



## FIRST MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE RUSSIA-AFRICA PARTNERSHIP FORUM

SIRIUS FEDERAL TERRITORY 9-10 NOVEMBER 2024



# INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

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# WELCOME TO THE FIRST MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE RUSSIA-AFRICA PARTNERSHIP FORUM!



Sirius University
(1 Olimpiysky Prospekt, Sirius Federal Territory)

To access the Conference venue, you need to receive a badge.

Participants are kindly requested to arrive at the Conference venue 30–40 minutes before the start of an event.

More detailed information is in the 'Access to the Conference venue' section.

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## ENTRY TO RUSSIA FOR FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS

#### DOCUMENTS FOR CROSSING THE BORDER

To avoid encountering any problems when crossing the border, all foreign participants arriving from abroad are required to bring the following documents with them:

## If you **require a visa** to enter the Russian Federation

## You must bring the following to cross the border:

- ✓ a visa
- ✓ a valid passport
- ✓ a medical insurance policy valid in the Russian Federation (if required)

## If you **do not require a visa** to enter the Russian Federation

## You must bring the following to cross the border:

- √ a valid passport
- ✓ a medical insurance policy valid in the Russian Federation (if required)

#### **VISA VALIDITY PERIODS**

After submitting all the required documents, Conference participants can obtain a short-term, single-entry Russian visa **for the period from 2 to 15 November 2024** at consular offices of the Russian Federation on the day of their application.

#### **HOW TO APPLY FOR A VISA?**

If you need a visa to enter the Russian Federation, you can apply for a **visa by obtaining** an **invitation for foreign arrivals** (for all Conference participants).

#### **APPLYING FOR A VISA**

#### 1. Generate an invitation for foreign arrivals

An invitation for foreign arrivals is not an invitation to the First Ministerial Conference of the Russia–Africa Partnership Forum, but a separate document from the Conference organizers.

After receiving the invitation:

- Log in to your Roscongress personal account using your personal login and password.
- Confirm your attendance at the Conference.
- Go to the 'My events First Ministerial Conference of the Russia–Africa Partnership Forum Event dashboard Visa support' in your Roscongress personal account.
- Your personal information will be automatically uploaded from the Roscongress personal account to the document. You can manually add the city and country where you will be applying for your visa.
- Download and print the invitation for foreign arrivals.
- Submit the invitation for foreign arrivals, along with all the other required visa documents, to the Russian consular office.

If there are any errors in your personal data in the application for participation, contact a Roscongress Foundation specialist to make changes to the personal data.

#### 2. Submit an application at a consular office

To receive a visa for entry into Russia, individuals in possession of an invitation must apply at the relevant foreign consular office of the Russian Federation. Information about the location of Russian consular offices can be found on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

We recommend that participants apply at their Russian consular office in good time, at least 2 (two) weeks before departure.

Please make sure to bring the following documents with you when attending your consular office:

#### A printed invitation for foreign arrivals

The document must be generated in your Roscongress personal account.

A valid international passport (regular, diplomatic, service, official) or other valid travel
document certifying the identity of the foreign citizen and recognized as such
by the Russian Federation.

The passport must have at least two blank pages and be valid for at least six months after the visa expiration date.

The passport validity requirement (6 months) does not apply to those applying for diplomatic and service visas.

#### A completed and printed visa application form

The form must be filled out in advance on the visa website of the <u>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation</u>.

When completing the form, members of official delegations, business representatives and persons accompanying them should select 'official visit' as the purpose of their trip, while journalists should select 'press/correspondent' or 'press/technical'.

One 35 × 45mm photo (colour or black and white)

The photograph must have a clear front view of the participant's face, without tinted glasses or a headdress (with the exception of foreign citizens who are required to wear a headdress with respect to their nationality or religion, and provided that they are wearing the headdress in their passport photo).

The photograph must have been taken no earlier than six months before the date of application.

#### A medical insurance policy that is valid in Russia

The requirement to provide medical insurance also does not apply to foreign citizens applying for diplomatic and service visas.

#### For more information on documents needed to apply for a visa, see:

<u>'Visa support'</u> section of the Conference website

## ARRIVAL IN THE SIRIUS FEDERAL TERRITORY

#### SOCHI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Sochi International Airport, also known as Adler Airport (AER), is the largest airport in Krasnodar Region and the closest airport to the Sirius Federal Territory. It serves scheduled domestic and international flights.

