RUSSIA-INDIA BUSINESS FORUM PROGRAMME: STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH

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10:00–11:30

The Oberoi Hotel New Delhi
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Plenary session

Technological Alliances in the Greater Eurasia

In today's global economy, competition between technological standards, platforms and ecosystems is becoming increasingly acute. Although the overwhelming majority of these come from the United States, China is continuing to build its own technological space, as it sets out its claim for global leadership. Currently, a narrow group of monopolies dominate the high-tech market. What's more, these companies have shown a willingness to shut off their services for political reasons. These actions are akin to colonialism in digital packaging. For many countries, protecting political and economic sovereignty means looking for partners who can help them break free from the clutches of the digital monopolies. Together, they can develop tech solutions existing independently from the two main competing blocs on the basis of trust and partnership. In addressing this issue, India and Russia could become leaders of a non-aligned tech movement. As tech superpowers, what can Russia and India offer the rest of the world? What aspects of cooperation are proving to be most productive and in demand? What solutions are they able to offer today, and what will they be able to offer in the near future? What should be done to best improve the way Russia and India work together in the high-tech sector?

Moderator:

- **Andrey Bezrukov**, President, Technological Sovereignty Exports Association; Professor, Department of Applied International Analysis, MGIMO University

Panellists:

- **Denis Alipov**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of India
- **Aleksandr Babakov**, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
- **Sergey Cheryomin**, Minister, Head of Department for Foreign Economic Activity and International Relations of Moscow, Moscow City Government; Chairman of the Board, Business Council for Cooperation with India
- **Tigran Sargsyan**, Deputy Chairman of the Board, Eurasian Development Bank
- **Vasiliy Shpak**, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation
- **Skannd Tyagi**, Founder, Chief Executive Officer, Starshot Ventures
- **Piyush Goyal**, Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of India
- **Subhrakant Panda**, President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
- **Priya Rawat**, Chief Operations Officer, Invest India

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Singing Ceremony for an Agreement Between RISING Technology, RUSSOFT, Association for the Export of Technological Sovereignty, ICL Services

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Smart Cities: India and Russia's Shared Future

In Russia and India, large and small cities alike are undergoing a radical transformation. They are becoming smart cities, adopting the latest cutting-edge technology in the process. The global smart city technology market offers enormous growth potential. After all, every city will have to have transformed itself within a couple of decades! A smart city represents a symbiosis, whether between the state and the private sector, technology and policies, the individual and the environment, or security and convenience. Such symbiosis requires a careful balancing of interests. A number of challenges will arise in the process of creating the perfect smart city – challenges which Russia and India will be far better placed to address if they work together. How might Moscow's experience in building a smart city benefit cities in India? What unique solutions can Indian developers offer in this field? What kinds of smart city platforms and standards are needed for India and Russia to offer joint solutions on the global market? What should be done to aid interaction between cities and developers in Russia and India? How can both countries' expertise be optimized so as to more quickly attain shared success?

Moderator:

- **Sergey Cheryomin**, Minister, Head of Department for Foreign Economic Activity and International Relations of Moscow, Moscow City Government; Chairman of the Board, Business Council for Cooperation with India

Panellists:

- **Maria Bogomolova**, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Moscow Innovation Agency
- **Dmitriy Markov**, General Director, VisionLabs
- **Shailesh Pathak**, Secretary General, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
- **Alexander Rybas**, Trade Representative of the Russian Federation in the Republic of India
- **Vitaliy Stepanov**, Acting General Director, Moscow Export Center
- **Nitin Gadkari**, Minister of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways of the Republic of India
- **Kunal Kumar**, Joint Secretary, Mission Director, Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs of the Republic of India
- **Hardeep Singh Puri**, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs of the Republic of India
- **Shanta Thoutam**, Chief Innovation Officer, Government of Telangana
- **Vladislav Ivanenko**, General Director, SPUTNIX
- **Alexander Pinsky**, Chairman of Supervisory Board, MARINET Industry Association
- **Alexander Thomas**, Communications Director, NtechLab

