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FOREWORD

Mr. Sergey Korotkov,
Director of UNIDO Centre for International Industrial Cooperation of the Russian Federation (May 2008 – March 2023)

We live in the changing reality, reality that is always transforming. People who protect and support the sustainable development, must keep abreast of the time. The activities of the UNIDO Centre are the example of how it is possible to keep the pace and observe the changes of the world. This year we have participated in a lot of forums, events, round-table discussions and summits and every time we took notice of new tendencies, new steps, and intentions. It is very important to listen to the sounds of changing world. UNIDO Centre is planning to continue its activities, and more and more be the sustainable partner and reliable intermediary.
The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is a specialized agency in the United Nations system. The Organization’s primary objective is the promotion and acceleration of industrial development in developing countries and countries with economies in transition and the promotion of international industrial cooperation.

The Organization’s three major priorities for action are:

- Supporting sustainable supply chains so that developing country producers get a fair deal and scarce resources are preserved.
- Limiting climate breakdown by using renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce industrial greenhouse gas emissions.
- Ending hunger by cutting post-harvest losses and developing agribusiness value chains.

Cutting across these priorities are the following themes: technology and knowledge transfer, digitalization, investment promotion, training and skills, the circular economy, and women’s economic empowerment.

The Organization is recognized as a specialized and efficient provider of key services meeting the interlinked challenges of reducing poverty through productive activities, integrating developing countries in global trade through trade capacity-building, fostering environmental sustainability in industry, and improving access to clean energy.

UNIDO promotes sustainable patterns of industrial consumption and production to decouple the processes of economic growth from environmental degradation. UNIDO is a leading provider services for industrial energy efficiency improvement and promotion of renewable energy sources. The Organization also helps developing countries in the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements, while achieving their economic and environmental goals.

Established in 1966, UNIDO is headquartered in Vienna, Austria. The organization boasts 171 member states and maintains a field network of 29 regional and country offices around the world. Mr. Gerd Müller is Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) as of 10 December 2021.
SDG AND ISID

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is a set of goals for future international cooperation, which replaced the Millennium Development Goals at the end of 2015. The Sustainable Development Goals are an agenda to end poverty and hunger, tackle the climate crisis, achieve gender equality and more before 2030. At a time of significant uncertainty, the Sustainable Development Goals point the way towards effective recovery from COVID-19 and building a better future for all on a safe and healthy planet.

UNIDO’s mandate is reflected in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 9: “Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation”, but UNIDO’s activities contribute to all the SDGs.

The Lima Declaration, adopted by UNIDO’s Member States in December 2013, set the foundation for a new vision of inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) and highlighted the role of industrialization as a driver for development. The ISID approach is based on four main pillars: creating shared prosperity, advancing
economic competitiveness, safeguarding the environment, and strengthening knowledge and institutions. This applies to all fields of work UNIDO is engaged in, including technical cooperation, analytical and policy advisory services, standard setting and compliance, and a convening function for knowledge transfer and networking.

Over the past few years, the international community has made a quantum leap in advancing new approaches to accelerate progress and pave the way for a more ambitious, inclusive and universal development framework beyond 2015. While industrialization was not factored into the Millennium Development Goals framework, inclusive and sustainable industrialization now features strongly in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
UNIDO CIIC RUSSIA


The main objective of the UNIDO Centre is to promote international cooperation in economic, technological, industrial and scientific fields between enterprises, associations, organizations and firms from Russia and developed and developing countries.

The UNIDO Centre’s activities are carried out in the interests of the federal government and are aimed at assisting Russian state organizations and private companies in effective development of international cooperation, attracting investment resources, technology transfer, as well as expanding and deepening cooperation between the Russian Federation and UNIDO.

The UNIDO Centre in Russia is a part of UNIDO global network of Investment and Technology Promotion Offices (hereinafter ITPO), which aims to support industrial development and economic growth of developing countries and countries in transition by identifying and mobilizing technical, financial, management and other resources needed to implement specific industrial investment and technology projects.
EVENTS 2022
Moscow, February 21
Ceremonial event dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the foundation of the ICIE

A solemn event dedicated to the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (ICIE) was held in Moscow. The stakeholders, members and partners of the organization, including the Director of UNIDO Centre in Russia, took part in the event.

The host of the event, Chairman of the Council of the Congress Vasily Tarlev, in his speech congratulated the audience and outlined the historical milestones of the 30-year path that the organization has passed.

President of the ICIE Artem Chaika shared his strategic vision and assured that the organization would continue its activities consistently, expanding its geography, authoritative membership base and relying on real practical projects and programs. In connection with the anniversary, a number of leaders, activists and employees of the Congress apparatus were awarded.

The welcome address on behalf of UNIDO was prepared and signed by Mr. Bernardo Calzadilla-Sarmiento, UNIDO Managing Director of the Directorate of Digitalization, Technology and Agri-Business.

