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ON THE RESULTS OF THE 11TH INTERNATIONAL INTERNET CONFERENCE “PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF TERRITORIES”

On May 18–21, 2026, the Vologda Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences hosted the 11th International Scientific and Practical Internet Conference “Problems of Economic Growth and Sustainable Development of Territories”. The conference was organized by the Vologda Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Division of Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and the Free Economic Society of Russia.

The event served as one of the regional venues of the 8th International Moscow Academic Economic Forum “Russia’s Economic Development Priorities and Technological Sovereignty” (MAEF-2026).

The conference brought together more than 100 participants – established researchers and early-career scholars, students and graduate students from Russia, Belarus, and Armenia – including 10 doctors of sciences and 41 candidates of sciences (48.6% of participants held an academic degree). The conference provided a platform for discussing current trends in national and regional economic

development, pressing problems of economic growth and sustainable territorial development, and possible solutions.

On the second day of the conference, May 19, 2026, a plenary session was held. Evgenii V. Lukin, Candidate of Sciences (Economics), head of the Center for Structural Research and Forecasting of Territorial Development and Leading Researcher at the Vologda Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences, delivered welcoming remarks. He highlighted the importance and relevance of the issues addressed at the conference, outlined the geographic scope of participants, and presented the list of topics and the number of reports.

The following reports were delivered at the plenary session:

– “Interregional Economic and Infrastructure Disparities in the Russian North-West”, by Yuri V. Savelyev, Doctor of Sciences (Economics), professor at the Department of State and Municipal Administration, North-West Institute of Management of the Russian Presidential



Academy of National Economy and Public Administration;

- “Contemporary Transformations in Employment and Their Implications for Sustainable Territorial Development”, by Andrei V. Popov, Candidate of Sciences (Economics), Leading Researcher at the Center for Socio-Demographic Research, Vologda Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences;

- “Social Aspects of Robotization in the Russian Metallurgical Industry”, by Vasily S. Ustinov, Candidate of Sciences (Economics), Senior Researcher at the Laboratory for Forecasting the Production and Use of Structural Materials, Institute of Economic Forecasting of the Russian Academy of Sciences;

- “Structural Transformation of the Regional Economy: Monitoring, Regulation, Forecasting”, by Nikita M. Rumyantsev, Researcher, head of the Laboratory for Reproduction Process Research, Center for Structural Research and Forecasting of Territorial Development, Vologda Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences;

- “Are Regions Ready for Scientific and Technological Leadership of Russia? Results of the 2025 Empirical Assessment”, by Danila S. Goncharuk, Research Engineer at the Center for Financial Research, Vologda Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

The conference continued with four thematic sections, where 98 papers were presented. As usual, discussions took place on the conference’s online forum in the form of online debates within the following research areas:

1. Problems and prospects of socio-economic development of territories under the structural and technological transformation of the Russian economy.

2. Problems and prospects of spatial development of territories.

3. Problems and current issues in the development of the financial system.

4. Scientific and technological development of territories: problems and prospects.

- The forum generated a lively discussion, with more than 860 messages posted on the online platform. The reports that attracted the greatest interest included:

- “Business Processes in Wholesale Trade: Their Specifics, Problems of Information Support in the Context of Consumer Demand and Management Decision-Making”, by Natalia I. Popova and Viktoria A. Stetsenko (Donetsk State University, Donetsk);

- “Russia’s Technological Sovereignty: The Role of Diversified Economic Specialization and Increasing Economic Complexity”, by Aliya D. Bikmaeva (Ufa University of Science and Technology, Ufa);

- “Pathways for the Sustainable Development of Youth Entrepreneurship in Russia”, by Tatiana E. Shatunova and Mikhail A. Bobolev (Siberian Transport University, Novosibirsk);

- “The Tourism Industry as a Tool for Improving the Quality of Life of the Population”, by Elena M. Yankevich (Vitebsk State University named after P.M. Masharov, Republic of Belarus, Vitebsk);

- “The Automotive Industry: Role and Current State in Russia”, by Natalia E. Tereshkina (Siberian Transport University, Novosibirsk).

All participants of the internet conference received personalized certificates. A conference proceedings volume is planned for publication in the fourth quarter of 2026, with UDC and LBC indices, ISBN, and placement in the Russian Science Citation Index (RSCI).

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