**International Forum**

**“Public-Private Partnership for the Sustainable Development**

**of Indigenous Peoples”**

(2–3 November 2023, International Trade Centre, 12 Krasnopresnenskaya Embankment, Moscow)

Industrial companies make a significant contribution to socioeconomic development while at the same time being responsible for caring for the environment and respecting and observing human rights. Their resource potential and corporate policies are a positive factor in sustainable development of Indigenous Peoples and the territories where they traditionally live.

The Forum will address strategy standards for ensuring Indigenous Peoples’ sustainable development and how businesses can contribute to this. These include corporate development programmes, agreements with the authorities and associations of Indigenous Peoples, development of infrastructure and environmental protection in areas where Indigenous Peoples traditionally live, approaches to state regulation, and effectiveness of Indigenous Peoples’ involvement in these areas.

Social responsibility in business is in the interest of states, industrial companies and Indigenous Peoples!

**Objectives**

* To consolidate public-private partnerships for sustainable development of Indigenous Peoples
* To promote and develop corporate social responsibility standards, taking the views of Indigenous Peoples into account
* To build sustainable mechanisms for companies to collaborate with Indigenous Peoples in achieving a win-win sustainable development outcome

**Organizers**

* Federal Agency for Ethnic Affairs of the Russian Federation (FADN)
* Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and Russia’s Far East
* Norilsk Nickel, Mining and Metals Company

**Participants**

* Indigenous Organizations and decision-making bodies
* The authorities of the territories where Indigenous Peoples traditionally live
* Multilateral development institutions, industrial companies in the given territories, business community associations
* The expert community and organizations working on sustainable development, provision for human rights and the rights of Indigenous Peoples

**2 November 2023**

**08:30–10:00** Check-in by Forum participants

**10:00–12:30** Plenary session

Moderator: Evelina Zakamskaya, Host, Russia 24 Channel

Speakers (up to 10 minutes):

Igor Barinov, Director, Russian Federal Agency for Ethnic Affairs

Natalya Komarova, Governor of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous District – Yugra

Andrey Grachev, Vice President for Federal and Regional Programmes, MMC Norilsk Nickel

Grigory Ledkov, President, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North

Samia Slimane, Human Rights Officer, Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Denis Solovyov, Deputy Chairperson of the Management Board; Director, Communications Development Department, NOVATEK

UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (online)

Nikolay Korchunov, Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; Senior Official of the Russian Federation in the Arctic Council

Oleg Kobyakov, Director, Food and Agriculture Organization, UN Liaison Office with the Russian Federation

Antonina Gorbunova, Deputy Chairperson, UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples together with Binota Moy Dhamai, Member and Former Chairperson, UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (online)

Natalya Dorpeko, Executive Director, National Network of the Global Compact Association

**12:30–12:50** Press scrum

**12:30–14:00** Lunch

**14:00–15:30**

Panel session “State Regulation: Practices and Prospects”

The panel session will consider principal models and approaches for government regulations to relations between Indigenous Peoples and industrial companies. Special attention should be focused on developing multilateral dialogue along different channels, including regional authority Councils of Indigenous Small-Numbered Peoples’ Representatives. For instance, the right of Indigenous People to take part in decision-making concerning industrial activities on their traditional territories is enshrined in international law and the national legislation.

Other proposed issues include sustainable regulations applicable to relations concerning compensation to Indigenous Peoples for losses, setting up special legal regime territories, assessing the practices for shaping regional regulations concerning responsible land use, and environmental efforts.

Moderator: Sergey Timoshkov, Advisor to the Director of the Russian Federal Agency for Ethnic Affairs

Speakers (up to 8 minutes):

Anna Kotova, State Secretary and Deputy Director, Russian Federal Agency for Ethnic Affairs

Maxim Dankin, Director, Department for the Development of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation and the Implementation of Infrastructure Projects, Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East and the Arctic

Sergey Chumarev, Deputy Director, Department of Multilateral Cooperation on Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Olga Balabkina, Deputy Chairperson, Government of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)

Alexander Komisarov, Deputy Director, Department of Subsoil Use and Natural Resources of the Khanty-Mansi Autonomous District – Yugra

Paul Lokol, Chairperson, Nabilatuk District Council of the Republic of Uganda

Eduard Yaungad, Vice President, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North for the Ural Federal District; Chairman, Committee of the Legislative Assembly of the Yamal-Nenets Autonomous District for the Development of the Agro-Industrial Complex and the Affairs of Indigenous Peoples of the North

Discussion participants (up to 3 minutes)

**15:30–15:50** Coffee break

**15:50–17:20** Panel session “Corporate strategies and business policies in relation to Indigenous Peoples”

The panel session will consider improving corporate social responsibility standards as a factor in industrial safety, in a country’s socioeconomic development and in sustainable development of Indigenous Peoples.

Special attention should be paid to the design and structure of corporate law, public non-financial reporting, public commitment and due diligence policy, including sustainable mechanisms for consultation, communication and grievance investigation. It is important to assess the need and means for adapting standardized international instruments taking into account the Russian reality.