Moscow, March 11
II All-Russian Forum and Business Support Infrastructure Award “My Business”

Sergey Korotkov made a speech at the session “Fresh ideas for small businesses. World Practices and Successful Cases” as part of the II All-Russian Forum and Entrepreneurship Support Infrastructure Award “My Business”, organized by ANO Sberbank Corporate University.
The participants discussed the possibilities for redistributing export-import flows and entering new markets under sanctions, ways to further develop relations with entrepreneurs from other countries, as well as support for business abroad.

In order to support business, the licenses access system will be simplified in the near future. This was stated by the director of the department of state policy in the field of licensing, control and supervisory activities, accreditation and self-regulation of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation Mr. Alexander Vdovin.

As part of the discussion, it was also noted that an important stage in the formation and development of a business is self-employment. And now it is important to preserve and support start-up entrepreneurs.

**Moscow, March 15**

Open dialogue "Situation center. Efficient production 4.0"

Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia, Mr. Sergey Korotkov took part in the Round table “Situational center. Efficient Production”, which was held within the framework of the practical industrial Conference “Efficient Production 4.0”. The conference was organized by the Tsifra Group of Companies.

The table was moderated by Pavel Rastopshin, Managing Director of Tsifra Group, co-moderator - Artem Dalevich, Vice President of the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Among the speakers were representatives of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation, United Engine Corporation, LocoTech, Stankomashstroy, PO Elektropribor and others.

The participants discussed operational action plans to prevent forced downtime in production chains due to the geopolitical situation and relevant practical cases.

The event resulted in a comprehensive analysis of the current situation with the definition of "points of growth" in the form of a practical digest for industrial enterprises with answers to the most asked questions. As well as a "landmark map" - a practical collection of measures for the near future for the development of industry.
Moscow, March 30

Round table "International cooperation to achieve the SDGs during the pandemic"

On March 30, the Eurasian Economic Commission, within the framework of the ninth Sustainable Development Forum of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, held a round table on the topic: “International cooperation to achieve the SDGs during the COVID-19 pandemic: current challenges and prospects”.

Among the speakers were representatives from the Eurasian Economic Commission, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, ASEAN Secretariat, SKOLKOVO School of Management, Sberbank, Eurasian Development Bank and UN Conference on Trade and Development.

The Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia Mr. Sergey Korotkov together with other participants discussed new opportunities and principles for the development of international cooperation in connection with the implementation of the sustainable development agenda in the post-pandemic world. A separate item on the agenda was the discussion of new approaches and principles of stakeholder interaction in such areas as the development of international trade and economic connectivity of regions, the introduction of green economy principles and the implementation of the climate agenda, the fight against growing poverty and inequality in society.

For four days, all Forum participants worked on analyzing the progress of the region in achieving SDGs No. 4 "Quality education", No. 5 "Gender equality", No. 14 "Preservation of marine ecosystems", No. 15 "Preservation of terrestrial ecosystems" and No. 17 "Partnership in interests of sustainable development".

Moscow, April 7

Communication group meeting of the UN team Russia

On April 7, the UNIDO Centre in Russia participated in a meeting of the UN Communications Group in Russia organized by the UN Information Center in Moscow.

The communication group discussed strategic plans and formats for operational interaction between representatives of UN organizations in Russia particularly:

- Steps to support measures to achieve the SDGs - 2030, taking into account the consequences of the pandemic and the crisis in Ukraine;
- Compliance with human rights and measures to maintain security;
- Humanitarian support to refugees within the framework of UNHCR projects in Russia;
- Development and support UNAIDS programmes;
- New channels of communication and coverage of the results of the UN activities in Russia.
As a result of the meeting, the participants agreed on joint information support under the coordination of the UN Information Center in Russia.

**Kazan, April 19**  
**Meeting of the Government of the Republic of Tatarstan**

On April 19, a meeting of the Government of the Republic of Tatarstan "On the implementation of the state program "Energy and Resource Efficiency in the Republic of Tatarstan" in 2021 and tasks for 2022" was held at the Kazan Expo International Exhibition Center (hereinafter referred to as the Meeting of the Government of the Republic of Tatarstan).

The meeting of the Government of the Republic of Tatarstan was attended by heads of republican executive bodies, heads of municipalities, heads and leading specialists of ministries, departments, industrial enterprises, scientific and educational institutions of the Republic of Tatarstan, directors of regional energy conservation centers. The UNIDO was presented by Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia, Sergey Korotkov.

As the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Tatarstan Mr. Albert Karimov noted, Tatarstan expects to reach full self-sufficiency in terms of electricity in 2025 with a significant growth in the field of distributed generation. He said the modernization of energy facilities is of paramount importance and recalled that the draft state program of the Russian Federation "Energy saving and energy efficiency for the period up to 2035" aims to reduce the energy intensity of GDP by 35% in 2035 (against the level of 2019).

Sergey Korotkov informed about UNIDO’s role in supporting industry in their goals towards more efficient and sustainable production as well as the platform that UNIDO provides for technology transfer, investment mobilization and climate partnerships to accelerate these processes.

In the final part of the meeting, the winners of competitions in the field of energy saving and energy efficiency were awarded by the Government of the Republic of Tatarstan.