The journey time from the airport to the Event venue is approximately 15–20 minutes (depending on the traffic). On November 8–11, free regular shuttles will run from Sochi Airport to the recommended hotels and back.

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+7 (800) 301 1991



+7 (862) 240 0075 (VIP terminal)



aer.aero

#### **CURRENCY EXCHANGE AT THE AIRPORT**

There is a <u>currency exchange</u> for changing cash at Sochi International Airport. Currencies available include EUR, USD, CHF, CNY, TRY, AMD, KZT, and ILS.

Open 24 hours (the exchange may close for short periods from time to time).



Arrivals zone (sector C, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor).

You may ask questions, reserve currency in advance, and check when the exchange will be closed for breaks by calling 8 (800) 302 9229.

#### **FLIGHTS TO MOSCOW**

Should you be unable to travel directly between your point of departure and Sochi, we advise flying via one of Moscow's airports. Moscow's three main airports – Vnukovo, Domodedovo, and Sheremetyevo – handle more than 30 flights daily to Sochi. The flight time is approximately 4 hours and 30 minutes.

Direct flights to Moscow operate from Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, China, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Qatar, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, UAE and Uzbekistan. For the latest information, please visit the websites of <a href="Sheremetyevo">Sheremetyevo</a>, <a href="Domodedovo">Domodedovo</a>, and <a href="Vnukovo">Vnukovo</a> airports and your airlines of interest. Alternatively, you may contact airlines directly.

#### TRANSIT VIA FOREIGN AIRPORTS

Should you be unable to travel directly between your point of departure and an airport in Russia, we advise flying via a country offering flights to Russia.

At present, flights are available through transit points in Armenia, Egypt, India, China, Kazakhstan, Republic of Serbia, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, and Uzbekistan.

#### **ARRIVAL BY RAIL**

SOCHI RAILWAY STATION	ADLER RAILWAY STATION
<ul> <li>56, Ulitsa Gorkogo, Sochi</li> <li>sochi.dzvr.ru</li> <li>The journey time from the Sochi Railway Station to the Event venue is approximately one hour.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>113, Ulitsa Lenina, Sochi</li> <li>adler.dzvr.ru</li> <li>The journey time from the Adler Railway Station to the Event venue is approximately 15–20 minutes.</li> </ul>

#### Russian Railways call centre



+7 (800) 775 0000



rzd.ru

## **CONFERENCE VENUE**

The business programme events of the First Ministerial Conference of the Russia–Africa Partnership Forum will take place at the Sirius University (1 Olimpiysky Prospekt, Sirius Federal Territory).

A detailed map of Sirius University will be published at <u>summitafrica.ru</u> closer to the Conference dates.

The venue is <u>Sirius University</u>. The building was opened on 7 January 2014, a month before the opening of the XXII Olympic Winter Games, as the main media centre of the Sochi Olympic Park.

It is currently the largest convention and exhibition centre in the Krasnodar Territory and Sirius Federal Territory and a venue that hosts major Russian and international events: Russian Investment Forum, Young Scientists Congress, the World Festival of Youth Russian 2024, and Russian Labour Safety Week.

To ensure seamless access to Conference events, we do recommend the participants to make aware of the list of prohibited items in good time and leave them in the accommodation or personal vehicle to avoid any inconvenience.

You can view the full list of the prohibited items at <u>summitafrica.ru</u> closer to the Conference dates.

## ACCESS TO THE CONFERENCE VENUE

#### ACCREDITATION AND PARTICIPANT'S BADGE



An accreditation badge is a pass to the First Ministerial Conference of the Russia–Africa Partnership Forum.

#### The badge is personalized and may not be transferred to third parties.

You must carry your badge and identity document (passport) with you at all times when at the venue.

If your badge is lost or damaged, you should contact any accreditation desk or Help Desk. A lost badge will be blocked and a duplicate will then be issued based on a written application from the badge holder.

