A rather comprehensive work on SCR issues is carried on under the auspices of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP).

The Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs /RSPP/ is an independent non-governmental organization. RSPP is Russia’s largest national business organization. RSPP unites over 60 trade associations and as many as 120 regional business associations - in major economic sectors, and represents the interests of many thousands of industrial, research, financial and business entities in Russia.

The primary task of Russian business – to uphold strong positions in the national and global economy through achieving greater efficiency and competitiveness on the basis of responsible entrepreneurship – also serves as a foundation for sustainable development of the country.

Among information tools offered by RSPP to companies are: National Registry of corporate non-financial reports (established in 2000) and Library of Corporate Practices (established in 2007). The practical work at RSPP is done by the Centre on corporate social responsibility and non-financial reporting (part of RSPP secretariat) and also RSPP’s bodies: Committee on corporate social responsibility and demographic policy and Council on non-financial reporting.

The Council on non-financial reporting is aimed at: promoting sustainable business practices; developing a mechanism of a public validation of information in non-financial reports; increasing transparency of companies through non-financing reporting; promoting experiences and good business practices. It organizes the procedure of so called “public verification of non-financial reports” as a tool of independent validation of corporate reports.

The Centre on corporate social responsibility and non-financial reporting is providing a methodological assistance to interested companies and is organizing events to promote CSR approaches in Russia. The Centre prepare and publish reviews, researches and bulletins about corporate social responsibility and non-financial reporting in Russia.

**RSPP Projects: Promotion of Responsible Business Practices**

**Social Charter of Russian Business**

The Social Charter of Russian Business – a code of responsible business practices that facilitate stable business development and can become a framework for the corporate strategy of any given company. The Charter relies on the UN Global Compact guidelines and explicates these guidelines in accordance with the role of business in today’s society. Many companies, with a total of over 6 million employees, have already joined the Charter.

**The National Register of Corporate Financial Reports** is a single open national data collection and distribution center, including a database containing published electronic reports by companies of their results, as well as social and environmental reports. The National Register contains over 535 reports by 149 companies from various sectors published since 2000. These reports cover the following subjects: ecology – 49; social issues – 239; sustainable development – 171; integrated
reports - - 54; sectoral reports – 22. The Registry contains also reports from the Russian companies (and of companies with foreign capital) which are members of the UN Global Compact (GC) initiative (these submissions are prepared in accordance with the GC requirements). Information on the reporting companies and the Reports Library are published on RSPP’s official Web site (www.rspp.ru).

**Public verification of nonfinancial reports**
The RSPP Council on non-financial reporting conducts public verification of corporate reports to enable independent validation of companies’ performance in terms of corporate responsibility and development as stated in their reports. In doing so, RSPP furthers public recognition of business practice results, promotes confidence in reported information and reporting standards, and stimulates open and transparent business practices by propagating nonfinancial reporting.

**Corporate Practices Library** is an electronic database of corporate social practices of Russian companies. It contains 325 corporate practices of 141 companies. The Library was created to consolidate information on corporate social practices, promote an exchange of successful corporate expertise on the subject matter and publish information on how companies address social issues and etc.

The RSPP site (http://rspp.ru/simplepage/472) contains also charters of Russian business on social issues, on ethics, on anticorruption approaches, information materials on social partnership and philanthropy and on other related subjects (promotion of ISO 26000 guide, Russian network of the Global Compact, cooperation with GRI, etc).