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Medvedev to Address World Economic Forum Meeting in Moscow Hotel

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Sunday's event will be the second time the World Economic Forum has hosted a meeting in Moscow.

Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev will address a group of business and political leaders at a private one-day event hosted by the World Economic Forum in a Moscow hotel next weekend.

The forum's Moscow meeting, titled "Russia in the Global Context," will bring together 150 people on Sunday for discussions that will "explore Russia's role in today's constantly changing and highly interconnected global environment," said Anastassia Aubakirova, head of Russia and CIS at the World Economic Forum.

"Russia's position as a global foreign policy leader must evolve through greater attention to developing its role as an engaged, responsible leader in the emerging global architecture," she said by e-mail.

The day of discussions at the Baltschug Kempinski hotel will be capped by an address

by Medvedev.

Organizers said the names of other participants were confidential, citing the need to protect the candidness of the discussions.

Sunday's event will mark the second time that the World Economic Forum, best known for its annual gathering of top global leaders in Davos, Switzerland, has hosted a meeting in Moscow. Nine years ago, on Oct. 3, 2003, the forum held a one-day meeting at the Marriott Grand Hotel that was attended by the likes of billionaires Mikhail Fridman and Mikhail Khodorkovsky and then-ExxonMobil CEO Lee Raymond. President Vladimir Putin delivered the keynote speech.

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