



International Forum

“On the Second Track. The Role of Civil Society and Public Diplomacy in the Further Development and Expansion of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization”

19-20 April 2016

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Press release of the International Forum

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19-20 April 2016 in the city of Sochi (the hotel "Radisson Lazurnaya", Sochi, 103 Kurortniy Prospect) will take place **the International Forum "On the second track. The role of civil society and public diplomacy in the further development and expansion of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization"**.

Needs of progress and sustainable development, on the one hand, large and small crises of the modern world, on the other, bring to the forefront the need of search and support a variety of models of international cooperation and collaboration. Serious hopes of civil society in Russia and other Eurasian states are reliant on the rapidly developing and expanding Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

The interest of scientific, public and business communities of Russia to discuss prospects of the SCO prompted **the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation** as their authorized representative at societal and domestic level, to put forward an initiative together with **the CIS countries Institute** to hold the International Forum. Forum will be held with support from **the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Krasnodar Krai Administration, the Administration of Sochi city, PJSC "Gazprom", State Corporation "Rostec", PJSC "Aeroflot - Russian Airlines"**.

During the two days of plenary and breakout sessions **300 participants** of the Forum will discuss the possibility of expanding cooperation, both within and outside the framework of the SCO.

Executive Secretary of the Forum - **Konstantin Zatulin**, Head of the Working group of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation **on Eurasian Integration and Support of the SCO, Director of the Institute of CIS countries**.

The following persons will take part in the Forum: Secretary of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation **Alexander Brechalov**; Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation on Regional Economic Integration, Full Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences **Sergey Glazyev**; Russian President's Special Envoy for Shanghai Cooperation Organization Affairs, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary **Bakhtiyer Khakimov**; Adviser to Iran's Supreme Leader on International Affairs **Ali Akbar Velayati**; Rector, MGIMO Institute /Moscow State Institute of International Relations/, MID RF /Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Head of the Russian delegation at the tenth session of the SCO Forum in Khanty-Mansiysk **Anatoly Torkunov**; Mongolian President's Special Envoy for Cooperation with Russia **Luvсандандарын Hongai (Mongolia)**; Director, Institute of Russian, Eastern European & Central Asian Studies, Chinese

Academy of Social Sciences **Li Yongquan (China)**; **The Chairman of the Russian-Pakistan Business Council, Muhammad Farooq Afzal (Pakistan)**; Action Director of the Institute of Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Science **Sergey Luzyanin**; **Chief Executive Officer of the "Habibi-Centre" Rahimah Abdulrahim (Indonesia)**; Dean of Higher School (Faculty) of Television of M. V. Lomonosov Moscow State University **Vitaly Tretyakov**; Head of the Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Professor **Shrikantkh Kondopalli (India)**; Professor of Moscow State Institute of International Relations at Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs **Andranik Mihranyan**; **Director of Research Institute of International and Regional Cooperation** at the Kazakh-German University, formerly director of **Kazakhstan** Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan (2005-2014) **Bulat Sultanov (Kazakhstan)**; **experts, public persons, researchers and journalists - representatives of member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, observer states at SCO, partner countries in dialogue and promising for the organization states, including 100 foreign participants from 23 countries in Europe, Asia and Africa.**

Within a framework of the Forum work will take place in three sections:

- "World order, security and fight against terrorism";
- "Economics and Enterprise. Ecology and preservation of the environment";
- "The interaction of cultures and religions. Education and Science".

Members of the media are invited to participate in the work of the Forum.

Venue: Hotel "Radisson Lazurnaya", Sochi (Krasnodar Krai), 103 Kurortniy Prospect.

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