**Kazan, May 19-21**  
**Discussion on the impact of the UN SDGs until 2030 on global processes 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). More than 6,000 guests from 64 countries took part in the 2022 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 high-level representatives of international organizations, public and financial institutions, government officials, investment companies and industrial enterprises.

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

Director of the UNIDO Centre in 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 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 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 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 Association/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**

**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.

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.

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.

**Moscow, June 23**

**Measures to preserve international cooperation under the current conditions at the ICIE meeting**

On June 23, the Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia Sergey Korotkov participated in a ICIE meeting. 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.

**Moscow, June 28-29**  
**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.

**Moscow, August 19**  
**Discussion of the "Safe City" system at the III International Fire and Rescue Congress**

On August 19, at the Patriot Exhibition and Convention Center, Kubinka, Moscow Region, the III International Fire and Rescue Congress was held under the auspices of the Russian Emergencies Ministry. The Congress is a key professional event intended to demonstrate the results of the implementation of state policy in the field of security in various areas of life.

Within the framework of the Congress, the International Scientific and Practical Conference "Safe City" and an off-site meeting of the Council of Chief Designers of the hardware and software complex "Safe City" took place.

At the conference, the participants discussed new approaches to management decision-making systems, innovative technologies and solutions in the field of ensuring the safety of the living environment and public order, as well as building a Unified Safe City system in the border areas of the Russian Federation.
Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO Centre in the Russian Federation (UNIDO CIIC), is a member of the Expert Committee on Environmental Safety to integrate efforts at the regional and municipal levels in creating a system. He supported the event and made proposals for the development of the system related to environmental safety.

**Novosibirsk, August 23-26**

**Technological sovereignty and sustainable development of Russia at the Technoprom-2022**

From August 23 to 26, Novosibirsk hosted a major technological event — the IX International Technological Development Forum Technoprom-2022, organized with the support of the government of the Novosibirsk Region. The main topic of the Forum this year was "Technological Sovereignty and Sustainable Development of Russia".

The Technoprom-2022 was attended by Dmitry Chernyshenko, Deputy Prime Minister of Russia, Andrey Travnikov, Governor of the Novosibirsk Region, Valery Falkov, Minister of Science and Higher Education of Russia.

The Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia took part in the Panel session “International scientific, technological and entrepreneurial cooperation”.

In his speech, Sergey Korotkov spoke about the dynamics of FDI from both Russia and China as part of the One Belt, One Path Initiative and noted the importance of Russia’s presence in the Central Asian region and cooperation in the BRICS+ format.

In total, according to the organizers, about 800 speakers representing more than 60 regions of the Russian Federation took part in Technoprom-2022. More than 70 agreements were signed at the forum sites.
Maryina Gorka (Belarus), September 23-24
5th Anniversary International Scientific and Technical Conference

On September 23-24, Maryina Gorka, Belarus, hosted the 5th Anniversary International Scientific and Technical Conference “Near Space Non-Rocket Industrialization: Problems, Ideas, Projects” (NRNSI 2022). The event was organized by Yunitskiy’s group of companies.

The projects and technologies presented at the conference are united by the concept of the global program "EcoWorld", which involves the development of eco-oriented biospheric technologies aimed at transforming the main areas of the earth’s industry, infrastructure, energy, transport, and agriculture. It involves the removal of a harmful part of the earth's industry into near-Earth orbit with the help of a general planetary vehicle (GPV).

Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia Sergey Korotkov took part in the event. In his welcoming speech, Mr. Korotkov noted the relevance of the task of industrial space exploration in the light of the desire of mankind to implement the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

“The tasks of industrial space exploration and the implementation of projects within the framework of the international platform EcoWorld can become an important part of the concept of sustainable development with practically applicable results” he said.
The guest of honor of the event was the pilot-cosmonaut, Hero of Russia, holder of
the Order of the Legion of Honor (France) Sergey Avdeev. He has more than 2 years
of work on the ISS as part of international expeditions. Sergey Vasilyevich shared his
experience of being in space and answered questions about how the working days of
astronauts in a confined space proceeded.

Currently, Unitsky String Technologies Inc. tests and demonstrates transport and
infrastructure complexes at the uSky Testing and Certification Center in the UAE
(Sharjah).

As a result of the conference, the need to promote the EcoWorld program was
emphasized. The importance of cooperation between countries and research
institutions in the framework of non-rocket space exploration and the removal of a
dangerous part of the technosphere beyond the earth’s boundaries was noted.

**Moscow, September 29**

*Side event "Cooperation between the banking sector and business of the Russian Federation and the Asia-Pacific region within the framework of the ESG finance and sustainable development agenda"*

On September 29, 2022, a side event "Cooperation between the banking sector and
business of the Russian Federation and the Asia-Pacific region within the framework
of the ESG finance and sustainable development agenda" was held online on the
sidelines of the Third Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and
Integration in the Asia-Pacific Region, UNESCAP.

The event was held by the United Nations Russian Association with the support of the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (MFA of Russia), the Embassy of
the Russian Federation in the Kingdom of Thailand and Sberbank. The event was
attended by experts in the field of green finance from Russia and other countries of
the Asia-Pacific region (hereinafter referred to as the Asia-Pacific region),
representatives of international organizations, business, government agencies,
academies and the non-governmental sector.

