“Global Goals 2030: UN offers a new agenda”

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On the 21st of October 2015 the International Documents Centre of the Official and standard publications Department and UN Information Centre held a round table “Global Goals 2030: UN offers a new agenda for humanity”. A special event with participation of Russian experts and representatives of UN organizations was focused on the 70th anniversary of UN and new Sustainable Development Goals.

From left to right: Andrey Vavilov, Consultant of the International Institute of Sustainable Development, Alexander Gorelik, Head of UN’s Information Centre in Moscow

In his welcome address, Victor Fedorov, President of the Russian State Library, mentioned that UN’s anniversary coincides with other important dates for the library: 70th anniversary of UN, RSL is UN’s official depository for 50 years and 5th anniversary of the International Documents Centre. “The conjunction of these three anniversaries is very symbolic. We believe that this line of activity is very important. Our department tries to meet the expectations of our partners and
raising needs of our users. We use modern technologies including remote access to documents. I am very happy that we work closely with organizations representing UN. Our library sees its role not only to collect documents, but also to arrange events contributing to future of the next generations”, - he said.

Participants discussed the process of adopting a set of Goals, their concept and efficiency. Director of the UN’s Information Centre in Moscow Alexander Gorelik explained that the sustainable development reflects wide trends of human development. “There are hot unsettling news and there are wide and long trends of human development in itself. And UN grasped the long trend, starting in 2000 the program of the Millennium Development Goals” – he noted.

*From left to right: Victor Fedorov, President of the Russian State Library, Svetlana Sheinfeld, UNDP project manager, Andrey Vavilov, Consultant of International Institute of sustainable development*

The agenda 2030 was adopted on the 25th of September at UN HQ in New-York. There are 17 goals and 169 objects spanning the economical, social and ecological development. It includes measures for health protection, gender equity, combating climate change, security matters and so on. One of the main goals is to end poverty and hunger.
“The document is written well, all crucial issues are covered - Andrey Vavilov, Consultant of International Institute of sustainable development, noted – It is symbolic that it is adopted on a date of 70th anniversary of our victory”. Andrey Vavilov told about his involvement in organizations of previous conferences focused on the sustainable development, especially about the conference 1992 in Rio de Janeiro. “That conference laid the foundation of what we see and discuss now. Declaration which was adopted is considered to be a Bible of the sustainable development today. All principles have been coordinated for a long time, but finally all members adopted them and so far nobody backs away.”