Moderator: Antonina Gorbunova, Deputy Chairperson, UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Executive Director, Soyuz Association of Indigenous Minorities Interregional Public Organization

Speakers (up to 8 minutes):

Andrey Grachev, Vice President for Federal and Regional Programmes, MMC Norilsk Nickel

Samia Slimane, Human Rights Officer, Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Natalya Dorpeko, Executive Director, National Network of the Global Compact Association

Anna Zhigulskaya, Director, Project Office for Internal Communications and Corporate Social Responsibility, Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation; Deputy Chairperson, Council for Sustainable Business Development, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Volunteerism, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation

Svetlana Sangi, Chairperson, Union of Indigenous Peoples of Sakhalin Regional Public Movement

Naveen Rai, Independent Consultant on Corporate Business Policies (Nepal)

Alexey Tsykarev, Programme Director, Indigenous Minorities of Russia. School of Public Diplomacy All-Russian Competitive Educational Programme; Expert at UN Organizations in 2013–2022

Discussion participants (up to 3 minutes)

**17:20–17:40** Press scrum

**17:30–19:00** The Forum’s parallel events (additional events of the Forum, including panel discussions, presentation of project activities, etc. held by interested participants of the Forum in agreement with the Organizers)

“Ethnological expertise, effective programmes and means for building relations with Indigenous Peoples”

Organizers: Norilsk Nickel, Project Office for Arctic Development

**3 November 2023**

**09:30–11:00** Panel session “Promoting socioeconomic development of Indigenous Peoples: Practices and Potential”

The panel session will consider how socioeconomic development of Indigenous Peoples is promoted, including by building infrastructure on their traditional territories. Such measures ensure respect for collective rights and support for individual communities’ environmental support systems by means of agreements between industrial companies, the authorities, Indigenous Peoples’ associations, implementation of corporate programmes, projects, etc.

Special attention should be paid to shaping an organizational environment for Indigenous peoples’ effective involvement in developing directions and forms, and monitoring practices for projects under implementation, and to presenting forward-looking projects to promote their sustainable development.

Moderator: Sergey Timoshkov, Advisor to the Director of the Russian Federal Agency for Ethnic Affairs

Speakers (up to 8 minutes):

Mikhail Kuznetsov, Director, Department of Federal and Regional Programmes, MMC Norilsk Nickel

Alexander Novyukhov, First Vice President, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North; Senator of the Russian Federation

Oleg Kobyakov, Director, Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations Liaison Office with the Russian Federation

Kanyinke Sena, Director, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee

Maxim Petrichenko, Deputy Director, Land Department; Director, Department for Relations with Indigenous Populations, Surgutneftegas

Phoolman Chaudhary, President, Asian Indigenous International Network

Vladimir Yelyasov, Director, Public Relations and Corporate Social Responsibility Department, Irkutsk Oil Company

Discussion participants (up to 3 minutes)

**11:00–12:00** Coffee break, Award ceremony for winners of the 7th International Photo Competition “Russian Civilization”

**12:00–13:30** Panel session “Reducing industrial activities’ effect on Indigenous Peoples: Expert Assistance and the Environment”

The session will consider the practical significance of a methodological framework for boosting relations between businesses and Indigenous Peoples. Topical issues include public and corporate environmental measures, sustainable approaches to holding ethnologic, ethnographic and other public and non-governmental expert assessments, a methodology for loss compensation, assessing and monitoring the effect of industrial projects on Indigenous Peoples’ living environment.

In order to preserve Indigenous Peoples’ traditional environmental support systems, it is important to develop the institutions of territories of traditional nature management and other territories with special legal regimes benefiting Indigenous Peoples.

These measures are intended to ensure effective solutions taking the legitimate interests of stakeholders into account.

Moderator: Nikolay Doronin, Chairperson of the Board, Arctic Development Project Office; First Deputy Chairperson, Commission on Ecology and Sustainable Development, Public Chamber of the Russian Federation

Speakers (up to 8 minutes):

Stanislav Seleznev, Vice President for Ecology and Industrial Safety, MMC Norilsk Nickel

Antonina Gorbunova, Deputy Chairperson, UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Polina Anisimova, Deputy Executive Director for Ecology and Relations with Indigenous Minorities of the North, Alrosa

Vladimir Moshkalo, Head, United Nations Environment Programme in Russia

Juan Leon-Alvarado, Human Rights and Biodiversity Consultant, International Indian Treaty Council; Former Ambassador of Guatemala to Norway and Denmark (online)

Nikolay Shabalin, Executive Director, Marine Research Centre, Lomonosov Moscow State University

Irina Samsonova, Doctor of Economics; Director, Department of Ethnosocial and Ethnoeconomic Research of Geosystems, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)

Discussion participants (up to 3 minutes)

**13:30–13:50** Press scrum

**13:30–14:30** Lunch

**14:30–16:00** Interactive dialogue: state of affairs and future activities

Interactive dialogue allows Forum participants to make statements on a broad range of agenda issues, including submitting proposals to other participants, the Forum’s final documents and for future activities.

Of special significance are improvement of the national standard for relations between Indigenous Peoples and industrial companies and those Peoples’ own stance on determining the priorities for their sustainable development based on the key international principle of “Nothing about us without us!”

Moderator: Anna Otke, Vice President, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North; President, Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North of the Chukotka Autonomous District; Senator of the Russian Federation

Speeches by discussion participants (up to 3 minutes) in agreement with the moderator

**16:20–18:00** The Forum’s parallel events (additional events held by interested participants on agreement with the Forum Organizers)

Organizers: Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North