



Dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to welcome the participants and guests of the special anniversary X Sochi International Investment Forum.

The key themes of the Sochi 2011 forum, the main objective of which is to attract investment in Russia's economy, will be "Strategy 2020: the Search for New Reserves", "Major Sporting Events as a Catalyst for Developing a Region's Investment Potential", and "Investment Climate, the Regional Aspect". As in previous years, the forum is being held with the support of the Government of Russia and will involve leading representatives of international business, Russian and foreign scientific circles, political and public figures, and representatives of major international media organisations.

I am sure that all those taking part in the Sochi forum will be united in understanding the need to introduce new approaches to bringing investment into Russia's regions, and discussions within the framework of the forum will enable us to develop a range of practical measures to make Russia more capable of attracting investment among the international community.

I wish all participants and guests of the special anniversary X Sochi International Investment Forum interesting and fruitful work!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Elvira Nabiullina". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Minister
for Economic Development
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Elvira Nabiullina**