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Pitch Session of Made in Moscow Companies

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Russia–India: Focusing on Cooperation to Advance Healthcare

Efforts to broaden and strengthen cooperation between Russia and India have taken on strategic importance. They have shaped an agenda covering a range of different fields, with healthcare no exception. In the current environment, setting priorities is key to forging comprehensive and mutually beneficial partnerships. Today, such priorities clearly need to be based around maintaining robust healthcare systems in the face of any challenges that may arise. Initiatives aimed at strengthening cooperation need to be relaunched, and there needs to be a joining of forces in efforts to boost life expectancy and improve people's quality of life in both countries. What's more, there should be a focus on promising areas of collaboration, including boosting scientific potential, the digitalization of healthcare, the development of telemedicine, and the fight against infectious diseases. Increasing trade in pharmaceutical products is key in this regard. That is true of existing raw materials for high-quality active ingredients, the development of innovative drugs, the implementation of nuclear medicine technologies, and the development of other branches that together shape the advancement of the pharmaceutical industry. What needs to be done to facilitate inclusive development across all areas of collaboration, create new areas of growth, and help Russia and India's healthcare systems reach new heights? What priority requirements are set out in the countries' bilateral partnership strategy with regards to improving the accessibility and quality of medical care? What can be done to expedite the trend for consolidating technological developments and production platforms in the pharmaceutical and medical industries?

Moderator:

- **Somasundaram Subramanian**, Founder, General Director, Eurasian Federation of Oncology (EAFO); Chair, Board of Directors, Eurasian Cancer Research Council (ECRC), India

Panellists:

- **Oleg Ergashev**, Vice-Governor of Saint Petersburg
- **Satya Karm Punia**, President, Rus BioPharm Group
- **Dmitriy Galkin**, Director of Department of Pharmaceutical and Medical Industry Development, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation
- **Mansukh Mandaviya**, Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers of the Republic of India
- **Tatyana Mukhtasarova**, Vice President, VEB.RF
- **Anupriya Patel**, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry of the Republic of India

- **Viranchi Shah**, National President, Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association (IDMA)
- **Sanjay Zodpey**, President, Public Health Foundation of India
- **Ирина Alekseenko**, Deputy Director, Moscow Center for Innovative Technologies in Healthcare; Head of the Gene Immunoncotherapy Group, Shemyakin-Ovchinnikov Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- **Alexey Kokorin**, Head of Corporate Law Practice, Rodl and Partner
- **Sergei Larin**, Founder, SCI-STORE

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The Digital Transformation of the Transport Sector Amidst Efforts to Secure Technological Sovereignty

The digitalization of the transport industry is moving forward apace. Indeed, even during the pandemic, the process continued unabated. Transport companies are focusing on optimizing production and reducing costs. Digital transport services are already being employed to optimize routes, build supply chains, monitor driver behaviour, assess the situation around a particular vehicle, monitor the vehicle's technical condition, and control unmanned vehicles. The digitalization of the transport sector is therefore very much coming to the fore. What are the key drivers and initiatives behind national digital transformation in the sector? What mechanisms are being employed by countries in the implementation of their national digital strategies for the sector? What impact are digital solutions in the public transport sector having on development, including in relation to tourism? What modern video identification technologies are used in the transport sector, and how?

Moderator:

- **TBD**

Panellists:

- **Alexander Bondarenko**, Chief Executive Officer, NTS International
- **Dmitriy Markov**, General Director, VisionLabs
- **Andrey Cheremnykh**, General Director, City Mobility
- **Amonchit Kiran**, President, Telematics Association of India
- **Vijay Kumar Singh**, Honourable Minister of State of Road Transport and Highways and Minister of State for Civil Aviation of the Republic of India
- **Alka Upadhyaya**, Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways of the Republic of India
- **Alexander Tsyplyaev**, Senior Data Analyst, Transport Infrastructure Data Analysis Centre, Moscow Transport Services Directorate
- **Vladimir Zabolotny**, Director of Innovation Projects, MosTransProject

