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Russia's Regions: Goals, Challenges, Achievements

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The central theme of the present Report is encapsulated in its title, 'Russia's Regions: Goals, Challenges, Achievements'. Emphasis is put on the diversity of development priorities and of the means, which different regions have at their disposal for improving quality of life. The Report looks at the most successful examples of government programmes at regional level for promoting attainment by regions and by the country as a whole of the Millennium Development Goals adapted for the Russian Federation. The Report also includes a comparative analysis of current Human Development problems in Russia's regions and of the indicators used for their assessment.

The Report is intended for use by senior administrative personnel, political scientists, teachers, scientific researchers and students.