for Youth Affairs (Rosmolodezh);
- Committee for Youth Policy and Cooperation with Public Organizations of Saint Petersburg.

Ensuring an all-round development of a modern personality requires young people to manifest a new worldview and new approaches in finding their place and role in modern life. Therefore, one of the most important tasks nowadays is the formation of a qualitatively new consciousness and a critical worldview among young people. During the session, participants will discuss the role of different organizations in shaping the values of the younger generation, and exchange existing mechanisms and practices.

Moderator:

- **Ivan Milovanov**, Expert of the Center for System Initiatives, Head of the educational platform LikBez.

Speakers:

- Representative of the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs of the Russian Federation (Russia);
- **Maria Voropaeva**, Chair of the Youth Parliament at the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (Russia);
- **Purnima Anand**, President of the International Federation of Indo-Russian Youth Clubs (India);
- **Christina Fedoseeva**, Member of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, Head of the All-Russian Youth Public Organization “MIR” (Russia);
- **Mokgatla Collen Rapetso**, Expert of the Public Organization S. T. A. R. T (South Africa);
- **Tatyana Ivshina**, Executive Director of the “Ulyanovsk – the Capital of Culture” Foundation (Russia);
- **Devender Kumar Saini**, Deputy Advocate General of the Government of Haryana in the Supreme Court of India;
- **Oleg Zorya**, Head of the All-Russian Organization “Urban renovations” (Russia);
- **Henrique Domingues**, Secretary for Latin America of the IMBRICS Forum (Brazil);
- **Undra Enkhbayar**, Expert of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Industry of Mongolia (Mongolia).

Presenters:

- **Abhishek Mishra**, Youth Leader, Bharatiya Janata Party (India).

17.00 – 18.30 G-19

Field-specific session

SOCIAL PROTECTION OF THE POPULATION: TOPICAL ISSUES FOR THE BRICS MUNICIPALITIES**With the support of**

- **All-Russia People's Front**

The system of measures for social protection and support of the population includes not only a set of state programs such as preferential health care, support for low-income families, large families, pensions, social services and others but non-state forms of support as well: charity foundations, volunteer corps, volunteer movements.

What measures of support are provided to the population by the state authorities in the municipalities of the BRICS countries? What support is provided during a pandemic? What kind of socially oriented activities is carried out by public organizations in BRICS countries? Which civil society projects can receive government support? How do government bodies and public organizations interact within their activities?

Moderator:

- **Maria Lvova-Belova**, Member of the Federation Council Committee for Social Policy (Russia).

Speakers:

- **Anna Kuznetsova**, Commissioner for the Children's Rights under the President of the Russian Federation (Russia);
- **Dnyaneshwar Manohar Mulay**, Member of the National Human Rights Commission (India);
- **Tatyana Kusayko**, Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council Committee on Social Policy (Russia);
- **Eduardo Rodrigues Gomes**, Associate Professor at the Federal University of Fluminense (Brazil);
- **Elena Diaghileva**, Deputy Governor of the Murmansk Region (Russia);
- **Mangalam Dubey**, Co-Founder and Director of INRUCS (India);
- **Svetlana Zhukova**, Director of the Non-Profit Organization "Union of Business Women" (Russia);
- **Olga Pozdnyakova**, Head of the Consolidated Analytical Department of the All-Russia People's Front (Russia);