The stated purpose of the event was to discuss the current status of cooperation in
the field of sustainable finance between interested companies and regulators in Russia
and the Asia-Pacific region. In addition, the event discussed potential projects and
initiatives aimed at strengthening cooperation and promoting crisis resilience.
The UNIDO National Consultant Ivan Seregin, in his speech, emphasized megatrends in the post-pandemic future according to the UNIDO report on industrial development.

“According to the report (UNIDO - ed. note), digitalization, green industry and the global shift of power towards Asia are identified as megatrends that will affect industrial development in the post-pandemic future.”, - he said.

First Deputy Chairman of the UN RAS, Vice President of the World Federation of UN Associations, Head of the UNESCO Chair A.N. Borisov summed up the event, noting the need for further development of cooperation between Russia and the banking sector and business of the Asia-Pacific countries in order to increase resilience to crises.

**Novosibirsk, October 6-8**

**International Forum of Inventors In’Hub 2022**

At the beginning of October, the International Forum of Inventors and Innovators In’Hub 2022 was held in Novosibirsk. The event featured more than 200 projects from participants from all over Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Egypt, Iran and other countries.

As part of In’Hub inventors got the opportunity to present their ideas to investors and business angels. The experts were representatives of the leading investment companies and funds of Russia, namely: Voskhod VC, ATEM Capital, Phystech Ventures, Venture Club Syndicate, Exploration by Combat, MTS Startup Hub, Innovation Promotion Fund (Bortnik Fund), Startech VC and International Fund for Technology Development (IFTD).

A separate pitching session was held for students of Russian technical universities and novice inventors who do not yet have patents. The projects shown covered a wide range of tech areas - including drones, electric motors, climate control devices, as well as devices for labor protection at mining enterprises.

Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia took part in the focus session "From knowledge transfer to technology transfer: How to make a high-tech breakthrough in 2023?". In his speech, Sergey Korotkov spoke about the prospects for the exchange of experience with foreign colleagues and the transfer of technologies of Russian inventors through business missions, using the example of the UNIDO ITPO Network.
“The pooling of capacities and collaboration between various stakeholders around the world, including the public and private sectors, financial institutions and academia, is critical” he said.

Moscow, October 12-14
Russian Energy Week 2022

Representatives of the UNIDO Centre in Russia took part in the International forum "Russian Energy Week 2022" (REW-2022) that was held from 12 to 14 October at the Central Exhibition Hall "Manege" (Moscow). REW is the largest platform for experts to discuss key issues in the fuel and energy industry. This year's REW motto was "Global Energy in a Multipolar World".

The Forum was organized by the Roscongress Foundation, the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation with the support of the Moscow Government. President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin addressed the participants with an opening speech.

Over 3,000 participants and media from Russia and 83 foreign states and territories, including Yemen, the Cayman Islands, Nicaragua, Rwanda, and Chad, took part in REW-2022.

The key event in the series of business events of the Forum was the plenary session “New Challenges – New Opportunities. What awaits the global oil and gas market?”.
The discussions touched upon such important issues as the impact of geopolitics on the global oil and gas market, the prospects for the development of the global oil and gas sector in the next decade, including in the field of liquefied natural gas, the impact of OPEC, GECF and BRICS on the prospects for the development of world energy. In addition, experts talked about how Russia will adapt to the new conditions and what will be the country's share in the world export of hydrocarbons in the future.

**Moscow, October 14**

**Green and healthy office 2022 Award**

On October 14, 2022, an online presentation of the best environmental practices of the companies participating in the Green and Healthy Office 2022 award took place. The campaign is carried out by MBS with the information support of the UNIDO Centre in Russia.

This year, more than 60 companies took part in the campaign. Representatives of the following companies spoke at the final event: Sberbank PJSC, YANDEX, CROC Incorporated CJSC, Russian Railways OJSC, MTS PJSC, Headhunter LLC, City-XXI Century JSC, Sreda Opportunities Development Center ANO and others.

Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia, in his welcoming speech noted: “We have been cooperating with colleagues for a long time and support initiatives to exchange best practices in the development of socially responsible business and sustainable development. I’m looking forward to the development of important environmental initiatives for sustainable development through this campaign as well. Improving environmental, social and management decisions in business along with the quality of products and services are key success factors for a competitive economy. And since business is not only technology, but also people, it is important for an employer to support employees and demonstrate high standards both in the field of caring for the environment, and to develop programs for caring for the physical and mental health and training of employees, inclusiveness, rational resource consumption and a policy of responsible procurement”.
The jury included the best experts in sustainable development, green building, ESG, the introduction of separate waste collection and greening of offices, eco-activists and independent experts, as well as representatives of the Ecological Union certification body (Vital Leaf voluntary environmental certification system), ANO "Moscow Ecological Register", the certification system "Forest Standard", the national methodology for certification of real estate.

