

The Future of Global Partnership Program and Russia-U.S. Cooperation on Nuclear Security Project



“The main threat for us comes from nuclear terrorism. In order to prevent it we should provide more effective protection to the nuclear materials. Therefore we work actively on strengthening the cooperation between governmental bodies and nuclear industry, and we also support more effective application of the different legal instruments and conventions”

Piet de Klerk,

The Netherlands' Sherpa for the preparations of the Nuclear Security Summit in The Hague.

20 years of cooperation: What next?

Russia's decision to withdraw from the ISTC by 2015 along with expiring the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction Program in 2013 make necessary elaboration new mechanisms of bilateral Russia-U.S. cooperation in the field of nuclear security. These new mechanisms include US-Russian Agreement on cooperation on MNEPR and Science and Technology collaboration in the nuclear domain. So Nunn-Lugar program is substituted by new US-Russian cooperation framework which PIR Center calls *New Partnership*.

Key issues of the project:

- Prospects for further Russian-American bilateral and multilateral cooperation on nuclear security;
- Development of nuclear technologies and future of nonproliferation regime;
- Sustainability of existing international cooperation mechanisms for nuclear security.

PIR Center has been contributing to elaboration and further development of *New Partnership* within its Project *Future of Global Partnership Program and Russia-U.S. Cooperation on Nuclear Security*. In 2012 PIR Center established the *Advisory Board's Working Group on International Cooperation in Nonproliferation and Nuclear Security*, which includes leading academics and experts who have prepared the **Study “Prospects of the International Cooperation in the Field of WMD Nonproliferation and Nuclear Security”** to present it to the governments of Russia and the United States in autumn 2013. The full text of the Study and its Executive Summary are available at PIR Center website <http://gp.eng.pircenter.org>

PIR Center Project

- On **September 3, 2013** PIR Center organized jointly with the Embassy of Kingdom of the Netherlands in Moscow bilateral Russian-Dutch seminar “The Role of Nuclear Industry in Nuclear Security Governance: Moving to the 2014 Nuclear Security Summit in The Hague”
- The meetings of the PIR Center’s Working Group took place in **March and June 2013** in Moscow. Members of the Group – including Advisor to the Rosatom Director General Vladimir **Kuchinov**, *NTI* Moscow Office Head Robert **Berls**, Senior Nuclear Security Officer at the Nuclear

Security Office of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security of the IAEA **Aleksey Ubeev**, Senior Research Associate at the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies **Dauren Aben** – will present the results of their work (**Study** published both in Russian and English) on **October 3, 2013** at the international seminar in Moscow

- In Spring 2014 PIR Center plans to organize international seminar on cybersecurity in the nuclear domain

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