LINKS TO CONNECT TO ZOOM

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Time (Moscow, GMT+3)	Nº	Title of the session	Translation
10.00 –11.30	A-1	Modernization of public passenger transport as a basis for sustainable development of urban transport systems (experience of the Russian Federation) https://zoom.us/j/97460538943?pwd=YTZWVUNuT1IGV243a3NsdkE1bEFaZz09 Access code: 353301	Russian/ English
10.30 –12.00	A-2	Development of urban infrastructure as the basis for a comfortable life https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85805971939?pwd=bzVsNWpOZmtRRTVMU1ptc2Z4cnd0QT09 Access code: 289812	Russian/ English
11.00 – 12.30	A-3	Creation of new tourist routes with the cooperation of the BRICS municipalities https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81943680099?pwd=M2dGT1Iyd3BHVjg5MWY1YN3FSzRwUT09 Access code: 723239	Russian/ English
12.00 – 13.30	A-4	Professional skills as a guarantee of the future development of the BRICS countries https://zoom.us/j/92342469355?pwd=VVEySUJVSjVPaDNWdjVXZlcyWGJGdz09 Access code: 353301	Russian/ English
12.30 – 14.00	A-5	Civic participation and digitalization of public management https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83713759809?pwd=SURCdXNpanhoSTdQU3E2NXVZUVdKdz09 Access code: 289812	Russian/ English
14.00 – 15.30	B-6	PLENARY SESSION: Public diplomacy as a tool for BRICS economic development: interregional and municipal cooperation https://zoom.us/j/95671972216?pwd=Z0lkSFVNNTIOMzEwcWVG0XhQT2ZwZz09 Access code: 353301	Russian/ English/ Portuguese/ Chinese
16.00 – 17.30	C-7	Housing and urban environment: smart cities, technology and safety https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89884244418?pwd=MDRTMkYQkhyWitoK1hkN1Ywc2Z5UT09 Access code: 289812	Russian/ English
16.30 – 18.00	C-8	Role of non-governmental organizations in the development of cooperation between the BRICS municipalities	Russian/ English

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17.00 – 18.30	C-9	Sport unites the nations https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87699376304?pwd=SlpFNXBCWEp4UWgzTllveIVjeGFodz09 Access code: 723239	Russian/ English
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10.00 – 11.30	D-10	Invest in development: finding investors for your project https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88195622287?pwd=U2JzNVhzYUdrUTFONHhIMkpON2dSQT09 Access code: 289812	Russian/ English
10.30 – 12.00	D-11	Creating a favourable business climate: advanced information technologies in the work of organizations, state authorities and public-law institutions https://zoom.us/j/98963051355?pwd=U1BuNnJbDRZQXZocDIROVVEN28wQTO9 Access code: 353301	Russian/ English
11.00 – 12.30	D-12	Post-pandemic cooperation: making cities more sustainable, attractive, smart and safe https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81411298952?pwd=RUpXKzVrb21yQjJlWlVmYjZqZFpPUT09 Access code: 723239	Russian/ English
12.00 – 13.30	D-13	Exchange of electoral practices and new technologies in electoral processes https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82613666577?pwd=NHRYYONwRVBhWW1hWGhXakVmTk5oUT09 Access code: 289812	Russian/ English
12.30 – 14.00	D-14	Antimonopoly regulation and control as tools for improving the investment climate in municipalities https://zoom.us/j/99849396451?pwd=U2o3ekVISU5jTGI1amhyeThXNnRSUT09 Access code: 353301	Russian/ English
13.00 – 14.30	F-15	Prevention of the spread of infectious diseases, maintaining the safety of the products imported and exported in the BRICS countries, improvement and modernization of safety systems https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87841332759?pwd=TIxWDZvNVZVcGIBWm1wODIXc1o3dz09 Access code: 723239	Russian/ English
14.00 – 15.30	F-16	Interregional socio-economic cooperation of the brics countries: an inter-party aspect https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88417323529?pwd=OHp6azh1WDhQM0tWQ3FLV3dOaXhaQT09	Russian/ English

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16.00 - 17.30	G-17	<p>Strengthening of the economic partnership between the BRICS plus countries: development of the export-import relationships and mechanisms for increasing the investment attractiveness of regions</p> <p>https://zoom.us/j/96076963971?pwd=dVZJZEhJdkNzR1RvdHI0dXhGQXJydz09</p> <p>Access code: 353301</p>	Russian/ English
16.30 - 18.00	G-18	<p>Shaping the values of the younger generation in the realities of the modern digital world</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84351772197?pwd=NkNQcytnMOI5YnQrVGNRV01NaW01UT09</p> <p>Access code: 723239</p>	Russian/ English
17.00 - 18.30	G-19	<p>Social protection of the population: topical issues for the BRICS municipalities</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88382510874?pwd=U3VHaUZQRFozaEppbUpST2Q1bmlGQT09</p> <p>Access code: 289812</p>	Russian/ English