**Moscow, October 18**  
**Day of training for digital attachés**

On October 18, on the basis of the MIPT Moscow building, the Center for Global IT Cooperation, with the support of the Russian Foundation for Information Technology Development, held a day of training for digital attaches.

This is the final part of the comprehensive training of future specialists who will soon begin working in 17 countries: Argentina, Armenia, Vietnam, Morocco, Egypt, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, UAE, Pakistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, South Africa, Cuba, China and Thailand.

The idea of creating an institution of “digital ambassadors” or attaches in Russia was first voiced in 2019. In September 2021, additional IT support measures were approved, which will include the creation of a digital attache service. Its goals include supporting Russian IT companies entering foreign markets and encouraging foreign IT companies to move into Russian jurisdiction. Attaches should provide consulting, information and analytical, legal and organizational support to Russian IT companies in the countries of presence. Responsible for the creation of the service are the Ministry of Digital Development, the Ministry of Industry and Trade and RFRIT.

Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia Sergey Korotkov supported the events and made a presentation on the prospects for the development of digital technologies for the benefit of sustainable development based on UNIDO research data.

“According to UNIDO reports, ADP technologies, when applied to industrial production, open up huge potential for economic growth and improving human well-being, as well as protecting the environment and achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” he said.

**Moscow, October 25**  
**The autumn session of the Digital Ecomonitoring Forum**

The autumn session of the all-Russian technological forum "Digital Ecomonitoring" was held on October 25-27, 2022 in Moscow. The main topics of the forum this time were issues and solutions related to environmental monitoring technologies in 2022-2023 for emissions, discharges, air quality control, water environments and soils in modern conditions
The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Russia has traditionally become the forum venue, where plenary and thematic sessions were held, the second day of the forum dedicated to industrial emissions and discharges was held at the Crocus Expo site as part of the Heat & Power 2022 International Exhibition of Industrial Equipment.

Experts from relevant departments, representatives of business and the international community discussed such topics as: digital environmental modernization of industry, emission regulation, inventory of stationary sources and emissions of harmful substances into the air, best available clean technologies and UNIDO programs and prospects for the environmental monitoring market in the context of import substitution.

Moscow, October 26
Russian-Chinese relations in the context of modern challenges of socio-economic development at the FES

On October 26, 2022, in the Fireplace Hall of the House of Economists in Moscow, a conference was held on the topic: "Russian-Chinese relations in the context of modern challenges of socio-economic development."

The conference was organized by the Free Economic Society of Russia (FES of Russia), the Chongyang Institute for Financial Research of the People's University of China, the International Union of Economists (ITU), the Institute of New Industrial Development named after S.Yu. Witte and supported by the UNIDO Centre in Russia.

Within the framework of the event, business sessions were held on the development of Russian-Chinese relations in the context of modern challenges and the ceremony of establishing the Business Council of the International Union of Economists and the Free Economic Society of Russia on the development of Russian-Chinese cooperation, as well as issues of cooperation between the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation, in ahead of the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of China.
Leading Russian and Chinese scientists, statesmen and public figures, representatives of the business community became guests and participants of the event and took part in an expert discussion on current trends and prospects for the evolution of society and international relations.

Among the participants and guests of the event were: Sergey Bodrunov, President of the Free Economic Society of Russia, Sun Weidong, Charge d'Affaires of the People's Republic of China in the Russian Federation, Nikolai Kharitonov, Chairman of the State Duma Committee for the Development of the Far East and the Arctic, Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO CIIC and others.

**Novosibirsk, October 27**

**Conference "Management of persistent organic pollutants in Russia and abroad"**

Novosibirsk Institute of Organic Chemistry. N.N. Vorozhtsov SB RAS held on October 26-28 the conference "Management of persistent organic pollutants in Russia and abroad"

Representatives of state authorities and leading specialists of scientific organizations and supervisory authorities in the field of chemical and environmental safety acted as plenary speakers and experts. The countries participating in the Stockholm Convention did not stand aside either: in 2022, representatives from the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Republic of Tajikistan, the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Republic of Armenia took part in the conference.

Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO CIIC, took part in the conference and spoke about the results of the UNIDO-GEF project “Environmentally sound regulation and final destruction of PCBs at the enterprises of Russian Railways and other owners”.
Moscow, November 7
Press-conference of All-Russian Environmental Dictation

The media group "Russia Today" hosted the press conference on the topic: "The role of environmental education in ensuring the energy, environmental and climate security of Russia in the context of geopolitical turbulence."

The event was timed to coincide with the Ecodictation - an annual All-Russian project aimed at building an environmental culture, popularizing environmental knowledge among the population, raising the level of environmental literacy in order to prevent environmental offenses and keep the environmental safety.

Among the participants were Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council Committee on Agrarian and Food Policy and Environmental Management Elena Zlenko; Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia Sergey Korotkov; co-chair of the federal organizing committee of the All-Russian Ecological Dictation, chairman of the Union for Energy and Environmental Security Natalia Sokolova; First Vice-President of JSC "Gazprombank" Natalya Tretiak; zoologist and biogeographer, host of the TV show "In the Animal World" Nikolai Drozdov; TV presenter, winner of the Miss Universe contest Oksana Fedorova; singer and composer Victoria Cherentsova.