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Digitalization in Industry and Microprocessors Invention for the New Wave of Tech Innovation

Digitalization has penetrated almost every sector of industry – modelling and product lifecycle management, information security, predictive analytics, digital design, and other terms have taken a firm hold in the lexicon of industrial companies. Building the new wave of tech innovation, based on the widespread use of cyberphysical systems, requires the use of new elementary components and key hardware/software solutions that solve problems of security, efficiency, and reliability at a fundamentally new level. However, many digital solutions for industry are controlled by a small group of Western companies, providing them with the prospect of global leadership not only in the current, fifth technological paradigm, but also in the emerging sixth technological paradigm. In the existing situation of escalating global competition and confrontation, can we believe that these companies will continue to fulfil their obligations to customers from countries that are asserting their independence and sovereignty? IT companies in Russia and India have complementary technological and human resources that create enormous potential for synergy, allowing them together to aspire to be one of the technological leaders of the New Wave of Tech Innovation. Do IT companies in Russia and India have their own solutions to put to the market, which they could offer to various industries? How can India and Russia achieve technological sovereignty in these industries? Can Russian and Indian companies create common products and platforms? Which models could be used to set up international communities of developers of such solutions, with Russian and Indian companies taking a leading role? How can cooperation between Russia and India in this area best be established?

Moderators:

- **Valentin Makarov**, President, RUSSOFT Association
- **Ivan Pokrovsky**, Executive Director, Electronics Developers and Manufacturers Association (EDMA)

Panellists:

- **Evgeny Fridland**, Head of Sales, ICL Services

- **Mikhail Kukharenko**, Advisor to the General Director, BaseALT
- **Pavel Stepanov**, Deputy General Director, Geoscan Group of Companies
- **Konstantin Trushkin**, Technical Director, IC Design Center
- **Mikhail Gusev**, Head of the Representative Office, Skolkovo Foundation in India
- **Varun Manwani**, Director, Sahasra Electonics Private Limited
- **Ravi Sachdeva**, Chief Executive Officer, Advanced Digital Technologies
- **Bramh Datt Awasthi**, Managing Director, Whirlybird Electronics

Front row participant:

- **Mikhail Shekhovtsov**, Business Development Director, Optimizing Technologies

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India and Russia in a New World

The changes unfolding before our eyes suggest that a new era in international relations has dawned. Both India and Russia are facing new opportunities, as well as new challenges. Main trade flows are no longer directed westwards. A new financial system is actively being sought to break the monopoly of the dollar. Western-centric institutions are being replaced by a growing BRICS+. How can success be secured in an unstable, turbulent world where existing postulates and old alliances have to be renegotiated? How do we respond to the environmental and climate challenges that threaten the well-being of millions of people? How do we adapt to the onslaught of new technologies and prepare industry and society for the new reality? How will the geopolitics of Greater Eurasia change and what are the roles of India and Russia in building a secure and prosperous continent? How do Russia and India see their roles in a new world? What can they do together to ensure a better future? Can BRICS+ become an enabler of the new technological agenda? How can Indian and Russian businesses complement each other?

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- **Tigran Sargsyan**, Deputy Chairman of the Board, Eurasian Development Bank
- **Aleksandr Babakov**, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
- **Anupriya Patel**, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry of the Republic of India
- **Shailesh Pathak**, Secretary General, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

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Trade and Economic Problems of the Regional Business Space

Moderator:

- **Manish Kumar**, Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer, The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)

Panellists:

- **Rajnish Goenka**, Founder, Chairman, MSME Development Forum
- **Sohel Kazani**, Founder, Managing Director, Bharat Freight Group (BFG)
- **Ivan Nosov**, Chief Manager, Branch of Sberbank in India
- **Igor Pyasetsky**, Honorary Representative, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation in the Republic of India
- **Manpreet Singh**, Executive President, Indian Chamber of International Business (ICIB)
- **Igor Ten**, Head of Mission, Federal Customs Service of the Russian Federation in the Republic of India

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