



In association with **AMBIKA** and **Russian Grain Union**, the **Forum for the Future of Agriculture** invites you to a regional conference focussed on Russian agriculture and its place in the world which will take place in Moscow, on Monday, September 6th, 2010.

This conference will specifically explore the challenges and opportunities in Russian Agriculture and will feature politicians, farmers, businesses, and NGOs, from the Russian Federation and the European Union, who will offer their perspective on the contribution of one of the key countries which can deliver food & environmental security.

This regional conference is part of the 2010 programme of the Forum for the Future of Agriculture, which was created by **Syngenta** and the **European Landowners Organization** in 2008.

The conference program will be followed by a 2-day field trip to farms in the Tula Province and the Black Earth Region. More information can be found at the end of this agenda but participants should be prepared to cover their own accommodation expenses.



PROGRAMME

Russian agriculture and its place in the world: challenges & opportunities

Monday, 6th September, 2010

- 8am Registration & Coffee
- 8.30am Introduction & welcome
Franz FISCHLER, Chairman of the Forum for the Future of Agriculture
- 8.45am Scene setting: Russian agriculture today
Mikhail ORLOV, Founder & President, The AMBIKA Group
- 9.00am Address by either Viktor ZUBKOV, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation
or Elena SKRYNNIK, Minister of Agriculture of the Russian Federation (tbc)
- Topic: Russia's Agriculture and its place in the world. Challenges and opportunities.
Europe and Russia: Partners, opponents/competitors, or nothing in common...?**
- 9.45am Panel session I: What is Russia's agricultural potential. What is needed to unlock/realize it?
- Keynote speakers
- Elena SKRYNNIK, Minister of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, if Viktor ZUBKOV has accepted to do the address above (to be confirmed), (otherwise another high-level official)
 - Paolo DE CASTRO, Chairman of the Agriculture Commission, European Parliament, former Minister of Agriculture of Italy.
 - Kazimieras STARKEVICIUS, Minister of Agriculture of Lithuania
 - FAO representative, tbc
- Followed by audience Q&A and debate
Moderator: Thierry de l'ESCAILLE, Secretary-General, ELO
- 11am Coffee break
- 11.30am Panel session II: Farming in Russia– meeting the challenges and taking the opportunities.
- Provocation speech: Arkady ZLOCHEVSKY, President of the Russian Grain Union
- Panel discussion:
- Pierre COHADON, Chief Executive, Syngenta Russia
 - Kiril PODOLSKY, General Director, Valars Group of Companies (tbc)
 - Sergey KISILEV, Professor, head of the Agro-Economic department at the Lomonosov Moscow University.



Followed by audience Q&A and debate
Moderator: Mikhail ORLOV, The AMBIKA Group

1.00pm Lunch break

2pm **Panel session III: Trading & Infrastructure: enabling Russian agriculture to reach its potential.**

Provocation speech: Boris ROZENWALD, Director for Business Development and Market Analysis, The AMBIKA Group.

Panel discussion with opening statements (5mins each)

- Goris van LIT, Regional Vice President, Europe & North Africa, US Wheat Associates (tbc)
- Oleg ROGACHEV, First Deputy Director General, Rusagrotrans (addressing trade)
- Sergey LEVIN, General Director, United Grain Company
- Dmitri RYLKO, Director of IKAR, the Institute for Agricultural Market Studies

Followed by audience Q&A and debate
Moderator: Rob HANSEN, General Manager, Cargill Grains & Oilseeds Russia (tbc)

3.30pm Coffee break

4.00pm **Panel session IV: Investing in Russian agriculture: the opportunities and the risks?**

Provocation speech: Klaus ROHLAND, Country Director and Resident Representative of the World Bank in Russia (tbc)

Panel discussions:

- Natasha KHAJENKOVA, Managing Director, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Russia (tbc)
- Dmitry PATRUSHEV, Chairman of the Board, the Russian Agricultural Bank (tbc)
- Andrey KLEPACH, Deputy Minister of Economic Development, (addressing agro- infrastructure support)
- Mikhail ORLOV, President & Founder, the AMBIKA Group

Followed by audience Q&A and debate
Moderator: Franz FISCHLER, Chairman of the Forum for the Future of Agriculture

5.30pm Closing Address
Thierry de L'ESCAILLE, Secretary-General, European Landowners Organization

5.45pm Close

8pm Gala Dinner with keynote speech
Valentin DENISOV, Head of the Agri-Committee of the State Duma (tbc)

Tuesday 7th September 2010

- 8.00am Departure from the hotel for field trips for VIPs to Tula Province
- 1st stop Danone dairy factor
- 2Nd stop visit of local farm, "Vinev oil extraction factory ", and "Russian seeds" company
- 3rd stop Oryol area: Russian State scientific Seeds research institute, followed by the the Oryol state agrarian University"
- evening dinner and accommodation in Oryol Hotel

Wednesday 8th September 2010

- 8.00am Departure from Hotel
- 1st stop "Trio" school of experts for dairy animal industries and dairy mega-farm
- 2nd stop Livny aria: «Dubovitskoe» - the modern seed-growing farm
- 3rd stop Efremov aria: "Cargill" the largest Starches and Sweeteners Plant and new mixed fodder factory
- 11.00pm back to Moscow

