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**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF THE
2ND WORLD GRAIN FORUM (hereinafter the Forum) ***

18–19 NOVEMBER 2016, SOCHI

<i>18 November 2016</i>	
	Registration of Forum participants
	Presentation of Forum sponsors and participants as part of the exhibition
	Events of Ministry of Agriculture of Russia and Rosselkhozadzor: <i>bilateral meetings, negotiations, signing of agreements</i>
	Meeting between Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation A.V. Dvorkovich and heads of the foreign delegations and international organisations in business breakfast format
	<p>Plenary session: Grain production and the grain market: global changes and opportunities</p> <p><u>Key discussion topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>the role of the grain sector in ensuring global food security given the limited land and water resources, falling soil fertility and climate change;</i> - <i>the change in agricultural policy paradigm – transition to more productive and inclusive agricultural and foodstuff systems;</i> - <i>ways to form a regulatory environment for development of agro-business and cut transaction costs;</i> - <i>transition by the agricultural sector to a new technological structure, ecologisation of production and IT;</i> - <i>Russia’s place and role on the global market for technologies and resources for agriculture and grain;</i>



	<p>- <i>the potential of international associations and unions in resolving problems of regional and global food security.</i></p>
	<p>Meeting between Russian Prime Minister D. Medvedev and representatives of Russian and global agricultural business</p>
	<p>Reception for the heads of official delegations, VIP participants, Forum participants and guests</p>
<p><i>19 November 2016</i></p>	
	<p>Presentation of Forum sponsors and participants as part of the exhibition</p>
	<p>Dialogue with an industry leader (<i>in free discussion format before the beginning and after the end of the Forum event; programme developed in consideration of Forum participant suggestions submitted by application during registration</i>)</p>
	<p>Conference “The World Grain Market: long-term trends and forecasts” <u>Key discussion topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>change in the global agricultural landscape and grain goods trade: trends and consequences for the world market;</i> - <i>long-term forecasts of the change in grain production and consumption on regional markets, their consequences for the market situation and the global grain trade;</i> - <i>grain price volatility: reasons and consequences;</i> - <i>grain market barriers – how to reform world trade in order to improve food security;</i> - <i>interregional associations – risks and opportunities for the grain market.</i>
	<p>Panel discussion “Food aid and support for production development programmes in countries in need of greater grain and food self-sufficiency potential”</p>



	<p><u>Key discussion topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - international food aid programmes – results and prospects for reform; - support mechanisms for transfer of technologies and knowledge as the basis for sustainable, inclusive growth of agricultural production in developing countries; - development of the production and logistics infrastructure with a low level of commercial returns.
	<p>Strategic session “The place, role and prospects for the EEU on the world grain market”</p> <p><u>Key discussion topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - agricultural potential and medium and long term prospects for development of the grain sector in the EEU countries; - the place and role of the EEU countries in supporting global food security; - drivers of an agreed agricultural policy of the EEU: attainment of a balance of national interests and use of the competitive advantages of each EEU participant; - how to realise the potential of the EEU for cutting transaction costs and lowering barriers in mutual; - prospects for creating a grain exchange in the EEU ad using derivative instruments; - the future of joint projects in the sphere of bio- and information technologies, selection and other fields of modern agrarian science.
	<p>Conference “Resource and energy saving technologies – the basis for an efficient grain sector”</p> <p><u>Key discussion topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - best world practices in development of resource and energy saving technologies; - innovative approaches in grain production; - practice of applying IT in agriculture – effectiveness and problems;



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>innovations in systems for fertilising the soil and protecting plants, considering the raised requirements of environmental safety of the environment and foodstuffs;</i> - <i>geo-information systems: the best practices in use and the potential for international co-operation.</i>
	<p>Business forum “New technological techniques”</p> <p><u>Key discussion topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>long-term prospects for technical development in grain production;</i> - <i>ways and means to encourage innovative development of the industry;</i> - <i>new technique for modern technologies – how to ease consumer access.</i>
	<p>Roundtable “Innovative technologies in selection and breeding”</p> <p><u>Key discussion topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>selection as a basic condition for sustainable development of grain production under the conditions of climate change;</i> - <i>new technologies in selection anticipated results – best practices;</i> - <i>ways to make international co-operation in selection more effective;</i> - <i>Russia in the global system of selection achievements.</i>
	<p>Conference “Logistics infrastructure: bottlenecks on the global market”</p> <p><u>Key discussion topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>losses during storage and transport of grain;</i> - <i>progressive technologies and innovations in storage and processing of grain;</i> - <i>development of deep grain processing – risks for food security and opportunities for creating a new economy.</i>



	<p>Business forum “Financing the grain business: from production to trade and the logistics infrastructure”</p> <p><u>Key discussion topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - national and international institutions for development and financing of the grain business – opportunities to create the conditions for the sector to develop; - long-term finance for development of the grain infrastructure; - risk management in the grain business: new developments in insurance and risk management, insurance of risks associated with the impact of non-systemic, non-fundamental factors; - potential for and spheres of participation by BRICS financial institutions in resolving the problems of the logistics infrastructure for the grain market; - state support instruments for export of grain and resources for agriculture.
	<p>Roundtable “Phytosanitary control: place and role in creating favourable conditions for mutual trade in grain”</p> <p><u>Key discussion topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - more stringent requirements on grain importing countries: reasons and consequences; - ways to harmonise and ensure a balance of phytosanitary requirements in grain products supplying and importing countries; - simpler and cheaper trading procedures and ensuing good faith trade in agro-industrial products; - prospects for electronic phytosanitary certification; - the state and private surveyors – a balance of interests between state and business.
	<p>Business forum “The grain trade: the Caspian vector”</p> <p><u>Key discussion topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the grain trade in the area of the Caspian and the Persian Gulf – potential for mutual trade and development opportunities; - infrastructures of the Caspian area market – condition, accessibility of markets, development prospects;



	<p>- <i>Southern Grain Corridor: possibilities, risks, problems and solutions.</i></p>
	<p>Business forum “Black Sea area: role and significance for the grain trade” <u>Key discussion topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>the place and role of grain from the Black Sea area in supporting global food security and stabilising the global grain balance today and in the future;</i> - <i>competitive advantages of grain producing countries and new players in the Black Sea area;</i> - <i>the role of Black Sea area grain on the world market (current state and prospects);</i> - <i>promising spheres for investment and co-operation in developing the Black Sea area grain sector;</i> - <i>potential and instruments of interstate co-operation in developing production and implementing joint investment projects and programmes.</i>
	<p>Business forum “Asian grain vector: prospects and development mechanisms” <u>Key discussion topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>growth potential for own production and supplies by the main exporting countries;</i> - <i>possibilities for supplies of Siberian grain;</i> - <i>cutting costs in trading operations and lowering administrative and technical barriers to mutual trade in grain: a new agenda, new solutions.</i>
	<p>Summing up Speech by Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation A.V. Dvorkovich</p>
	<p>20 November 2016</p>
	<p><i>Bilateral meetings of Forum participants (by mutual agreement)</i> <i>Participants departure</i></p>



**The names of the events and their times will be confirmed when the comprehensive programme is drawn up for the Second World Grain Forum*