

# RUSSIA–ASEAN BUSINESS FORUM PROGRAMME

June 17, 2026, Kazan

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**10:00–11:00**

## Forum Opening

Bashir Rameev IT Park  
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hall 1

**11:00–11:30**

## Signing Ceremony

**11:30–12:30**

## Cross-Border IT and AI Cooperation: Fintech and Smart Cities

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Russia and the ASEAN countries demonstrate a mutual interest in exchanging solutions in digital payments, electronic document management, and the creation of a sovereign IT infrastructure. However, differences in digital regulation and industry legislation hinder the development of practical cooperation. What measures should be taken to scale up successful collaboration practices in the development of digital solutions? What Russian digital products may be of interest to partners from ASEAN countries?

### Moderator:

- **Roman Shaykhtudinov**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tatarstan; Member of the Supervisory Board, Innopolis University

### Speakers:

- **Yogi Rizkian Bahar**, General Director, LinkAja
- **Dato Charon Wardini Mokhzani**, Chairman, EXIM Bank Malaysia
- **Aleksey Poroshin**, General Director, First Group
- **Alexey Raikevich**, General Director, GLONASS

**11:30–13:00**

## Traditional Moral Values and State-Religious Relations in Russia and ASEAN Countries

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hall 2

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) unites countries with vastly different religious and cultural landscapes: Buddhism (Thailand, Myanmar, Laos); Christianity (the Philippines); Islam (Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei); and secular models (Singapore, Vietnam). Each country has developed a specific system of state-religious interaction that promotes the development of the state in accordance with its history and cultural code. At the same time, the actions of these countries are often dictated by the so-called 'Asian values' of non-interference, consensus, dialogue, peaceful settlement, collectivism, paternalism, flexibility, and a developed system of informal interactions. Russia and the ASEAN countries certainly have many things in common: a multinational and multi-faith world, and a commitment to values that differ from those of Western countries, though there may be differences in the exact wording. The format for exchanging experiences and opinions on the issue of values and the traditions of interaction between the state and religion as factors in maintaining social and political stability can reflect the potential they currently carry, and outline the contours of a shared future in a multipolar world.

### Moderator:

- **Kirill Babaev**, Director, Institute of China and Modern Asia of the Russian Academy of Sciences; President, National Coordinating Center for International Business Cooperation

### Speakers:

- **Sergey Kirishov**, Head, Central Spiritual Administration of Buddhists; Member, Council for Coordination with Religious Organisations under the President of the Russian Federation
- **Pavel Kostylev**, Adviser, Presidential Domestic Policy Directorate
- **Mikhail Melekh**, Special Representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation for International Cooperation on the Right to Freedom of Religion
- **Kamil Samigullin**, Chairman of the Spiritual Administration of Muslims of the Republic of Tatarstan; Mufti of the Republic of Tatarstan
- **Vsevolod Zolotukhin**, Leading Researcher, Centre for State and Religion in Asia, Institute of China and Contemporary Asia, Russian Academy of Sciences; Professor, Higher School of Economics; President, Russian Society of Religion Study

**13:30–14:30**Bashir Rameev IT Park  
business programme  
hall 1**International Trade, Food Security, and Transport and Logistics Connectivity between Russia and ASEAN Countries**

The Russia–ASEAN dialogue partnership dates back more than 35 years and is currently in the process of forming a new, pragmatic trade and economic agenda. In the context of the restructuring of global economic relations and the transformation of global food commodity markets, new logistics routes need to be developed that will reduce the vulnerability of imports and critical goods to the ASEAN markets. What logistics solutions will enhance supply chain differentiation for consumers in Southeast Asia? What steps need to be taken to improve trade mechanisms and create reliable supply chains?

**Moderator:**

- **Vittoriya Idrisova**, Rector, Russian Foreign Trade Academy of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

**Speakers:**

- **Abdul Ghani bin Datuk Seri Johari**, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry of Malaysia
- **Ivan Demchenko**, Chairman of the Board, Novostal-M; Chairman, Russian-Thai Business Council
- **Vladimir Ilichev**, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation
- **Sergey Krupnov**, Deputy General Director, Iraero Airlines
- **Shireen Ann Zahara Muhiudeen**, Founder, Corston-Smith Asset Management
- **Cham Nimul**, Minister of Commerce of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- **Nguyen Thi Phuong Thao**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, VietJet Air
- **Sergey Sidorov**, Deputy Director General for Government Relations and External Relations, FESCO

**15:00–16:00**Bashir Rameev IT Park  
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hall 1**The EAEU–ASEAN Partnership: Cooperation in Energy, Infrastructure, and Industry**

The EAEU–ASEAN dialogue is a successful example of cooperation between international integration associations, one that allows practical trade and economic ties to be strengthened. The mutual interest of business communities in expanding contacts creates significant potential for developing cooperation in strategic areas such as digital transformation, artificial intelligence, energy, infrastructure development, and industrial cooperation. What measures are needed to ensure the continued sustainable development of business cooperation between the EAEU and ASEAN in the face of global economic turbulence? In which sectors are we most likely to see a mutually positive economic effect?

**Moderator:**

- **Daniyar Imanaliev**, Member of the Board - Minister in charge of Integration and Macroeconomics, Eurasian Economic Commission

**Speakers:**

- **Allan B. Gepty**, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry of the Republic of the Philippines
- **Sergey Machekhin**, Deputy General Director for Project Engineering, Sustainable Development and International Cooperation, RusHydro
- **Timur Mingazov**, Deputy Director General for Resident Relations, Development of Engineering Potential and Operations, Alabuga Industrial and Industrial SEZ
- **Souvannavong Oudet**, President, Lao National Chamber Of Commerce And Industry (LNCCI)

**16:00–16:30****Signing Ceremony**