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Transport Infrastructure on the African Continent: Opportunities to Implement Joint Projects

23 October 2019 14:30–16:00

Moderator

Bronwyn Nielsen
Founder, Chief Executive Officer, Nielsen Media and Associates; Editor-in-Chief (2013–2017), CNBC Africa

KEY CONCLUSIONS

Africa's dynamic development carries ample potential for Russian investment

The entire continent is developing rapidly, developing aggressively, and it provides incredible partnership and investment opportunities — Amani Abou-Zeid, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission.

Africa provides unique opportunities for railroad development. Mineral deposits: out of 9 most rapidly developing countries 5 are in Africa. Most rapidly growing cities — it is Africa. Unique tourist potential — it is Africa — Alexander Misharin, First Vice President, Russian Railways.

Russian companies are ready to share technologies with their African partners

Apart from technology and project solutions we are ready to provide financial tools. Those include state guarantees, private-public partnerships, and various types of concessions. These are the mechanisms that will allow to introduce large-scale projects — Alexander Misharin, First Vice President, Russian Railways.

In addition to the wealth of experience and railway competences, we can suggest automobile industry development solutions. We are a convenient partner when it comes to passenger transportation. We have solutions that fit the budget of any country. We are ready to develop small businesses and come up with mobile solutions — Leonid Dolgov, Export Sales Director, GAZ Group.

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KEY CONCLUSIONS

**Far Eastern infrastructure may play key role in increasing cargo flow between Russia and Asia-Pacific countries**

Far East is currently a key link of transport and logistic chains between Asia-Pacific countries and Russia. It has incredible potential for increasing both transit and export/import capacity. <...> At the moment, we see great potential for attracting additional cargo flow both from China to Europe and from other countries such as Japan and South Korea – up to 10% of their cargo flow to Europe. <...> Digitalization <...> can provide solutions to the problems that the infrastructure cannot solve — Pavel Chistyakov, Vice President, Infrastructure Economics Centre.

Transport corridors that involve the Trans-Siberian Railway are very demanded by Japan — Isao Takahashi, President, Toyo Trans Inc..

**Digitalization significantly improving shipment efficiency**

With digitalization, we are planning to make the most efficient decisions online to optimize internal workflows. Our goal is to enable cargo shippers and other stakeholders to see online what is going on in the Russian Railways, where the cargo will be, how much is the shipment, how can one optimise the workflow — Oleg Belozerov, President, Chairman of the Board, Russian Railways.

The digital future of transport corridors is a joint digital effort of the customs service and our counterparts from abroad, our carriers and business in general — Vladimir Bulavin, Head, Federal Customs Service of the Russian Federation.

Reduction of supply chain barriers provide a 5–6% increase in the GDP, that’s USD 80 billion — Alexandrs Isurins, Chairman of the Executive Board, President, Far Eastern Shipping Company (FESCO).
**Russia–Azerbaijan**

8 June 2019  08:30–10:00

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**Moderator**

**Alexey Repik**
Chairman, Russian-Japanese Business Council; President, Delovaya Rossiya (Business Russia); Chairman of the Board, Group R-Pharm

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**KEY CONCLUSIONS**

**Economic ties between Russia and Azerbaijan are actively developing**

According to the statistics, we have two-digit rates of trade turnover growth; services and mutual transactions are also growing. In fact, we are talking about not only transactions from Russia to Azerbaijan, but also the other way around. This means that connections between businesses, between people are very close — Maxim Oreshkin, Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation.

Last year, the trade turnover between our countries grew almost by 14% and reached USD 2.4 billion. Russia has already invested over 4 billion into Azeri economy; Azerbaijan — over one billion. Export from Russia to Azerbaijan grew by 12.5, to USD 1.7 billion, over the last year — Alexey Repik, Chairman, Russian-Japanese Business Council; President, Delovaya Rossiya (Business Russia); Chairman of the Board, Group R-Pharm.

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**Russian-Azeri relations have a huge potential**

Despite being complementary to a certain extent, our economies are now gradually attuning to each other, looking for synergic opportunities for cooperation, and this explains higher frequency of contacts both between authorities, leaders of our countries, and business circles — Alexey Repik, Chairman, Russian-Japanese Business Council; President, Delovaya Rossiya (Business Russia); Chairman of the Board, Group R-Pharm.

Our leaders see huge potential in deepening interactions between Azeri and Russian businesses, and our advice remains an efficient mechanism for achieving this goal — Samad Gurbanov, Chairman, Azerbaijan-Russia Business Council.

We have not yet depleted all resources that our countries possess regarding development of economic ties; we can cultivate trade and investment relations. Today both Russia and Azerbaijan have enough investment resources to ensure that joint enterprises with competences that Russia has grow in Azerbaijan, and with competences that Azerbaijan has —

| Cultural affinity of the countries facilitates cooperation | We work with almost all countries, with the East, with Europe, with America, but it is easier with our Russian colleagues, probably, because of a similar system of values, a similar mentality. Another important factor is that both countries have strong leaders that clearly express their will to their people — Farid Dzhabarov, General Director, SOCAR. |

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