The organizers of the Ecodictant are ANO "Ravnopravie", OOD "Angel-Childhood Guardian", FGBOU DO FTSDO.

Moscow, November 10
International Forum “World Quality Day”

Every year since 1989 the World Quality Day is celebrated at the initiative of the European Organization for Quality and supported by the United Nations. Traditionally, as part of the celebration of the World Quality Day, business events are held to emphasize the importance of continuous improvement in the quality of products and services for the sustainable development of society.

In 2022, the Forum was organized by Roskachestvo with the support of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation, UNIDO, and the Ministry of
Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation. Director of the UNIDO CIIC Sergey Korotkov moderated the session "ESG leaves Russia?", which took place in the Library of the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The topic of ESG and issues of sustainable development in the current geopolitical situation faded into the background. Many foreign companies that set trends in the ESG agenda have suspended their work in Russia. The participant of the session discussed the ESG-investment issues for business and certification in other countries.

**Vienna, November 19-23**

**Prospects for cooperation between UNIDO and Russia discussed at the UNIDO Industrial Development Board**

On December 21, 2022, the Russian delegation headed by the Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation Alexey Gruzdev took part in the 50th meeting of the UNIDO Industrial Development Board.

During his speech, Alexey Gruzdev stressed that the Russian Federation attaches particular importance to cooperation with UNIDO as a key organization of the UN system on industrial development issues and a unique platform for a global comprehensive dialogue between representatives of government, the private sector, scientific and expert organizations.

“Our interaction with UNIDO is aimed at the practical results and solving urgent problems of industrial development” he said.

Russia remains one of the largest sponsors of UNIDO and co-finances technical assistance projects and country partnership programs in Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

On the sidelines of the meeting, Alexey Gruzdev also met with UNIDO DG Mr. Gerd Muller. They discussed the areas of cooperation between Russia and UNIDO towards climate change prevention, energy efficiency, labor productivity, the "green" economy, biodiversity, hydrogen technologies, the mining industry and metallurgy. Among other topics of negotiations are the activities of the UNIDO Centre in Russia and the
creation of the Centre for Industrial Competences of the BRICS countries on the basis of UNIDO.

Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia Sergey Korotkov took part in the work of the Council and held a series of negotiations with colleagues from UNIDO regarding the UNIDO Centre’s activities.

**Moscow, November 24**

**IX Moscow International Financial and Economic Forum**

For nine years, the Financial and Business Association of Euro-Asian Cooperation has been holding the Moscow International Financial and Economic Forum. This year, the UNIDO Centre in Russia joined the Forum.

The plenary session of the IX Moscow International Financial and Economic Forum was held on November 24, 2022 under the topic “Build bridges, not walls. Business Eurasia in the new reality”. The plenary session of the Forum was preceded by the FBA EAC International Business Week, during which panel sessions were held in Moldova, Italy, and Russia.

More than two thousand people from 36 countries took part in the panel and plenary sessions of the Forum. The Eurasian Economic Commission, the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, the International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, the Association of Financiers of Kazakhstan, the Association of Banks of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Association of European Businesses, the Moscow Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the UNIDO CIIC were also represented at the forum. , the UN Country Team in Russia, the Union of Chinese Entrepreneurs of Russia, as well as ambassadors and representatives of the Embassies of Brazil, Syria, and Kyrgyzstan.

Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia, spoke about the cooperation within the framework of business associations and country associations. According to
his words, “the main opportunities for cooperation lie in the development of regional integration projects, such as the EAEU and the Eurasian Customs Union. China's Belt and Road Initiative not only improves the region's ability to attract foreign investment, but increases competition between Russian and Chinese companies. As well as cooperation within the framework of BRICS + in Central Asia”.

Vladimir Kuznetsov, Director of the UN Information Centre in Moscow, Chairman of the UN Country Team in Russia, noted that the topics raised by the Forum participants, are extremely important both for the global agenda and in terms of the efforts that the United Nations is making today. The plight in which the world has found itself as a result of armed conflicts, climate change, division, poverty and unemployment, mass displacement of people, the consequences of a global pandemic, etc. led to a lack of funds to finance sustainable development.

Kazan, November 24
The X Anniversary Forum "Effective Management Systems" at KIU

From November 24 to 25, the Kazan Innovation University (KIU) hosted the anniversary X International Scientific and Practical Forum "Effective Management Systems: Stable Quality in Unstable Conditions". This year the event was held in a hybrid format, which made it possible to bring together participants from 40 regions of Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan.

Among the speakers of the plenary session were Sergey Korotkov - Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia, Natalya Kondratova - Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Tatarstan, Elena Gorbashko - Vice-Rector for Research of St. Petersburg State University of Economics, Doctor of Economics and others.

As a result of the Forum, the collection "Effective Management Systems: Stable Quality in Unstable Conditions" was published, which included more than 150 publications by scientists, graduate students and students of Russian and foreign universities.
**Moscow, November 29**

**GORPROMEXPO-2022**

The GORPROMEXPO-2022 forum was held in Moscow, organized by the association "Miners of Russia", the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation for Energy Strategy and the Development of the Fuel and Energy Complex, the Ministry of Energy, Rosnedra, NUST MISIS.

