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PART I. STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that United Nations Association of Russia (UNA-Russia) reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,
Alexey Borisov

Secretary-General of the UNA-Russia

Vice-President of the World Federation of UN Associations



INTERNATIONAL

The United Nations Association of Russia (UNA-Russia)

The UNA-Russia is an international nongovernmental organization established in 1956, becoming a member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations in the same year. It has held general consultative status with the UN ECOSOC since 1999.

Aims and Purposes of the UNA-Russia

The UNA-Russia has declared its primary objective as providing comprehensive support for the achievement of the goals and principles outlined in the UN Charter, along with active participation in building confidence and fostering friendship between states and peoples.

Working Committees

The Association has actively working committees on international law, the implementation of sustainable development goals, health, human rights, environmental and sustainable development, legal issues, the preservation of cultural values, national issues, and the youth commission. Each commission has an important sphere of activity, with working professionals of the highest level.

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIONS

Current Areas of Activity, 2022-2023

01

Promoting Sustainable Development

Reviewing progress in implementing sustainable development goals - Program "Regions of Russia and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

02

Organizing and Implementing Youth Programs

Bringing youth voices into discussions on global policy-making - Churkin Moscow International Model United Nations, including Regional Model UN (Krasnoyarsk, Ekaterinburg, Ufa, Samara, Vladivostok, Astrakhan, Tyumen, and Kazan).

03

Human Rights Programs

An Introduction to Human Rights and Responsibilities - All-Russian Open Lesson "HUMAN RIGHTS." Organization and Research in the Field of Human Rights. Participation in International Cooperation Activities of UNESCO.

04

Conducting and Participating in the Work of International, Inter-regional, Regional, and other Conferences

05

Providing Information and Consulting Support to Enterprises and Companies in the Pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals

Program "Regions of Russia and the UN Sustainable Development Goals"

The program "Regions of Russia and Sustainable Development Goals" has been implemented since 2009 with the support of the Russian Foreign Ministry, the UN Information Center in Moscow and MGIMO University. Until 2015, the Program was called "Regions of Russia and the MDGs".

The project includes presentations of regions and urban agglomerations, as well as leading corporate structures, Russian business at major international venues, including the UN headquarters. Within the framework of this program, the regions of Russia form local voluntary reviews on the implementation of the SDGs and present them at the UN venues, as well as during personal meetings of the heads of regions with the UN Secretary General.

The process of preparation and participation in the Program gives a deeper look at the current situation of a region or city for each of the SDGs, to find additional ways to improve them.

The Program aims to facilitate practice exchange, provide for regions the consultations from the UN structures (for example, UN-Habitat, UNESCO, UNDP, UNEP, FAO), and establish new partnerships. For the participating regions, we organize both individual consultations and events at the UN venues. In total, **over the past 24 months, the UNA-Russia has organized more than 20 events** at such international venues as the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, Thailand), the UN Economic Commission for Africa (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia), the UNECE (Geneva, Switzerland), the UN HLPF (New York, USA), COP-27 (Sharm el-Sheikh), COP-28 (Dubai) and others.

Program "Regions of Russia and Sustainable Development Goals"

The program "Regions of Russia and the UN SDGs" currently includes participation from 16 regions of Russia

PARTICIPANTS OF THE PROGRAM "REGIONS OF RUSSIA AND THE MDGS"

- Irkutsk region
- Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
- Khanty-Mansijsk autonomous district - Yugra
- Karachaevo-Cherchessian Republic
- Astrakhan region
- Kamchatka territory
- Tambov region
- Krasnodar territory
- Krasnoyarsk territory
- Moscow region
- Kursk region
- Omsk region

PARTICIPANTS OF THE PROGRAM "REGIONS OF RUSSIA AND SDGS"

- Sverdlovsk region
- Moscow
- Republic of Tatarstan
- Samara region

EVENTS OF THE UNA-RUSSIA



"Partnerships to Promote Sustainable Energy: Regions of Russia and businesses (SDG7 is under review)", APEF2023, UN ESCAP, Bangkok, October 18, 2023
<https://una.ru/news/378>



