

RUSSIA – LATIN AMERICA BUSINESS FORUM

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Exhibition Center EXPOCUBA (Havana, Republic of Cuba)

09:00–12:30

Registration of participants, coffee break

12:30–14:00

Russia–Latin America Business Forum Plenary Session

Contemporary global geopolitical and economic challenges are creating new issues for governments to address. Russia and the countries of Latin America, which have embarked on efforts to modernize and diversify their national economies, are expanding cooperation at a rapid rate. Numerous joint projects successfully underway in the fields of energy, industry, transport infrastructure, and agriculture offer examples of economic complementarity. Which areas will be the new sources of growth in relations between Russia and Latin America? Could long-term projects create the conditions necessary to improve the stability of trade and economic links against a background of negative external factors and volatility on global markets? What solutions will need to be adopted to harness the potential of cooperation and secure a balance of interests?

Moderator:

Sergey Brilev, Anchor, Deputy Director, Russia TV Channel; President, Bering Bellingshausen Institute for the Americas

Panellists:

Ivan Acosta, Minister of Finance and Government Loan of the Republic of Nicaragua

Yury Borisov, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation

Ricardo Cabrisas Ruiz, Vice President of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cuba

Jafeth Cabrera Franco, Vice President of the Republic of Guatemala

Orlando Hernández Guillén, Chairman, Chamber of Commerce of the Republic of Cuba

14:00–15:00

Coffee break

15:00–16:00

Roundtable. Russia–Cuba: New Horizons for Cooperation

Trade and economic cooperation between Russia and Cuba has been gaining momentum in recent years. The volume of trade is growing, tourist numbers are up, and long-term projects are being launched. Steps taken at the governmental level to encourage trade and economic links play an important role in this process. Which technologies, goods, and services offered by Russian companies will allow Cuba to successfully tackle socioeconomic development challenges? Which areas offer significant potential for cooperation? What obstacles make implementation difficult?

Moderator:

Maria Bondareva, Anchor, Russia 24 TV Channel

Panellists:

Eduardo Martínez Díaz, President, BioCubaFarma

José Lázaro Alari Martínez, President, Banco Internacional de Comercio S.A. (BICSA)

Rafael Ernesto Lage Pérez, General Director, Energoimport; Chairman, Russian-Cuban Business Council

Nikita Gusakov, General Director, EXIAR

Anton Zubikhin, Deputy Director General for Relations with Government Authorities, Sinara-Transport Machines

Maxim Sergeev, General Director, Inter RAO – Export LLC

Sergey Steshenko, Director General, TECHTSVETMET

Edward Vaino, Vice-President for External Relations and Relations with Shareholders, AVTOVAZ; Chairman, Russia-Cuba Business Council

Andrey Vasiliev, Deputy Director, SPbSRIVS under FMBA of Russia

19:00

Gala reception

At the Embassy of the Russian Federation in the Republic of Cuba
(by invitation)