Within the framework of the forum, the session "Ecology, the ESG agenda of coal mining; resource efficiency of the coal industry" was held. The discussion was moderated by the head of the expert-analytical platform "Infrastructure and Finance for Sustainable Development" Svetlana Bik and the head of the Union of Energy and Environmental Security, head of the section "Ecology and Environmental Protection environment" of the expert council of the Federation Council Committee on Agrarian and Food Policy and Environmental Management Natalya Sokolova.

The session was attended by: Director of the Department of the Coal Industry of the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation Pyotr Bobylev, Director of the UNIDO CIIC Sergey Korotkov, Director of the Institute for Integrated Development of the Subsoil of the Russian Academy of Sciences Valery Zakharov, Advisor to the General Director of JSC SUEK Maxim Dovgyallo, Deputy Executive Director of ANO "International Centrefor Sustainable Energy Development" under the auspices of UNESCO Vladimir Berdin and others.

As part of the event the Union of Energy and Environmental Security (ESS) expressed interest in developing cooperation with the UNIDO Centre in Russia. Organizations could potentially cooperate in a number of areas, such as: industrial energy efficiency, promoting environmentally sustainable use of resources in industry, stimulating the transfer of environmentally friendly and safe technologies in industry, accumulating efforts in combating and adapting to climate change, promoting the development of cleaner production, supporting scientific and industrial potential in the industry, promoting commercial development.

The Union of Energy and Environmental Security operates in 89 regions of the Russian Federation and actively interacts with experts in the fuel and energy complex. Many years of experience and professionalism allow the members of the Union to find optimal solutions to urgent problems and jointly maintain a balance in order to preserve both the pace of economic development and nature.

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**Andhra Padesh (India), November 30-December 3**

**XII International Forum on Sustainable Waste Management**

From November 30 to December 3, Andhra Padesh, India, hosted the XII International Forum on Sustainable Waste Management in mixed online/offline format.

Sustainable waste management, safety and conservation of resources are the fundamental goals of the United Nations, set in SDG-2030, directly related to the
quality of life, especially for residents of metropolitan areas. IconSWM is one of the largest and most popular ISWMAW platforms established in 2009 in India to share ideas in SDG.

The 12th IconSWM-CE & IPLAGlobal Forum 2022 was designed to discuss important issues and decisions related to the policy, innovation and implementation of new technologies in the field of solid and liquid waste management, and became the official event before the 13th 3R Intergovernmental Regional Forum in Asia-Pacific region, which will be held in 2023 under the auspices of the Government of Japan and UNCRD.

Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia and other Forum participants discussed the latest trends in research and development, strategies and implementation opportunities, as well as future plans for environmental protection, sustainable waste management, the concept of a circular economy and resource efficiency, issues of reducing the extraction of natural resources and social obligations of states under the SDGs.

**Moscow, December 21**


The key topic of the event this year was "Strategy for the development of the Russian energy sector in the context of energy transition and global challenges". More than 700 delegates took part in the Forum, including representatives of the legislative and executive authorities, heads of leading energy companies, as well as foreign partners from Iran, Iraq, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.
Among the main events of the business program: business breakfast, country business dialogues, plenary session - official opening, strategic sessions, business networking, exhibition expositions.

The topic of mutually beneficial international cooperation in priority sectors was devoted to a separate block of Business Dialogues. Among the guests were representatives of Turkey, China, India, Iran, UAE. Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia, moderated the Business Dialogues.

The participants discussed economic and trade potential for the development of comprehensive international relations, peculiarities of creating joint ventures on the territory of Russia, new opportunities for importing goods to Russia, export potential of Russian goods for promotion in the markets of foreign partner countries.

The session "Industrial and environmental safety at energy and fuel and energy facilities" was also held under the guidance of Sergey Korotkov. Among the key speakers: Petr Bobylev, Director of the Coal Industry Department of the Ministry of Energy of Russia, Albina Dudareva, First Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation on Ecology and Environmental Protection, Yulia Mikhaleva, Deputy Head of Roskachestvo.

The F+ tech Group acted as a strategic partner of the XIV International Energy Forum. The organizer of the event is ANO Centre for Business Support and Development "Initiative".

**Moscow, December 26**

**Results of Ecodictation-2022**

The Federation Council announced the results of Ecodictation 2022, the largest educational project in Russia aimed at ensuring the country's environmental safety.

The event was attended by the Chairman of the Federation Council Committee on Rules and Organization of Parliamentary Activities Vyacheslav Timchenko. The event was moderated by Yegor Borisov, Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council Committee on Agrarian-Food Policy and Environmental Management.
Members of the Federal Organizing Committee of Ecodictant, representatives of regions, ministries and departments, large businesses and project ambassadors reported on the results of Ecodictant for 2022, the number of participants online and offline, their distribution across Russian regions, their successes and pleasant sensations within project.

