

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!

We are glad to inform you that the 2nd International Agrarian Forum on Vegetables Crops will be held on 13-14 April 2016 in the Government House of Moscow Region (1 Stroiteley Boulevard, Krasnogorsk). The Forum is organized by Moscow Region Government with the support of Ministry of Agriculture of Russian Federation.

The main purpose of the Forum – development of agricultural industry at all levels, implementation of new technologies in process of growing vegetables in open grounds and greenhouses, providing food products for population, support for investors, stimulating the demand on agricultural products in the current conditions. The priority issue is the best investment practices in vegetable production sectors.

Among visitors of the Forum will be heads of federal and regional authorities of Russian Federation, representatives of Russian and foreign companies, leading figures from academia and industry, etc.

The experience of previous International Agrarian Forum on Vegetables Crops showed a significant interest from the Russian and foreign participants. More than 1500 participants are expected to visit the event.

We invite you and your partners to take part in the Forum.

We would appreciate if you inform us before April 1, 2016 regarding your participation in the event.

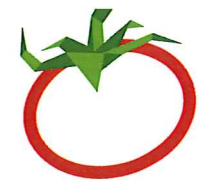
Detailed information about the Forum and registration you can find on the website: <http://vegmosreg.ru/>

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Please find attached the draft program of the Forum.



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**Draft Programme
of the International Agrarian Forum on Vegetable Crops**

Event date	April 13-14, 2016
Venue	1 Stroiteley Boulevard, Krasnogorsk
	Wednesday April 13, 2016 – day 1
08:00-11:00	Registration of participants
11:00-11:05	Official opening of the Forum Welcome address by Governor of Moscow Region, Andrey Vorobyov
	Hall 1 – Plenary Session «Import substitution of vegetable products: promotion of production of and demand for domestic products»
11:05-12:30	<p><u>Key Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Import substitution in vegetable farming: promotion of production of and demand for domestic products. New opportunities for industry development;• State support for the development of vegetable farming on open and protected ground• Vegetable production market. Development of wholesale and distribution centres;• Investment attractiveness and regional experience in encouraging investments in vegetable production;• Quality of vegetable and potato seeds. Imports. Domestic production;• Domestic selection and seed production of vegetable crops and potato as the basis for import substitution;• Availability of borrowed funds for the development of the vegetable production industry under import substitution conditions. <p><u>Moderator:</u> TBC</p> <p><u>Invited Speakers:</u> Andrey Vorobyov, Governor of Moscow Region Arkady Dvorkovich, Deputy Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation Alexander Tkachev, Minister of Agriculture of the Russian Federation Sergey Dankvert, Head of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance Denis Butsaev, Deputy Chairman of the Government of Moscow Region Lev Khasis, First Deputy Chairman of PJSC Sberbank of Russia.</p>
12:30-13:30	Coffee break. Familiarization of participants with exhibition exhibits.

	Press-points. Signing of framework agreements.	
13:30-15:30	Hall 1 – Roundtable 1 “Attracting investments in vegetable production. State support for investment projects”. <u>Key Topics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current state of vegetable production in Russia, import substitution as the opportunity for saturating the market with competitive products, industry development projects; • Measures of state support for vegetable farming on open and protected ground; • Specific features of innovative development of vegetable and potato production in the federal subjects of the Russian Federation; • Best investment practices in vegetable production sectors: open and protected ground; • Implementation of regional programs and investment projects for the development of vegetable production; • Specific customs procedures for the import of equipment designed for the farming of vegetable crops. 	Hall 2 – Roundtable 2 “Energy saving and energy efficiency in the vegetable complex”. <u>Key Topics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy consumption in the vegetable complex; • State mechanisms for the promotion of energy efficiency and the terms and conditions of co-financing regional energy efficient programs and projects; • Energy efficiency problems; • Use of energy-saving technologies for supplementary lighting in the greenhouse complex; • Innovative resource saving and energy efficient technologies (including nano technologies), equipment and materials. • Practical experience of Russian regions in implementing energy efficiency events; • Presentation of successful regional projects in the sphere of energy-saving and increasing energy efficiency.
15:30-16:30	Break. Signing of agreements on the implementation of investment projects. Familiarization of participants with exhibition exhibits.	
16:30 - 18:30	Hall 1 – Roundtable 3 “Financial instruments for development and support of the industry. Financial risk management in vegetable farming.” <u>Key Topics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loans to agricultural business: the means to ensure the availability of loans; • Problems of insurance of agricultural business in vegetable farming on open and protected ground; • Measures for risk regulation in the sphere of loans to agricultural business and the planning of an agricultural organisation’s activity with account for risks; • The potential for development of the agricultural complex with the help of leasing instruments. 	Hall 3 – Roundtable 4 “The vegetable production market: new trends in vegetable chain retailing”. <u>Key Topics:</u> <p>The potato and vegetable market in Russia: production, price, export and import. Modern tendencies and prospective trends of the development of the potato and vegetable market in “import substitution” conditions.</p> <p>How to supply vegetable products and potato to the shelves of supermarkets: answers from the retail sector.</p> <p>Single Information Centres - comfortable conditions for trading in products.</p>

