

Brief outline of Sochi International Investment Forum 2016

- The Sochi International Investment Forum 2016 ('the Forum') will take place from September 29 to October 2 in the Olympic Park Main Media Centre (1 Olimpysky Prospekt, Adler, Sochi, Krasnodar Territory). The operator of the Forum is the Roscongress Foundation.
- The Sochi International Investment Forum 2016 is an established discussion platform bringing together the expertise of the business community, civil society, and government authorities from around the world to consider contemporary trends in economic development. The Forum also aims to showcase the investment and economic potential of Russia's regions, build cooperation, and strengthen ties between the Russian and international business, political, expert, and media communities.
- The Forum's agenda focuses on domestic Russian issues and regional development.
- The Forum programme maps out discussions along three main tracks:
 - ✓ **Sustainable Economic Development**
This track is expected to concentrate on the effectiveness of tools and solutions designed to help stimulate and develop domestic production and issues relating to doing business in the country at the federal level.
 - ✓ **Tools for Regional Growth**
Within this track, the success of regional crisis response plans and the performance of regional development institutes will be discussed. Sessions will analyse how regions have responded to changes in the economy, as well as their involvement in improving government oversight, and options for the effective use of public-private partnerships and concessions to develop regional infrastructure will be considered.
 - ✓ **Competence Development**
This track will look at options for further national economic development, new mechanisms to stimulate industry, and what needs to be done to create new markets and conditions for securing Russia's global technological leadership in the long term and for improving the quality and accessibility of social services for the population.
- As is traditional, the Sochi International Investment Forum 2016 will include the formal presentation of the **Alexander Pochinok Prize** to the

winner of the **Russian National Competition of Regional Social Development Programmes**, as well as the award and presentation of prizes for the **Best Regional Socioeconomic Development Practices and Initiatives** to winners of the **National Mikhail Saltykov-Shchedrin Competition**.

- Furthermore, the Forum will, as usual, include meetings between Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev and governors and business representatives.
- The Forum discussions will be held in traditionally established formats, such as panel discussions, foresight sessions, check-ups, seminars, roundtables, and master classes, as well as business breakfasts and lunches.
- The Sochi International Investment Forum 2016 will also include an exhibition of regional investment projects and products and services for successful business, designed to create favourable conditions for the development of cooperation between potential investors and companies or regions.