#### **HOW TO ENTER THE CONFERENCE VENUE?**

## Receive a badge

Get your badge in advance at Accreditation point in Omega Sirius Hotel (3 Olimpiysky Prospekt, Sirius Federal Territory). In order to receive a badge as smoothly as possible, please check whether all necessary documents and data have been provided in the Roscongress personal account. Learn more in 'Badge collection' section of the Conference official website.

## Plan your route to the venue

Conference participants can accredit a personal car or rent an accredited car. During the Conference, free shuttles for participants and media representatives will run between the Conference venue and recommended hotels, and the places of arrival and departure of participants. Learn more in 'Transport' section.

## Leave items prohibited at the Congerence venue at the accommodation

Upon arrival, each participant will have to go through the access control procedure. The participant may be asked to turn on your phone or laptop and show other equipment that you brought to the venue.

To avoid any inconveniences with access to the Conference events, we recommend that participants leave <u>items that are prohibited at the Conference</u> venue at their hotels.

There should be no large closed containers, bags, liquids in containers of more than 500 ml, or any other items prohibited at the Conference venue in the vehicle.

### Don't forget your passport

Please don't forget to bring along an identifying document (passport) to the venue. You must present your passport at the checkpoints and keep it with you while you are at the Conference venue.

#### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO PICK UP MY BADGE?

In order to get your badge prepared for issuance, the information in the Roscongress personal account must completely match the data in your passport. Data processing takes from 3 days.

In the 'My events – First Ministerial Conference of the Russia–Africa Partnership – Event dashboard' section of the Roscongress personal account you should:

1	Confirm participation in the Conference
2	Enter your personal information in full in accordance with your passport
3	Upload a required photo for your badge
4	Upload a scanned copy of your passport

If changes have been made to your identity document (passport) after you completed the application to participate in the Conference, the data in your Roscongress personal account must be edited (tab 'My events – First Ministerial Conference of the Russia–Africa Partnership – Event dashboard – Personal information – Edit data'). To make changes to any fields that are blocked for editing, please contact the specialist that you spoke with when registering for the Conference.

#### **HOW TO FIND OUT IF MY BADGE IS READY?**

There are several ways to find out or be notified when a participant badge is ready:

- An email notification
- A notification in the participant's Roscongress personal account
- A call to the Congress information centre by number +7 (812) 406 7472
- A call to a Roscongress Foundation specialist whose contacts are listed in the Roscongress personal (Tab 'My events – First Ministerial Conference of the Russia– Africa Partnership – My participation' (to the right of the photo)).

#### **HOW DO I PICK UP MY BADGE?**

Participant accreditation badges may be collected in person by presenting:

- the identity document that is listed in the Roscongress personal account
- original of personal data consent form

To pick up a badge for another participant by proxy, the authorized individual must present:

- Authorized person's passport
- Original standard power of attorney
- List of participants
- Copies of participants' passports
- Originals of personal data consent forms

A power of attorney forms and personal data consent forms are available for downloading in the 'Badge collection' section of the Conference website.

#### WHERE TO COLLECT YOUR BADGE?

Please note that you must obtain an accreditation badge **in advance** at the accreditation point in the Sirius Federal Territory.

ACCREDITATION POINT	DATE	TIME
Omega Sirius Hotel (3 Olimpiysky Prospekt, Sirius Federal Territory)	2–4 November	10:00–19:00
	5–7 November	09:00–21:00
	8 November	08:00–22:30
	9 November	07:30–18:00
	10 November	07:30–16:00

#### ITEMS PROHIBITED AT THE CONFERENCE VENUE

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We recommend that you arrive at the Conference venue in good time. Please carefully review the list of items prohibited on the Conference venue and pay attention to any exceptions.

Upon arrival, each participant will have to go through the access control procedure. You may be asked to turn on your phone or laptop and show other equipment that you brought to the venue.

Leave items prohibited at the Conference venue at the accommodation.

#### **EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SAFETY MEASURES**

The Conference will be organized under strict observance of safety measures to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus infection (COVID-19). These measures have been carefully developed by the Organizing Committee taking into account the requirements of WHO and of Rospotrebnadzor of Russia.

#### **ACCREDITATION OF PERSONAL VEHICLE**

Conference participants may obtain accreditation for a personal vehicle. More information on terms and conditions can be viewed in the <u>Roscongress personal account</u> where accreditation requests for personal vehicles and drivers can also be submitted.

