Maxim Zagornov: "Cooperation Between Russia and the UAE is a Path to Strengthening the Sovereignty of Both Countries"

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On June 3, on the sidelines of SPIEF, a panel session of Business Russia and the Distributed Power Generation Association titled "Russia and the UAE: New Pathways for Technological Cooperation" took place. The discussion was moderated by Maxim Zagornov, Business Ambassador of Business Russia to the UAE, President of the Distributed Power Generation Association, and Director of the Research Center for Autonomous Energy at MIPT.

The session was attended by Rector of MIPT Dmitry Livanov, Vice President for International Business Development of KEZAD Group Khalid Al Marzouki (UAE), Senior Director and Professor at Khalifa University Samuel Mao (UAE), First Deputy General Director of the Innopraktika Development Institute Natalia Popova, Managing Director for Strategic International Partnership, Knowledge and Technology Transfer of the Skolkovo Foundation Timur Kornilov, Director of Innovation and Technological Development of the Russian Venture Company Ekaterina Petrova, as well as business representatives – members of the General and Coordination Councils of Business Russia.

The session participants discussed the development of full-fledged bilateral partnership to ensure the technological sovereignty of both countries. Summing up, Maxim Zagornov noted that Russia and the UAE are moving to a new level – from exchanging experience to implementing solutions.

> "It is with the Arab Emirates that our economic relations are developing the fastest. A great deal of work in this regard has been done by the President of Russia and our numerous delegations that have recently visited the Emirates to develop relations. Today we have seen that our relations have entered a new stage: from discussing solutions to concrete actions to strengthen the economies of each of our countries. Our session today clearly demonstrated that a strong scientific base, an innovative ecosystem, product commercialisation mechanisms, and developed industrial infrastructure are all necessary elements of successful technological partnership – which we already possess and continue to develop," concluded Maxim Zagornov.

According to him, the main outcome of the dialogue was the understanding that further strengthening of bilateral technological cooperation between Russia and the UAE is a mutually beneficial and realistic path to strengthening the sovereignty of both countries in the long term.

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