



## **Summit of the Future Action Days Side Event**

### ***Russia and Belarus: International and Multisectoral Exchange of Practices for a Sustainable and Digital Future***

20 September 20, 2020  
10.45-12.00 (New York time), online

Organized by: United Nations Association of Russia

#### **Background on the event (one paragraph)**

The event of the United Nations Association of Russia Russia and Belarus: International and Multisectoral Exchange of Practices for a Sustainable and Digital Future was supported by the Permanent Missions of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations. Key participants included senior diplomats, government representatives, business leaders and experts from both countries, who discussed the importance of digital transformation for achieving sustainable development goals. The meeting aimed to strengthen international cooperation in digital diplomacy, innovation, and public-private partnerships as a basis for sustainable socio-economic progress.

#### **Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)**

- Sustainable Development Strategies
- Digital Transformation in Various Sectors
- Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Innovation
- Role of Youth in Sustainable Development
- Role of Women in Sustainable Development
- Investment and Economic Relations for a Digital Future

### **Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)**

- Encourage stronger partnerships between government, business, academia, and civil society in Russia, Belarus, and partner countries to drive progress in sustainable development and digital transformation
- Promote the active participation of youth and women in the processes of digital transformation and sustainable development
- Support the development of collaborative frameworks between public institutions and private enterprises to accelerate the implementation of sustainable and digital initiatives
- Highlight the potential of digital technologies to drive progress on the SDGs, particularly in bridging inequalities, and facilitate knowledge sharing and best practices for responsible technology deployment
- Facilitate dialogue between government bodies, international organizations, civil society, and business sector to align efforts toward digital innovation and sustainability
- Encourage the integration of digital technologies in all areas of urban development to advance Sustainable Development Goals, particularly in improving infrastructure, enhancing public services, and promoting environmental sustainability

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