Accreditation requests will be accepted until 8 November 2024.

Accredited vehicles have right of access to the following locations (depending on the type of transport pass):

- The pick-up/drop-off zone at checkpoint 1 (the stopping time in the pick-up/drop-off zone must not exceed two minutes)
- Parking area P1 near the Sirius University
- The pick-up/drop-off zones at recommended hotels
- The pick-up/drop-off zones at the venues of the cultural programme events

Transport passes and drivers' badges may be collected in person upon presentation of ID (passport) or by a third party (proxy) by power of attorney at Accreditation Centre (3 Olimpiysky Prospekt).

Third parties must present the following:

- Passport of the third party (authorized person)
- Original consent of a driver to the processing of personal data
- Original power of attorney

#### A detailed information about personal car accreditation:



'Accreditation of personal vehicle' section on the Conference website

Each transport pass is issued to a single specific vehicle and is linked to the vehicle's data and access rights to the Conference venue and parking areas.

It is forbidden to transfer a transport pass or driver's badge to a third party. Should this occur, the pass and/or badge will be withdrawn and annulled.

The transport pass must be placed in the upper right-hand corner of the windscreen.

In the event that these rules are violated, the transport pass and driver's badge will be withdrawn and annulled.

In the event of a violation of article 12.5 of the Code of Administrative Offences of the Russian Federation, vehicle accreditation may be cancelled.

#### SCHEDULE FOR ISSUING TRANSPORT PASSES AND DRIVERS' BADGES

ACCREDITATION POINT	DATE	OPERATING HOURS
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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

#### **BUSINESS PROGRAMME**

'Business programme' section of the event website

This Conference, advancing the initiatives of the second Russia–Africa Summit, will bring together the heads of foreign ministries from the Russian Federation and African nations, as well as leadership from the African Union Commission and executive bodies of regional integration organizations.

Participants from Russian and African ministries and agencies, financial institutions, businesses, public and academic circles, and media representatives are invited to take part in the business programme.

Approximately 20 panel sessions and thematic events are scheduled to address current topics on the Russia–Africa agenda. Participants will engage in discussions on a wide range of subjects: cooperation in security, counter-terrorism efforts, prevention of an arms race in space, trade, economic and investment partnerships, food security and the agribusiness sector, geological exploration, as well as skills transfer, digitalization of public administration, education, diplomatic training, healthcare, and epidemiological well-being. Special focus will be given to the collaboration between African countries and the Eurasian Economic Union.

## <u>VIEW THE LATEST VERSION</u> OF THE BUSINESS PROGRAMME

#### LINGUISTIC SUPPORT

The business programme events of the Conference will feature simultaneous interpreting into six languages: **Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.** 

Receivers for simultaneous interpreting are issued at the entrance to each hall hosting an event.

#### **CULTURAL PROGRAMME**

The cultural programme includes musical events, exhibitions, and excursions.



'Conference – Cultural programme' section

Cultural programme desk at the Conference venue:



Sirius University, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, at the entrance 1

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Participants of the First Ministerial Conference of the Russia–Africa Partnership Forum in 2024 can book hotel accommodation at special rates.

#### **VIEW THE LIST OF HOTELS**

Please note that we have a limited availability of hotel rooms in Sirius Federal Territory and that priority for booking confirmations will be given based on the date applications are received. Rates, minimum period of stay and cancellation policies are set by the hotels and cannot be altered.

Additional hotel accommodation information can be acquired from RC Service LLC:



+7 (495) 369 2011 (ext. 3016)



booking@summitafrica.ru

## TRANSPORT

#### **CAR RENTAL**

Participants of the Conference can rent an accredited car. The price of the transport service includes:

- rental of a vehicle with a driver
- car and driver accreditation
- all petrol and car wash expenses
- vehicle disinfection and handling in accordance with official Rospotrebnadzor (Russian Federal Service for the Oversight of Consumer Protection and Welfare) recommendations, including personal protective equipment (PPE)
- 24-hour professional dispatch and consultations on any questions regarding both the vehicle and the driver

Contact RC Service for more information on vehicle rental conditions:



autobooking@summitafrica.ru



+7 (495) 108 4848

More details about the proposed rates and the application form of car rental are available in the <u>Roscongress personal account</u>. The filled in 'Car rental' application form can be emailed to <u>autobooking@summitafrica.ru</u>.

