

PROGRAM

of the International Macroeconomic Seminar

Is there a chance to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals provided global slowdown and growing uncertainty?

Date and time: November 22, 2019, 11.00-14.00.

Venue: 2, Letnikovskaya Str., bldg. 2, block C, Hall of the Board, Moscow.

Relevance

The world economy is influenced by a number of uncertainty factors, including substantial geopolitical, ecological and social risks, and growing tensions between countries. These factors are limiting the potential for global growth and development, in particular, as regards the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (hereinafter – the UN SDGs). Nowadays, the challenge of development, implementation and efficiency assessment of the regulatory measures adopted is tougher than ever. High level of uncertainty over the future and the existing risks make countries limit their funding of “development” in favor of supporting “stability” by implementing conservative approaches and practices instead of proactive measures.

The seminar’s objective

To discuss whether there is a chance that the UN SDGs will be achieved by the year 2030 in the current trade and economic, political, and social realities, in the context of aggravating contradictions and confrontations in the world economy, and decreasing impetuses for sustainable growth.

The seminar’s conceptual issues:

- ✚ Is it possible to achieve the UN SDGs (all, or the majority of them) in the context of falling growth rates of the economy and trade: what are cause-effect relationships?
- ✚ What is more important: to feed people or to decrease the level of inequality between them? Could investment in inclusiveness become a driving force for the development of the world and national economies? What tools can be used to raise required funds?
- ✚ What challenges shall be given the utmost significance in the next 10 years in order to advance the SDGs achievement taking into account the observed global risks, as well as aggravating contradictions and trade wars between countries?

Moderators:

Sergei Yurievich Glazyev, Member of the Board – Minister in charge of Integration and Macroeconomics **of the EEC**

Igor Georgievich Suvorov, President, the **Interstate Bank** (*participation confirmed*)

Invited to participate:

1. **Annette Kyobe**, Resident Representative for Russian Federation, **International Monetary Fund**
2. **Igor Paunovic**, Chief of the Office of the Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, **the UN Conference on Trade and Development** (*participation confirmed*)
3. **Renaud Seligmann**, Resident Representative in the Russian Federation, Europe and Central Asia, **the World Bank**;
4. **Christopher Miller**, Program Leader in Russian Federation, **the World Bank**;
5. **Mia Mikic**, Director of Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, **UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific** (*via videoconference; participation confirmed*);
6. **Hongjoo Hahm**, Deputy Executive Secretary for Programs, Economics and Financing, **UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**;
7. **Gennady Alexandrovich Ovechko**, Russian Federation Permanent Representative, **World Trade Organization**;
8. **Antonia Carzaniga**, Secretary to Council for trade in services, **World Trade Organisation** (*participation confirmed*);
9. **Jacek Cukrowski**, Head of Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, **UN Organization for Industrial Development**;
10. **Ben Slay**, Senior Advisor, Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS, **UN Development Program** (*via videoconference*);
11. **Álvaro Pereira**, Director of the Country Studies Branch, Economics Department, **Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development** (*via videoconference*);
12. **Andreas Shaal**, Director of Global Relations Secretariat, **Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development** (*via videoconference*);
13. **Yaroslav Dmitrievich Lissovolik**, Program Director, **Valdai International Discussion Club** (*participation confirmed*),

as well as representatives of central (national) banks, Ministries of Finance, Ministries of Economy and development institutions of the EAEU Member States, diplomatic corps, and academia.

Working languages: Russian, English (simultaneous interpretation is ensured).

The event is open to mass media.