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THE ST. PETERSBURG INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FORUM 2025

The 13th St. Petersburg International Legal Forum will bring together leading figures from the Russian and international legal, business, political and law-enforcement communities.

In the light of global shifts taking place today, the ability to engage in direct and open dialogue is more important than ever. This is particularly the case with regard to key issues affecting national and legal development based on principles of equal and mutually beneficial cooperation.

The Forum's substantive and wide-ranging three-day programme will afford participants a wealth of opportunities to make professional connections. They will be able to visit business events and the exhibition, and have the opportunity to speak with experts, representatives of government bodies, business leaders, and journalists. They will also have the chance to conduct bilateral meetings and negotiations, and attend events held as part of the Forum's rich cultural programme.

The Forum is held by the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation and the Roscongress Foundation, in accordance with Russian Presidential Decree No. 55 dated 15 February 2022.



5,000
participants



81
countries



120
business
programme events



700
speakers

Figures for 2024

MISSION OF THE FORUM

The mission of the Forum is to promote ways of modernizing the legal field in light of the changes taking place around the globe today. Areas of focus include the following:

- Improving interaction between legal systems and developing common approaches to legal issues in today's world
- Modernizing Russian and international law through applying best practices in defending the rights and interests of all legal subjects
- Supporting the development of jurisprudence and legal education in Russia and around the world
- Developing digital technologies in the fields of law, public administration, and the economy





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VLADIMIR PUTIN
President of the Russian Federation

“The legal community is made up of professionals who have chosen a challenging and exceptionally important undertaking. It is their work that protects people’s legal rights and interests, strengthens Russia’s public and democratic institutions, and supports businesses and all economic actors. And invariably, the best representatives of the profession are those characterized by honesty, integrity, impartiality, and fairness.”

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DMITRY MEDVEDEV
Deputy Chairman of the Security Council
of the Russian Federation

“The St. Petersburg International Legal Forum is being held at a difficult time. A new world order is just beginning to take shape and nothing will ever be the same again. The desire of any state to dominate or impose its will on others is unacceptable. Any crisis inevitably affects and changes the law. Our country is aware of those risks. We have made it an absolute priority to maintain public trust in the legal system and to fight the deliberate disregard of its fundamentals and the distortion of facts, judgments and events. We will continue our legal cooperation with those states that are interested in collaboration and partnership with Russia. After all, law plays a crucial role not only in the resolution of global conflicts, but also in the development of humanity.”

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KONSTANTIN CHUYCHENKO
Minister of Justice of the Russian Federation

“The mission of the Forum is to support international-level dialogue on the modernization of law in the interests of people and society. In the current geopolitical context, it is the legal field which must play a key role in developing impactful solutions in response to today’s pressing challenges. And that is precisely why guests at the Forum will focus on such crucial topics as the correlation between law and morality; using law to counteract extreme right-wing ideologies and movements such as Naziism and fascism; justification for the use of force; and disarmament as one of the principles of international law. We also plan to discuss the revitalization of legal culture and socioeconomic regulation in the context of global shifts.”

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ALEXANDER BASTRYKIN

Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation, General of Justice of the Russian Federation

“The Forum offers an excellent opportunity to discuss key issues of a legal nature which are closely intertwined with political, economic, and social aspects. Today’s reality, with its external constraints, calls for new ideas, perspectives, and solutions. A number of specific legal positions also need to take shape. The scope here is incredibly wide, and there is good potential to find ways of transforming and improving the legal norms which regulate various aspects of social relations, including those which fall under criminal law. This is particularly the case in terms of developing law-enforcement and judicial practice with regard to the crimes of the Ukrainian regime against the peaceful civilians of the Donbas. It is similarly crucial that assistance is provided to these young republics to enable them to build effective legal systems. And the quality of the result depends on us.”

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TALIA KHABRIEVA**Director, Institute of Legislation and Comparative Law
under the Government of the Russian Federation**

“International law is demonstrating a growing trend for fragmentation. As crises increasingly loom, so international relations suffer, and the stable international system of law and order is threatened. The international community needs to focus on revitalizing international law by resuming conciliatory approaches. There needs to be a doctrine which avoids dogmatic and unproductive approaches to ways in which familiar categories are considered. Instead, it should focus on searching for patterns applicable to the development of international law in the turbulent environment of international relations today. It should also focus on progressive development strategies which are based on respect for moral imperatives and the advancement of basic imperative principles governing international law.”

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SERGEY STEPASHIN

Chairman, Association of Lawyers of Russia

“Today, the very concept of international law has been completely discredited and is in need of an overhaul. In order to build international relations on a set of new principles – which Russia insists should be equality, respect for a nation’s sovereignty, and a consideration of national interests while unreservedly complying with the norms of international law – there needs to be a transformation of the international justice system. In taking on a leading role in the movement to overhaul international relations, Russia has tasked itself with putting forward a set of fundamental principles and specifying the aims of such a transformation. In light of this, I believe it to be possible and even essential to establish an alternative international court of human rights – one which is not politicized, and which is independent from any influence from participants, Russia included. Above all, though, it should genuinely work to protect human rights.”