#### FREE SHUTTLE BUSES FOR PARTICIPANTS

During the Conference, free shuttles for participants and media representatives will run between the Conference venue and recommended hotels, and the places of arrival and departure of participants.

You may use the shuttle buses once your accreditation badge is verified.

The pick-up/drop-off zone for shuttle buses at Sirius University is located in front of checkpoint 1.



The shuttle bus timetable may be subject to change. Please check the latest timetable in the 'Shuttles' section of the Conference website.

Uniformed transport coordinators with identification signs will be on duty at shuttle bus departure points.

## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

#### **INTERNET ACCESS**

Internet access is available free of charge at the Conference venue.

Network (SSID): RussiaAfrica Password: Conference

To log in, please enter the ID (7 or 8 digits) and passcode (4 digits) listed on your badge.



#### **INFORMATION AND SERVICES POINTS**

- Sirius University, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, at the entrance 1
- Sirius University, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, conference hall area
- Accreditation Centre in Omega Sirius Hotel

At information and services points, participants can obtain information on the business, cultural programme, available services, directions around the venue, and other sites.

The information and services points also provide an opportunity to:

- copy and print documents;
- record information to electronic media;
- receive information materials about the Conference;
- carry out a business trip registration (at the entrance 1);
- learn about things lost and found at the venue;
- charge mobile devices.

#### **BROADCASTS OF CONFERENCE EVENTS**

The business programme events will be broadcast on TV screens located at the Conference venue. In addition to session feeds, the TV screens will also display information bulletins, session schedules, navigation information, and much more.

Live broadcasts of the closing ceremony of the Conference and other business programme events can be viewed:

- in the <u>'Business programme'</u> section of the official Conference website;
- on the Roscongress Foundation website.

A broadcast archive following the event will be available on the Conference website and the Roscongress Foundation website.

#### ROSCONGRESS.ORG INFORMATION AND ANALYTICAL SYSTEM

The Roscongress Information and Analytical System is a unique Roscongress Foundation knowledge base. The Roscongress IAS provides quick and easy access to all resources related to major business events in Russia that are organized by the Roscongress Foundation.

Features of the interactive knowledge base:

- descriptions of 6,000+ sessions across more than 280 topics covering global and national development;
- talks, interviews, and insights from more than 20,000 speakers and experts;
- research studies, articles, analytical digests, and expert reviews.

## Participants and all visitors to the ROSCONGRESS.ORG website have a range of services at their disposal:

- Summary: analytical summaries of key discussions, including overviews of conclusions, objectives, and solutions.
- Analytical digests: a selection of analytical materials dedicated to important comprehensive studies on the business agenda of the forums.
- Broadcasts video bank: video broadcasts of business programme events and the broadcast archive. Broadcasts are available in the 'Programme' section of the Events' websites.
- **Search video broadcasts:** a feature enabling the user to search for information of interest within videos of events.
- Base of the Foundation speakers and experts: the main information about the participants of the events, their bright statements.
- Official business directory of the portal.
- **The Roscongress blog:** interviews with famous people from the world of culture, sport and science, fascinating stories about the cities and regions in which congresses are held, and articles about the lifestyles of businesspeople.

Participants are able to use unique services and appreciate the advantages of the ROSCONGRESS.ORG Information and Analytical System in their mobile phones, tablets and computers.



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#### **CONFERENCE PHOTO BANK**

The photo materials of the Conference are promptly posted in the official photo bank of the event. The service is adapted for viewing via mobile devices. The photographs are available for viewing and free download in high resolution, and may be freely used, provided a reference to the source is included.



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#### **HOLDING PRESS EVENTS**

Participants and media representatives may reserve specially designated spaces at the Conference venue to hold press events of any kind (press conferences, briefings, signing ceremonies, interview, press points). Protocol and organizational support services for agreement signing ceremonies and press conferences are also available.

Contact email for organizing and holding press events:



press.centre@roscongress.org

Please note that the services are on a free basis, likewise subject to availability of the free booking slots.

