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Mr. Yurgens is the professor of MGIMO and Director of the MGIMO Centre for Sustainable Development and ESG Transformation, a member of the Board of Trustees of Russian Council on International Affairs, a member of the Council of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), and a member of the Advisory Board of the Centre for European Reform (CER).

Born in Moscow in 1952, Igor Yurgens graduated with a degree in economics from Moscow State University in 1974, when he began working in various positions with the international departments of the Professional Unions Central Council of the USSR and the UNESCO Secretariat.

From 1992 to 1997, he was the First Deputy Chairman of the CIS Trade Union Confederation. He later served as Co-Chairman of the Foundation for the Development of Parliamentarism in Russia (1997-1998). In 1998 he became President of the All-Russian Insurance Association (1998-2002).

From 2002 to 2005, Mr. Yurgens served as Vice President / Executive Secretary of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP). From 2005 to the present, he has been Vice President of RSPP.

In June 2013, Igor Yurgens was elected President of the All-Russian Insurance Association. In January 2015 he was elected President of Russian Association of Motor Insurers. In November 2016 he became the President of National Union of Liability Insurers. In November 2022 he left the post of the President of the listed above Unions and concentrated his activity on the work in the MGIMO Centre for Sustainable Development and ESG Transformation.

He is the recipient of several state and international awards, including the Order of Honor of the Russian Federation, L'Ordre National du Mérite of France and Order of Saint Charles of Monaco.

Mr. Yurgens is also Honorary Consul General of Monaco in Moscow.

Fluent in English and French, Igor Yurgens is married and has one daughter.