Halfway towards 2030: cooperation between regions, cities and businesses to accelerate transformations for achieving the SDGs while recovering from the coronavirus disease (Covid19)", HLPF, July 19, 2023
<https://una.ru/news/371>



Forum "Russia-Africa. Sustainable urban future: exchange of experience and Partnerships for common goals" UN ECA, Addis Ababa, June 27-28, 2023
<https://una.ru/news/367>



"Russian cities, regions and businesses accelerate climate action for sustainable development", seventy-ninth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, UN ESCAP, May 17, 2023
<https://una.ru/news/359>



Churkin Moscow International Model United Nations, MGIMO University Moscow April 17-21, 2023
<https://una.ru/news/353>



"Halfway towards 2030 — Russian regions, cities and businesses — accelerating transformations to achieving SDGs in the ECE region" RFSD 2023, Geneva, March 30, 2023
<https://una.ru/news/349>

EVENTS OF THE UNA-RUSSIA



"Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Cooperation between Cities, Regions, Business and Governments – Practices Exchange", APFSD, UN ESCAP, Bangkok, March 29, 2023
<https://una.ru/news/347>



"NGOs Partnerships and sustainable projects: the impact of COVID-19 and the new realities", ECOSOC Partnership Forum, January 31, 2023
<https://una.ru/news/340>



"Green Business. The Role of the Private Sector in Restoring Dialogue to Advance the Climate Agenda", COP-27, Sharm el-Sheikh, November 14, 2022
<https://una.ru/news/318/>



"Cooperation of the banking sector and business of the Russian Federation and the Asia-Pacific region...", Third Ministerial Conference, UN ESCAP, September 29, 2022
<https://una.ru/news/314>



"Russian Regions and Business: Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the Agenda 2030", HLPF, July 13, 2022
<https://una.ru/news/312>



Churkin Moscow International Model United Nations, MGIMO University Moscow
 April 18-22, 2023
<https://una.ru/news/305>

Programs for Youth Engagement

The UNA-Russia introduced the idea of organizing Model United Nations in Russia. These events enable Russian and international students to model the activities of main UN bodies, including the Security Council and the General Assembly. The main Russian model is the Churkin Moscow International Model United Nations (C-MIMUN), held annually at MGIMO University in April. The event has already engaged hundreds of thousands of students, helping them to learn more about the principles of the UN and how it functions.

Within the framework of this project, we distribute recommendations and conduct seminars, lectures and trainings, implement an extensive cultural program through which students can more effectively model the work of the UN, participants receive first-hand knowledge about the real activities of the UN.

REGIONAL AND SCHOOL MODELS OF THE UN

- Moscow
- Krasnoyarsk
- Ekaterinburg
- Ufa
- Samara
- Vladivostok
- Astrakhan
- Tyumen
- Kazan



Programs for Youth Engagement

Youth Participation at the Program "Regions of Russia and Sustainable Development Goals"

As part of the preparation of Regional reviews and presentations at international venues, we actively involve students in our work. In 2023, prior to the Russia-Africa Forum on Sustainable Development, which we organized at the UN Economic Commission for Africa (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia), UNA-Russia, in partnership with MGIMO University, held a Student Contest. Within this Contest, students completed several tasks, and two winners had the opportunity to become official members of the UNA-Russia delegation to Addis Ababa to participate in the Forum.

