

Action Plan for the implementation of CICA Confidence building measures in the area of the development of Small and Medium Enterprises for 2022-2023

Against a background of worsening crisis provoked by COVID-19 pandemic, quarantine restrictions and rising inflation, governments of numerous countries are taking drastic measures to support economy and bolstering business activity. In this regard, coordinated efforts of all parties concerned are highly desired in order to provide sustainable post-pandemic recovery.

Being one of the largest Eurasian platforms of multilateral cooperation CICA has a required potential for promoting specific collaboration using the capacity of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

Russia prepared this zero-draft action plan for implementation of CICA Confidence Building Measures in the area of the development of SMEs for 2022-2023 basing on the relevant concept paper that was developed by Russia and co-coordinators – Kazakhstan, Thailand and Turkey – and approved by Member States in December 2021.

Instruments for implementation of confidence building measures

1. **Exchange information** on possibilities of cooperation between SMEs of CICA Member States.
2. **Build-up collaboration** between SMEs of CICA Member States and search for possible sources of financing.
3. **Provide assistance** to the SMEs of CICA Member States.

Practical events

№	Title	Level of participation, organizers	Frequency and preliminary dates
1.	Seminar on assistance to the Member States' SMEs that localize their production in other CICA countries via their integration into local supply chains	Expert "RSMB Corporation" (Russia)	One time, TBC
2.	Round table on existing national digital platforms for entrepreneurs and possibilities of their linking	Expert The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation	One time, TBC
3.	Presentations of projects in the fields of information technologies, digitalization, manufacturing, ecology, education, medicine, etc. Looking for business partners and developing cooperation	Expert The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation	Whenever required, TBC
4.	Meetings to exchange experience in corporate practices of assisting SMEs sector by large business. Implementation of specific national programs of Member States	Expert Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation	Whenever required, TBC