DECR secretary for Inter-Christian Affairs moderates session at the Russia–Africa Summit



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On 29 October 2026, with the blessing of Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, Hieromonk Stefan (Igumnov), DECR Secretary for Inter-Christian Affairs, moderated a session of the Economic and Humanitarian Forum held as part of the 3rd Russia–Africa Summit. The session was entitled "Russia and Africa: Spiritual Sovereignty, Traditional Values and Educational Cooperation".

The event took place at the Gostiny Dvor Exhibition Centre.

The speakers at the session included E.V. Eremin, Head of the Department for Relations with Religious Organisations of the Presidential Directorate for Domestic Policy of the Russian Federation; M.M. Melekh, Special Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation for

International Cooperation in the Field of Ensuring the Right to Freedom of Religion; Metropolitan Konstantin of Cairo and North Africa, Patriarchal Exarch of Africa; Mufti Albir Krganov, Head of the Spiritual Assembly of Muslims of Russia; K.V. Babaev, Director of the Institute of China and Contemporary Asia of the Russian Academy of Sciences; and A.A. Cherkezov, President of the Christian World Union.

Among those attending the event were Bishop Euphemius of Lukhovitsy, participants in the forum from African countries, representatives of the Patriarchal Exarchate of Africa, and representatives of Russian and international public organisations.

The discussion addressed issues of interreligious and humanitarian cooperation between Russia and African states, as well as educational and social projects.

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