



UN Global Compact Local Network experiences: implementing the UNGPs and human rights due diligence to achieve the SDGs

Parallel session

28 November

13:30-14:45

Organized by the National network of the UN Global Compact Russia and the National network of the UN Global Compact Switzerland

Brief description: The UN Global Compact Russian-Swiss session is devoted to discussion of the role and potential of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to drive business engagement and contribution towards achieving the SDGs.

Session objectives: The session aims to discuss how to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in practice in the context of Russia and Switzerland, with Russian and Swiss Global Compact Local Network members sharing lessons learned and examples relating to human rights due diligence, strategies and partnerships. Furthermore, a joint project on human rights will be presented during the session.

Format:

Initial remarks:

- **Alexei Borisov**, Deputy Chairman of the United Nations Association of Russia, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of United Nations Associations.
- **Dante Pesce**, Member of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights
- **Alexey Borodavkin**, the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva
- **Antonio Hautle**, Senior Programme Leader & Network Representative, Global Compact Network Switzerland

- **Rémy Friedmann**, Senior Advisor, Desk Human Security and Business, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA, Human Security Division)

Brief presentations:¹

- **Alexei Borisov**, Deputy Chairman of the United Nations Association of Russia, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (**Moderator**)
- **Larisa Ovchinnikova**, Chair of the Steering Committee of the Association 'National Network of the Global Compact', Managing Director of the Department for Institutional Development, Vnesheconombank
- **Alexander Ermolenko**, Partner of FBK Legal (FBK Grant Thornton)
- **Vladimir Zaluzhskiy**, Head of Communications and Investor Relations, Severstal
- **Oleg Basaleev**, Head of Sustainability, Nordgold
- **Matthew Kilgarriff**, Secretary, Compagnie Financière Richemont SA
- **Sergei Chestnoy**, Advisor to CEO, RUSAL
- **Natalia Gonchar**, Head of Social Performance, Sakhalin Energy
- **Ivana Modena**, President of the Sustainability Management School SUMAS

The presentations will address:

- Business and human rights activities of the Global Compact Local Network in Russia
- Expert review on the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights with regard to Russian legislation: outcomes and perspectives.
- Re-Inventing Cherepovets. Corporate strategy of transforming cities to enhance the citizens' (stakeholders') rights and opportunities
- Local communities feedback mechanisms (including the grievance mechanism) at Nordgold's entities in West Africa
- The Responsible Jewellery Council standards and their role in protecting human rights in Richemont's worldwide supply chains
- Rights to health protection (helping countries of operation in protecting population against epidemic threats) and to healthy environment (a climate partnership initiative)
- Sakhalin Energy: recent developments
- Sustainable development and business

Discussion with the participation of:

- **Rolf Schwery**, founder and Executive Director of SCHWERY CONSULTING
- **Yuriy Blagov**, Director, PwC Center for Corporate Social Responsibility, St. Petersburg University
- **Natalia Poppel**, Head of Corporate Responsibility and Brand Management, Severstal
- **Zhukova Irina**, Director Sustainability, Philip Morris Sales and Marketing

Signing of Human Rights' Cooperation agreement between Russian and Swiss Global Compact local networks

¹ Further information on speakers provided in Annex

ANNEX. SPEAKERS SHORT BIOS.

Alexei Borisov

Deputy Chairman, United Nations Association of Russia / Chairman of the Executive Committee, World Federation of United Nations Associations

UNESCO Chairholder at MGIMO University. Candidate of political science. Expert in human rights, international law, UN activity, political systems, international terrorism, etc. Author of multiple publications.

Larisa Ovchinnikova

Chair of the Steering Committee, Association “National Network of the Global Compact” / Managing Director, Department for Institutional Development, Vnesheconombank

Expert in CSR and sustainable development. Graduated from Lomonosov Moscow State University and Moscow State Law Academy. In VEB Ms. Ovchinnikova oversees the bank’s participation in sustainable development and corporate responsibility initiatives. She is also in charge of institutional development and activity management of the UN Global Compact Network Russia, which has been chaired by VEB since 2013.

Alexander Ermolenko

Partner, FBK Legal (FBK Grant Thornton)

Ph.D. in Law. Alexander manages M&A projects, advises major Russian and foreign companies on corporate law, and consults on corporate governance projects for over 18 years. He also provides legal support on asset restructuring projects in the Russian Federation. Mr Ermolenko has a wealth of experience in litigation, including resolution of disputes in corporate, commercial, competition law, and disputes with authorities. He is an Associate Professor at the Moscow State Academy of Law with over 16 years' teaching experience.

Vladimir Zaluzhskiy

Head of Communications and Investor Relations, Severstal

Joined Severstal as head of IR in 2010. Previously was head of communications at a Scandinavian private equity fund Mint Capital. Since 2010 have strongly modernized the IR function of Severstal to increase transparency, reposition the company’s investment profile, as a result raising investor and professional community recognition. In December 2015, was promoted to the role of head of communications and IR to cover in addition to IR, also PR and Internal Communications. Together with the CSR and GR departments, deeply involved in development and implementation of the total reputation management program of Severstal.

Vladimir is also a member of the Moscow Stock Exchange’s Committee of Issuers since 2014.

Oleg Bazaleev

Head of Sustainable Development, Nordgold

Oleg Bazaleev is Head of Sustainable Development at Nordgold gold producer where he oversees all strategic and field-based community development activities for 9 company's gold mines in Burkina Faso, Guinea, Russia and Kazakhstan as well as development projects in French Guyana and Canada.

Matthew Kilgarriff

Secretary, Richemont /Vice-Chair of Global Compact Network Switzerland.

Secretary to Richemont, a Swiss holding company. Richemont's luxury goods portfolio includes Cartier, Van Cleef & Arpels and Montblanc. Richemont supports the Responsible Jewellery Council ('RJC') and its businesses are independently certified against the RJC's Standards.

Sergei Chestnoy

Advisor to CEO, RUSAL

In 1984 graduated magna cum laude from the Moscow State University of International Relations of the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Faculty of International Economic Relations); in 1988 completed post-graduate studies at the same university. Holds a PhD in Economics. Since 2001 has been working in RUSAL

Natalia Gonchar

Head of Social Performance, Sakhalin Energy

PhD. Areas of responsibility: CSR/SD activities including human rights, social assessment, social investments; stakeholder engagement.

Member of the Expert Council at the Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of North, Siberia and Far East.

Ivana Modena

President, Sustainability Management School SUMAS

Dr. Ivana Modena is the founder and President of Sustainability Management School (SUMAS), the first Business School in the world to launch the BBA and MBA in Sustainability Management. Dr. Modena, leveraging over twenty years of academic teaching and research experience, led SUMAS to achieve reputable international recognitions. Dr. Modena built on her academic experience through prestigious publications and international conference presentations all over the world. She is a member of IUCN Commission on Education and Communication (CEC) and was previously active member of ECREA, OWIT, ISA, EuroMed and ABC.