

## **VIRTUAL SIDE-EVENT**

### **Regional integration as a means for achieving the SDGs: Experience of the EAEU**

**Wednesday, 14 July 2021, 07:30– 09:00 am (NY Time)**

Over the last four decades regional economic integration processes have gained momentum and became significant means for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Moreover, there is an increasing acknowledgement that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development requires more than the sum of national actions: it calls for collective efforts at the regional level to tackle global and regional issues. Therefore, partnership at all levels, sharing best practices and experience exchange has a significant importance for the implementation of the SDGs.

In 2017 the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), an integration association of five partner countries – Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Russia, was the first regional economic integration association to present the report “Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the Eurasian Economic Union” to the UN during the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) of the ECOSOC. The report analyzed the achievement of the SDGs within the EAEU region and the results have clearly demonstrated that regional integration gives an additional impetus positively affecting the achievement of the SDG indicators by the Member States of the association.

This year, the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), as the regulatory body of the EAEU, will be presenting a side event "Regional integration as a means for achieving the SDGs: experience of the EAEU" at the HLPF in the framework of ECOSOC in New York, on 14 July 2021.

This side-event will focus on the regional dimension of the SDGs, the importance of fostering coherence between local and global levels and engaging in an interactive discussion with the EAEU Member States, representatives of regional and sub-regional organizations, major groups and other stakeholders. It will provide information on the EAEU latest development priorities, activities and objectives within the framework of the SDGs, as well as cooperation examples between the EAEU and other regional integration associations.

#### **Keynote speakers:**

- Sergey Glazyev, Member of the Board (Minister) for Integration and Macroeconomics, EEC
- Gohar Barseghyan, Director of the Integration Development Department, EEC (Moderator)
- Natalya Ignatova, Deputy Director of the Statistics Department, EEC
- Andrey Panteleev, Head of Economic Policy Strategies Section, EEC

**Welcoming remarks:**

- Arman Issetov, Chargé d'Affaires of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations;
- Dmitry Chumakov, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations;

**Speakers:**

- H.E. Jorge Hernando Pedraza Gutierrez, Secretary-General of the Andean Community;
- Ambassador Gloria Navarrete, Deputy Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Chile
- Dr. Sita Sumrit, Head of Poverty Eradication and Gender Division, ASEAN;
- Nikolay Pomoshchnikov, PhD, Head of Subregional Office for North and Central Asia (SONCA), UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;
- Vladimir Pereboev, PhD (Pol), Head of Projects, Centre for Integration Studies, Eurasian Development Bank;
- Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary at the UN Economic Commission for Europe;
- Ksenia Pavlova, Advisor, Harmonization of statistical methodology and SDGs monitoring Division, Federal State Statistics Service, Russian Federation;
- Alexander Korolev, Research Fellow, Deputy Head of Eurasian Sector, Centre for Comprehensive European and International Studies, National Research University – Higher School of Economics.

This side-event will be of interest to the sustainable development specialists, as well as to the experts in the field of regional economic integration and international economic relations.