



II Russian-African Public Forum 2020

PROGRAM (RAPF 2020)

November 5, 2020

Location: President Hotel, «Library» Conference Room, 2nd Floor

9:00 - 9:30 - gathering of on-site and online participants/coffee-break for speakers

9:30 - 11:00 - Plenary Session

"Russia - Africa: Dialogue of Civil Societies as the Main Driver of the Future World Order and Sustainable Development".

Moderators:

Nataliya Zaiser, Chair of the Board of the Africa Business Initiative UNION, Head of the "Russia-Africa +" working group at the Russian International Affairs Council, Valdai Discussion Club expert, Co-chair of the "Women and Girls" working group of the BRICS Civil Forum

Vladimir Chetiy, President of the World Alumni Association

Speakers of the plenary session:

- **Mikhail Bogdanov**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for the Middle East and Africa;
- **H.E. Mr. Jean-Claude Gakosso**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Congo;
- **Konstantin Kosachev**, Chairman of the Federation Council Committee on International Affairs;
- **H.E. Dr. Mujawamariya Jeanne d’Arc**, Minister of Environment of the Republic of Rwanda;
- **Andrey Bystritsky**, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation for Development and Support of the Valdai International Discussion Club;
- **H.E. Ihab Ahmed Talaat NASR**, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Russian Federation;
- **Andrey Kortunov**, General Director of the Russian International Affairs Council;
- **Duke Michelle Ngebana**, Deputy Chairman of the World Coordination Council of Russian Compatriots (WCC, WCCRC), Honorary Consul of the Russian Federation in Pointe-Noire (the Republic of the Congo)

11:00 am - 11:30 am – sanitization break / coffee break

11:30 - 12:30

Panel session of the Russian International Affairs Council

«Improving cooperation between Russian and African think tanks working in the field of foreign policy, the world economy and international security».

The activities of Russian and African analytical centers have become particularly important after the first Russia-Africa Summit which took place in Sochi in 2019. The political framework for cooperation was agreed at the Summit. The session is devoted to systematization of the problems facing Russian and African analytical centers working in the field of international relations and foreign policy. Participants will exchange of the Russian foreign policy's goals and objectives toward Africa and the foreign policy's priorities of the African states toward Russia. The participants will discuss cooperation framework for the near future.

Moderator:

Andrey Kortunov, General Director of the RIAC

Speakers:

- **Alexey Kuznetsov**, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Science, Acting Director of INION RAN;
- **Denis Degterev**, Ph.D., Head of the Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University, Professor of the Department of World Economy, MGIMO Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation;
- **Vladimir Shubin**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor, Chief Researcher at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Honorary Doctor of the University of Western Cape, researcher at the Centre for Military Studies at Stellenbosch University (South Africa);
- **Igor Morozov**, Senator of the Russian Federation, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee for Economic Cooperation with African Countries (AFROCOM);
- **Kigen Morumbasi**, PhD in International Politics, Lecturer in International Relations and Security, Strathmore University and visiting lecturer at the Rwanda Defence Force Command and Staff College;
- **Loide Sambo**, Researcher, Department of Foreign Policy and International Relations, Research Center "Centro de Estudos Estratégicos e Internacionais", Universidade Joaquim Chissano, Republic of Mozambique;
- **Dr. Gamal Abdel Gawad**, Advisory Board Member, Egyptian Centre for Strategic Studies (ECSS);
- **H.E. Mike Nicholas SANGO**, Ambassador of the Republic of Zimbabwe to the Russian Federation

12:30 - 13:00 - sanitization break / coffee break

13:00 - 14:00 Panel session:

«Youth of Russia and Africa: a path towards rapprochement. Graduates of Russia as a unique human capital. Export of Russian education to Africa. Personnel training: what kind of specialists does the African continent need today»?

