



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**ON 23<sup>rd</sup> ST. PETERSBURG INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FORUM**  
*(St. Petersburg, 6-8 June 2019)*

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General, Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES was invited for the second time in a row by the organizers to participate in the *23<sup>rd</sup> St. Petersburg International Economic Forum*, which was held on 6-8 June 2019.

This prestigious event provides every year a unique platform for engagement and talks between global political and business leaders, high representatives of Governments, CEOs of multinational and other big companies, experts and well-known journalists, in order to address, debate and seek effective solutions to the pressing issues concerning the global and the Russian economic agenda.

Among the most distinguished guests of this year's event were the President of China Mr. Xi JINPING, the President of Bulgaria Mr. Rumen RADEV, the Prime Minister of Armenia Mr. Nikol PASHINYAN and of Slovakia Mr. Peter PELLEGRINI, the UN Secretary General Mr. Antonio GUTERRES and, the hosting President of the Russian Federation, Mr. Vladimir PUTIN.

The PERMIS Secretary General had the opportunity to engage in productive and interesting networking with a big number of participants and, thus, further advance the visibility and promotion of the BSEC Organization among the highly qualified visitors / participants to the Forum. He held discussions with many interlocutors for the establishment or enhancement of cooperation between BSEC and their respective entities.