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ST. PETERSBURG INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FORUM 2024: OVERVIEW

The St. Petersburg International Legal Forum was held in 2024 under the theme “Law: The Foundation of Global Balance”. In his welcome address to Forum participants, organizers, and guests, President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin noted that Russia has consistently defended the principle of the rule of law, both domestically and on the international stage. Among those to add their views on the rule of law were leading legal professionals, politicians, businesspeople, and members of the law-enforcement community.

The central event of the Forum was the plenary session, which featured as speakers Russian Security Council Deputy Chairman Dmitry Medvedev and representatives of the legal systems of Cuba, Namibia, Estonia, and Belarus.

In what marked a first, the business programme for the 2024 edition of the Forum was developed with direct input from the legal community. Around 1,000 people took part in discussions on topics to cover at the sessions. As a result, the Forum programme was structured into nine thematic pillars incorporating a total of more than 120 events. Particular attention was paid to issues surrounding

technology – a reflection of Russian Minister of Justice Konstantin Chuychenko’s comment that “the transition to digital in the field of justice is overdue.”

The Forum was attended by 19 ministers of justice from Bahrain, Burundi, Djibouti, Zimbabwe, Qatar, Kyrgyzstan, Cuba, Kuwait, Malawi, Mali, Myanmar, Namibia, the UAE, Abkhazia, Belarus, Tajikistan, Thailand, the Central African Republic, and South Ossetia. Other attendees included 11 heads of diplomatic corps, three prosecutors general, and 15 senior judges of foreign courts.

The Forum also featured an exhibition showcasing 19 exhibitors, including ministries, government agencies, educational institutions, and various organizations. In addition, the event hosted an exhibition entitled “Defence of the Russian State: History and Modernity”, and the International Youth Legal Forum.



PARTICIPANTS

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The Forum venue will offer a range of facilities for participants, including a business networking platform, meeting rooms, networking areas, an exhibition space, and lounge areas. What's more, there is the option of being included in the list of regular participants at the Roscongress Foundation's events, which provides early access to special offers.





PARTNERS

The status of partner is assigned to major companies and recognized members of the professional community. Partners benefit from a range of tools enabling them to promote their projects and initiatives at the Forum venue. Partners are offered a flexible set of options which can be tailored to individual needs and objectives.

Partners are able to showcase their leading role in the sector, hold business meetings and negotiations in comfort, participate in events held as part of the business programme, discuss the main trends and key development pathways in relation to the legal sector, focus on pressing issues, and put forward bold ideas which will subsequently form the basis of programmes to improve national legislation.

BENEFITS OF PARTNERSHIP

- The ability to hold a business event, presentation, or press conference, and to sign agreements at the Forum
- The ability to set up a networking area, invite partners, and make use of meeting rooms
- The ability to leverage the Forum's information and advertising resources
- The ability to use the services of accredited photographers and interpreters
- The provision of a personal manager to support the company's participation in the Forum





PRESS EVENTS AND ADVERTISING

PRESS EVENTS AND MEDIA SUPPORT

The Forum venue will have specially equipped areas for press events and agreement signing ceremonies. A schedule of Forum press events will appear in the Media section of the official website once the business programme of the event has been published.

The Roscongress Foundation's professionals are always glad to offer assistance in organizing press events, and providing professional photographers and videographers.

PROTOCOL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONIES

Holding an agreement signing ceremony at the Forum offers an excellent opportunity for a company to publicize itself and attract the attention of leading media outlets, potential partners, and investors. The support package includes organizing the ceremony at the Forum venue and distributing announcements about the event to accredited journalists at the Forum.

ADVERTISING OPTIONS

- Placing advertisements at the Forum venue will increase the visibility of your company among participants
- A range of advertising options has been developed, including standalone advertising structures, large-scale panels on building facades, banners, and other formats
- Forum partners are offered priority placement of various forms of advertisements at the event venue



CULTURAL PROGRAMME

The cultural programme is a key part of the Forum, and attracts particular attention from participants and guests.

The programme incorporates large-scale public entertainment events, cultural festivals, concert programmes, film screenings, official functions, and gala receptions.

Events on the cultural programme typically resonate strongly in the media. They provide excellent partnership opportunities, enabling the company to promote its image while forging business relations and initiating mutually beneficial ventures.



The Roscongress Foundation is a socially oriented non-financial development institution and a major organizer of national and international conventions; exhibitions; and business, public, youth, sporting, and cultural events. It was established in pursuance of a decision by the President of the Russian Federation.



participants from
countries and territories

> 5,000
professionals in Russia and abroad offering
analysis and expertise

212
economic partners; industrialists' and entrepreneurs'
unions; and financial, trade, and business
associations from 86 countries worldwide

293
Russian non-profit organizations, federal government
and legislative bodies, and regions

> 15,000
representatives of Russian and international
media outlets

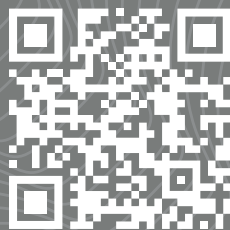
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER!

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