Moderator: **Vladimir Chetiy**, President of the World Alumni Association

Speakers:

- **Evgeny Primakov**, Head of the Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent States, Compatriots Living Abroad and International Humanitarian Cooperation;
- **Elena Druzhinina**, Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation;
- **Grigory Gurov**, Deputy Head of the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs (Rosmolodezh);
- **Roman Grishenin**, Deputy Executive Director of the A.M. Gorchakov Foundation of public diplomacy support;
- **Grigory Petushkov**, the Chairperson of the Association of Non-Governmental Organizations “National Youth Council of Russia”
- **Viktoria Panova**, Scientific Director of the Expert Council for the Preparation and Support of the Russian Federation Presidency in the BRICS Association, Managing Director of the National Committee for BRICS Research, Co-Chair of the BRICS Civil Forum, Vice-Rector for International Relations of the Far Eastern Federal University, Russia's representative in Women 20;
- **Sergey Mazov**, Chief Researcher, Center of African Studies, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Historical Sciences;
- **Bening Ahmed**, Secretary General of Pan-African Youth Union;
- **Joshua Orabiyi**, President of the African Diaspora Youth Union (Nigeria);
- **Adeniyi Adebayo**, co-founder of Greeklama Inc.

14:00 - 14:30 - sanitization break / coffee break

14:30 - 15:30 Panel session:

«Business and Civil Society Institutions. Innovative technologies of Russian companies for the benefit of sustainable development of the African continent».

Moderator: **Nataliya Zaiser**, Chair of the Board of the Africa Business Initiative UNION

Speakers:

- **Igor Shervarli**, Advisor to the Executive Directorate of the Russian Federation at the World Bank Group;
- **Eugeniy Tulubensky**, Head of Legal and Strategic Department, Member of the Board, NORDGOLD;
- **Victor Polikarpov**, Advisor to Rusatom International Network, Director of Rosatom Central and South Africa;
- **Elena Bunina**, CEO at YANDEX Russia;
- **Pavel Volosov**, Head of the Africa Department of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation;
- **Dr. Lubinda Haabazoka**, President of the Economic Association of Zambia, Registrar of the University of Zambia;
- **Valeriya Biyen**, Special representative of the President of Burkina Faso for the CIS, co-owner of Yelhy Technology Africa, co-founder AgroPro Burkina Faso, Board member of the «Africa Business Initiative» UNION;
- **Olga Gogolina**, Head of the Russian Business Center in Cameroon, Head of the Representative Office of the World Business Alliance of Russian-Speaking Women, Chairman of the KSORS in Cameroon

15:30 - 16:00 - sanitization break / coffee break

16:00 - 17:00 Panel session:

«Africa: pressing health issues. Public health and welfare. Pandemic shock».

Moderator: Vladimir Chetiy, President of the World Alumni Association

Speakers:

- **Olga Bashkina**, Rector of Astrakhan State Medical University;
- **Emmanuel Lampaert**, Project Coordinator in Burundi, Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF);
- **Natalia Alshuk**, Vice-Rector for Foreign Students and International Relations, Volgograd State Medical University;
- **Patrick Youssef**, Head of Africa Region at the Headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva;
- **Vladimir Savostyanov**, Professor of the Department of Biomedical Safety, Moscow State Technical University named after N.E. Bauman;
- **Elenga-Bongo Charley Lumad**, endocrinologist, head of department at the Adolphe SICE General Hospital, Pointe-Noir; Assistant, Department of Endocrinology, University School of Medicine, Marien Ngouabi, Congo, Brazzaville;
- **Viktor Puzyrev**, Dean of the Faculty for Work with Foreign Students, St. Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University;
- **Duke Michel Ngebana**, Deputy Chairman of the World Coordination Council of Russian Compatriots (VKS, VKSRS), Honorary Consul of the Russian Federation in Pointe Noire (Republic of the Congo);
- **Igor Egorov**, Candidate of Economic Sciences, entrepreneur, head of the working group of the World Coordination Council of Russian Compatriots on trade and economic cooperation, founder and honorary chairman of the Russian Council of Entrepreneurs in the UAE.

17:00 - End of the Official Part