	Wednesday April 14, 2016 – day 2	
10:00-11:00	Welcome coffee.	
11:00-12:30	<p>Hall 1 – Roundtable 5 “Growing and storing vegetables and potatoes: technologies, equipment, know-how”.</p> <p><u>Key Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Cold chains”. Specific features of logistics (distribution) of frozen products; • Modern systems and technologies for storage, cooling and preservation of product quality; • Modern technologies of sorting, after-harvest, pre-sale treatment and packing of vegetable products and potatoes; • Practice of implementing treatment and packing lines; • New developments in the field of applied biotechnology in the storage of vegetables and potatoes; • Current opportunities for the import substitution of open and protected ground watering equipment. 	<p>Hall 3 – Roundtable 6 “Development of wholesale and distribution centres”.</p> <p><u>Key Topics:</u></p> <p>State support for construction of wholesale and distribution centres and vegetable and potato storage cellars.</p> <p>Integration of agricultural producers in the system of wholesale and distribution centres. The federal network of wholesale and distribution centres and mechanisms of cooperation with domestic agricultural producers.</p>
12:30-13:30	Coffee break. Familiarization of participants with exhibition exhibits.	
13:30-15:00	<p>Hall 1 – Roundtable 7 “How can a “healthy” harvest be achieved? Combatting bacterial and viral diseases”.</p> <p><u>Key Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The phytosanitary condition of vegetable and potato seeds. Forecast for 2016; • Bacterial and viral diseases. What can we expect to face? Response; • Biologization elements in the technology of production and protection of vegetable crops; • Combined production and waste disposal technology in vegetable farming. 	<p>Hall 3 – Roundtable 8 “Modern domestic selection and production of vegetable crop and potato seeds: condition, significance, prospects”.</p> <p><u>Key Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current condition and development prospects of selection and seed production of vegetable crops; • Selection and seed production centres: state support; • Buying domestic selection seeds – a new trend in domestic vegetable farming; • Experience of domestic selection and seed farming companies and scientific research institutions in the creation and production of new sorts and hybrids.

<p>16:00-17:30</p>	<p>Hall 2 – Roundtable 9 “Vegetable and potato processing: modern technologies and trends”.</p> <p><u>Key Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current state and prospects of the market for processing products made from vegetables and potatoes; • State support measures for the development of vegetable and potato processing; • Healthy food products: a global trend in the development of complex potato and vegetable processing. • New aspects of processing development – functional manufacturing of products based on vegetables and potatoes; • Investment attractiveness of the processing industry. 	<p>Hall 3 – Case Session: “Comfortable conditions for doing business: how can maximum support be obtained?”</p> <p>Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry and the Ministry of Investments and Innovations of the Moscow Region will provide manufacturers with step-by-step instructions for obtaining state support in various spheres of the activity of agroindustrial companies and will also answer questions from the audience.</p> <p><u>Key Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information resources of the industry. The “single window” system; • Issues related to use of land, construction and reconstruction of agroindustrial complex facilities. The mechanisms for issuing the city development plan for land and transferring land intended for agriculture from one category to another; • The specific features of forming energy tariff rates; • The lease and purchase of land intended for agriculture: tenders and the non-tender allocation of land plots; • State support for small business. Who will obtain startup funds from the state?”
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