Hierarchs of the Patriarchal Exarchate of Africa attend plenary session of the Russia–Africa Forum



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On 28 October, a plenary session of the Russia–Africa Economic and Humanitarian Forum was held at the Gostiny Dvor Exhibition Centre in Moscow. The session was chaired by President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin.

Évariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi and Chairperson of the African Union, also addressed the gathering.

The session was attended by numerous guests, including heads of state and representatives of Russian and African government institutions.

Among those present were Metropolitan Konstantin of Cairo and North Africa, Patriarchal Exarch of Africa, and Bishop Euphemius of Lukhovitsy, Vicar of the Patriarchal Exarchate of Africa, the Exarchate's Telegram channel reports.

Members of a delegation of clergy from eleven African countries also took part in events organised by the Patriarchal Exarchate of Africa in connection with the forum.

Sixteen delegates arrived in Moscow on 27 October with the blessing of His Holiness Kirill, Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus'.

At the Danilovskaya Hotel, the group of clergy was welcomed by Metropolitan Konstantin of Cairo and North Africa, Patriarchal Exarch of Africa. The hierarch warmly greeted the priests and held a general meeting devoted to organisational matters.

The delegation included Bishop Euphemius of Lukhovitsy, Vicar of the Patriarchal Exarchate of Africa and Dean of the Egyptian Church District; clergy of the Exarchate serving in South Africa, Mauritius, Zambia, Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Cameroon, the Central African Republic and Côte d'Ivoire; as well as heads of thirteen social institutions of the Russian Orthodox Church in African countries, including educational centres and shelters.

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