AREA	LOCATION	
Press conference hall	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, press centre	
Interview rooms 1–7		
Signing ceremony point 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, passage in the zone where conference halls are located	
Signing ceremony point 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, near conference hall 2	
Press point 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, passage	
Press point 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, passage, at the entrance to the conference hall area	
Press point 3	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, near conference hall 5	
Press point 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, press centre	

#### For more detailed information, see:

'Press centre' section of the Conference website

## SERVICES AT THE CONFERENCE VENUE

Cloakrooms and service desks work according to the schedule of the Conference venue (9–10 November from 08:00 to 20:00)

CLOAKROOMS	LUGGAGE ROOM
<ul> <li>1st floor, at entrance 2</li> <li>2nd floor, to the left of entrance 1</li> </ul>	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, to the left of entrance 1
CHARGING POINT	BUSINESS TRIP REGISTRATION
2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, conference hall area	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, near entrance 1
PRAYER ROOMS	

• 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, the area of bilateral meeting rooms 3–6

## DINING AT THE CONFERENCE VENUE

The Conference catering services provide free dining in the format of coffee breaks and lunches at restaurant for participants.

A separate dining area is organized for delegations and accompanying persons.

#### **COFFEE BREAK**

2<sup>nd</sup> floor, passage

09:00–19:00 (9–10 November)

Catering format: tea, coffee, light snacks.

#### LUNCH

Restaurant for participants, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, to the left of the reception hall

11:30–16:00 (9–10 November)

Catering format: self-service buffet.

Access: by participant's badge.

#### DINING OF DELEGATIONS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

2<sup>nd</sup> floor, to the left of entrance 1

09:00–19:00 (9–10 November)

Catering format: coffee break (tea, coffee, light snacks).

11:30–16:00 (9–10 November)

Catering format: self-service buffet.

Access: only for members of official delegations and accompanying person.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **TIME ZONE**

Local time in Sirius Federal Territory is the same as in Moscow: three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (UTC+3).

#### **WEATHER IN SOCHI**

The average temperature in the first decade of November can range from +14...+18 °C. The water temperature in the sea is about +18 °C. We recommend the participants to bring an umbrella with them.

#### **CURRENCY AND BANK CARD TRANSACTIONS**

#### **CURRENCY EXCHANGE**

Please note the following currency exchange restrictions in the Russian Federation:

- Identification is required for transactions exceeding RUB 40,000. Participants must present their passports for such exchanges:
- There is NO exchanging non-cash currency for RUB cash using Mastercard or Visa bank cards issued outside of Russia. It is also not possible to withdraw RUB cash from these cards.

For the latest exchange rates, please see the Central Bank of the Russian Federation website: cbr.ru.

#### **BANK CARDS**

Given the existing restrictions on the use of foreign bank cards in Russia, we recommend that you carry cash with you for the entire duration of the Conference.

Cards of the Mir and UnionPay payment systems work in Russia without restrictions in any currency. Participants are encouraged to apply for a card or bring with them an existing card of any of these payment systems, if possible.

Please note that UnionPay has started its operations in Russia relatively recently. Therefore, cards of this payment system may occasionally malfunction.

#### **FIRST AID**

Ambulances will be stationed at the Conference venue for the duration of the event.

There are first aid points at the Conference venue as well.

2<sup>nd</sup> floor, at entrance 2

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Checkpoint 1

#### Calling an ambulance

112, 103

#### First aid point at the Conference venue

**+**7 (904) 339 06 95 (Alyona Vasilyeva)

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Rescue service (for mobile phone users): 112

Fire brigade: 101 (for mobile phone users), 01

Police: 102 (for mobile phone users), 02

Ambulance: 103 (for mobile phone users), 03

#### **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

The Conference venue is furnished with modern safety equipment, including video surveillance and fire extinguishing systems.

In case of evacuation announcement, participants should:

- Keep calm and follow instructions of the Conference staff, the police and other persons responsible for maintaining public order and fire safety as well as the voice alarm instructions
- Not interfere with rescue personnel, police and transport operations
- Leave the venue according to the evacuation plans and follow the exit signs
- Give way to vehicles with sound and light signalling devices

We ask you to immediately report smoke, fire or any suspicious objects by dialling 112 on your mobile device and notify the Conference staff.

This information is valid as of November 2024.

The latest information about the Conference can be found on the official website (<a href="summitafrica.ru">summitafrica.ru</a>).