Yegor Borisov also put attention to the fact that in 2020 the project was supported by 13 ministries and departments, in 2022 their number increased to 24. Law enforcement agencies were actively involved in Ecodictation. They not only informed citizens about the opportunity to test their environmental knowledge, but also showed the importance of such a test by personal example. The Ministry of Emergency Situations, the General Prosecutor's Office, the Investigative Committee, the Federal Service for the Execution of Punishments joined the project.

Natalia Sokolova, co-chair of the Ecodictation Federal Organizing Committee, Head of the Union for Energy and Environmental Security, thanked the Federation Council for supporting the project, the idea of which was born within the walls of the upper house of parliament. “The eco-dictation brought together the environmental initiatives of the regions” she said.

Sergey Korotkov, Director of the UNIDO Centre in Russia, noted in his speech that Ecodictation is an important initiative aimed at educating young people and UNIDO Centre will continue to support it in future.
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UNIDO PROJECT “ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT AND FINAL DISPOSAL OF PCBS AT THE RUSSIAN RAILROAD NETWORK AND OTHER PCBS OWNERS”

Background

UNIDO project «Environmentally sound management and final disposal of PCBs at the Russian railroad network and other PCBs owners» aimed for creation of the state PCBs management system in the Russian Federation, PCBs identification system in the energy equipment of industrial enterprises, safe maintenance of PCB-contaminated energy equipment and PCBs environmentally sound disposal in accordance with Russian and international regulations. The project partners are Russia Railroads, JSC, as one of the major PCB-owners in the country, «Vodokanal of St. Petersburg» SUE; Gubkin Russian State University of oil and gas (National Research University).

Main goals of the project are:
- Institutional, regulatory and workforce capacity building for implementation and performance of PCBs environmentally sound management system;
- Country-wide inventory of PCB-contaminated equipment and wastes;
- Environmentally sound management and disposal of PCB-contaminated equipment and wastes.

Project implementation in 2022

The project has been officially completed on the April 2022. But taking into account the relevance of the project goals, its activities are still being promoted by national project experts and project manager during various events, summits, round-table discussions and conferences.

The project team continued to work actively in the framework of the Plan for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention on POPs in Russia. The UNIDO project team remained an active member of the Working Group, participated in meetings, and developed necessary proposals to improve the legal framework for PCB management. The project manager Sergey Korotkov took an active part in the meetings of the Federation Council Committee on Economic Policy and provided up-to-date information on promoting the interests of Russian business and facilitating the transfer of Russian technologies through UNIDO, incl. within the framework of PCB management.

In November 2022 the process of final evaluation has been started. The project team fully supported the evaluation team, provided all required information, and fully participated in the preparation of Final Evaluation Report. The constant communication with all beneficiaries and project partners has been established. The project team conducted working meetings with the Project evaluation team and handled all the data collected and produced during the implementation of the project.
MAJOR PRIORITIES IN 2023

The UNIDO Centre will focus on the activities listed in the Centre’s Project Document as well as on the tasks recommended by the UNIDO Secretariat to be implemented. The main priorities of the UNIDO Centre for 2023 as it is stated in Annual Work Programme 2023 are:

- Enhanced cooperation with Russian enterprises, organizations and institutions in establishing contacts with interested partners abroad and preparing appropriate project proposals in investment and technology;
- Attracting foreign technologies to localize them in Russia, adapting technologies to the needs of Russian companies, attracting finance for projects of technological modernization of Russian companies from international financial institutions and financing organizations;
- Assistance in developing key technological solutions at the request and in line with interests of Russian companies, promotion of domestic technologies in the international market;
- Assistance in strengthening technological chains of Russian companies, by attracting international experts and using competence of companies from UNIDO member countries;
- Participation in exhibitions, forums, conferences and meetings organized by UNIDO;
- Filling the UNIDO Center database with information on industrial enterprises and other organizations in Russia and abroad that are interested in cooperation with foreign partners and/or Russian partners, as well as on scope of their interests;
- Promotion of investment and technology in Russian industry through development of specialized scientific and educational programmes and academic capacity building;
- Cooperation with relevant UNIDO Departments and Divisions at the Headquarters in Vienna, Austria, to initiate new projects and promote joint programmes and initiatives, including technical cooperation projects and organization of global forums.
- Stronger synergistic cooperation with UNIDO ITP network and other ITPOs and exchange of information on investment opportunities and technology transfer;
- Assistance of the Center in promotion of Russian experts and specialists to responsible positions in UNIDO in cooperation with the management of the organization and the UNIDO Human Resources Service in Vienna.

The UNIDO Centre will seek to align its activities and initiatives with the UNIDO Medium-Term Programme Framework 2022-2025 and its strategic orientation to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals as well as with global efforts for "better recovery" from the COVID-19 pandemic. The following integrated approaches will be considered:

- Structural transformation and industry expertise;
- Digital transformation and innovation;
- Climate-neutral industry and circular economy;
• Youth, gender equity and lack of indifference;
• Special Initiative on Recovery from COVID-19.

The UNIDO Center will continue to strengthen cooperation with the Russian state bodies, organizations and agencies of the UN system, various Russian and international organizations.