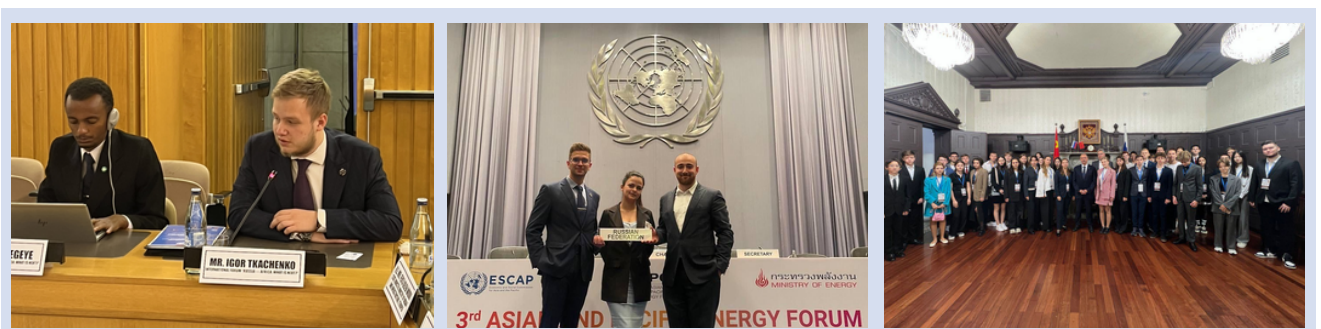
In October 2023, the UNA-Russia organized the participation of three MGIMO students at ESCAP to attend the 10th Asian and Pacific Energy Forum, during which UNA-Russia held a side event.

Competition "Leaders of Sustainable Development"

The UNA-Russia also supports the Competition "Leaders of Sustainable Development", held by Strategy Partners and the New Digital agency with the information support of the UNIDO Center for International Industrial Cooperation in the Russian Federation. The main objectives of the Competition are to select and promote the best projects in the field of sustainable development, as well as to increase their environmental, economic and social efficiency.

Program "International School of Youth Diplomacy"

The Program has been implemented for 14 years (since November 11, 2008) on the basis of MGIMO. The main goal is the professional orientation of high school students using effective methods of education, a combination of theoretical classes and practical activities, and communication with high-level professionals and experts.



Human Rights Programs

The All-Russian Open lesson "Human Rights" is a large-scale educational campaign in which **37 million schoolchildren and students** have participated over the past six years.

The event has been traditionally organized by the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation, the UNESCO Chair of MGIMO, and the UNA-Russia since 2017.

In 2023, the event was dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 30th anniversary of the Constitution of the Russian Federation.

The educational project is being implemented with the support of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, as well as through the active participation of human rights commissioners in the constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQJkGn9Vf7g>



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LDisG_DYmWA

PART III. MEASUREMENT OF OUTCOMES

The United Nations Association of Russia (UNA-Russia) has demonstrated a robust engagement in global dialogues, aligning its efforts with the objectives of the UN Global Compact. This includes active participation in the annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights, a pivotal platform for annual evaluations and the sharing of insights on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Additionally, the Association is a regular contributor to events facilitated by the UN Global Compact in Russia.

During this period, UNA-Russia has hosted over 20 international events at prestigious venues including the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand; the UN Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; UNECE in Geneva, Switzerland; the UN HLPF in New York, USA; as well as COP-27 in Sharm el-Sheikh and COP-28 in Dubai, among others.

A key focus of the UNA-Russia has been to facilitate the involvement of various Russian regions in international programs that are centered around regional initiatives with a global impact. Notably, regions such as the Sverdlovsk region, Moscow, the Republic of Tatarstan, and the Samara region have actively participated in the "Regions of Russia and UN Sustainable Development Goals" program.

In its commitment to the 2030 Agenda, the Association has developed and executed a range of programs. These include the International School of Youth Diplomacy, which saw the participation of 500 individuals; the Churkin Moscow International Model United Nations, attracting 2,700 delegates from 40 countries; the nationwide "Human Rights" Open Lesson with an impressive participation of 37 million; and various roundtables and events focusing on pertinent global issues.

Furthermore, the Association has leveraged its initiative to organize comprehensive workshops and learning sessions for its members and volunteers. These activities are designed in alignment with the principles of environmental, economic, and social sustainability, ensuring a holistic approach to education and engagement in line with the Association's mission and objectives.



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