**THE NORTHERN FORUM**

**12th General Assembly**

**Yakutsk, Russia**

 **Draft Agenda**

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**Main participants:** Governors and heads of regions, Regional coordinators of the Northern Forum, NF Secretariat, Project Coordinators, Business Partners.

**Invited participants:** representatives of the Northern Europe regions, Russia, Canada, United States, representatives of NGOs, diplomatic missions in Russia, Federal authorities, Russian Arctic organizations and Sakha Republic executive authorities.

**Key Partners:** University of the Arctic, Arctic Portal, Arctic Council working groups, UNEP, SCPAR, etc.

**Dates:** September3-5, 2015.

**Main events of 12th General Assembly:**

* Regional Coordinators Committee (RCC) meeting
* Board of Governors meeting
* General Assembly Open meeting
* Workshops and Project meetings
* Round tables on business cooperation and tourism
* Ethnic games festival
* Science practical symposium on infectious diseases
* Arctic Council project SDWG EALLU – Arctic Indigenous Youth, Climate Change and Food Culture; workshop

**Venues:** TBC. Currently there are options (depending on a number of participants, availability and cost issues and other factors)

1. Tygyn Darkhan hotel Conference Hall (RCC Closed meeting)
2. Government House No.2 Conference Hall (RCC Open meeting)
3. Republic Hall
4. Government House No.1 Republic Hall (Board of Governors meeting)

The Secretariat and hosting region Sakha Republic (Yakutia) are searcing for the best option for accommodating participants and guests and for hosting both open and closed meetings, providing simultaneous translation, demonstration of videos, presentations, catering, briefings, exhibitions etc.

**Meeting formats:** RCC holds one meeting for approving main agenda, setting a quorum and approving resolutions. This meeting before the General Assembly normally takes half of a working day, or a full day. Board of Governors holds one closed meeting on approving resolutions on main issues of the Northern Forum activities: Strategic Plan for 4 years, Working Plan for 2 years, a list of programs and projects, determination of the NF partners in other international organizations, budget and officers, personal list of Board of Governors members, NF Chair and Vice Chair and finally – a list of business partners. The Board of Governors also hosts plenary sessions, open to all participants and guests of the General Assembly.

To set up lively discussions, information exchange and maximum opportunities for a broad circle of participants, the Northern Forum organizes exhibition and poster manufacturing opportunities. All participants can bring their own giveaway material and distribute freely.

General Assembly will include presentation of regions, business partners and other organizations for establishing priorities for the organization’s development, regions and companies cooperation interest.

**Format:** NF member regions presentations – 15 minutes each, invited non-member regions presentations, business partner presentations, project coordinators presentations – 10 minutes.

**Entertainment:** Sakha Republic (Yakutia) hosts a Diamond Week and Symphonic Orchestra concert the same dates as the General Assembly. Excursions to museums, theaters, nature and tourist sightseeing activity can be ararnged upon request.

**Accomodation:** Host region books rooms in Yakutsk hotels.

September in Yakutsk is a busy month with many other events planned; therefore – **we strongly recommend** all member regions and business partners to send lists of their delegations to NF Secretariat (nf.secretariat@gmail.com) and RCC Chair Vladimir Vasiliev (asf-yakutia@mail.ru) **before July 30, 2015.**

**Practical Information:** 12th GA Organizing Committee provides such information before the end of July 2015.

**General Assembly materials:** All related materials (agenda, registration forms, working documents, presentations) will be uploaded on the Northern Forum Website by August 15, 2015 in Russian and English.

**Working languages:** Main language in ENGLISH, simultaneously translated into Russian.

**AGENDA**

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| **September 3, Thursday** |
| Before 09:00 | Arrival & AccomodationFree time |
| **RCC CLOSED MEETING**Venue: Tygyn Darkhan Hotel Conference Hall (9, Ammosova st.) **TBC** |
| 14:00-15:00 | **RCC Meeting Opening***Chaired by Sakha Republic (Yakutia): Vladimir Nikolaevich Vasiliev, RCC Chair*1. Quorum setting
2. Agenda approval
3. Vladimir Vasiliev, RCC Chair – **Host region welcome message and Sakha NF Chairmanship** **report and propositions for further work**
4. Mikhail Pogodaev - NF Acting Executive Director’s report ***«Priorities and Perspectives of the Northern Forum Development***
5. Discussion of reports
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| 15:00-15:30 | **Coffee Break**  |
| 15:30-16:30 | **Draft Resolutions and Draft 2015 Yakutsk Declaration discussion for approval by the Board of Governors*** Resolution 172 «Board of Governors Composition»
* Resolution 173 «Northern Forum Chair»
* Resolution 174 «Northern Forum »
* Resolution 175 «2015 Yakutsk Declaration»
* Resolution 176 «2015-2017 Northern Forum Workplan»
* Resolution 177 «Projects and Programs List»
* Resolution 178 «2015-2017 Northern Forum Budget»
* Резолюция №179 «Northern Forum Hickel Medal Award»

Discussion of 2015 Yakutsk Declaration text, determination of the next RCC Meeting and General Assembly host |
| 16:30-17:00 | Summary and preparation of Recommendations for approval by the Board of Governors |
| 18:00 | **Welcome dinner****Tygyn Darkhan Hotel restaurant** |
| **September 4, Friday** |
| **RCC OPEN MEETING**Venue: Government House No.2 Main Hall (30 Lenin ave., 2nd Floor) |
| 08:30-09:00 | **Participants Registration**  |
| 09:00-09:10 | Moderated by: Mikhail Pogodaev, Northern Forum Acting Executive Director Opening and greeting by RCC Chair and Sakha Minister for Federative & External Relations Vladimir Vasiliev  |
| 09:10-10:30 | Program & Project Reports:1. **Sustainable Development**
* Rural Development:

Khanty-Mansiyskiy AO – Yugra (KMAO): «Development of rural communities through engaging citizens into local governance on example of KMAO rural communities»* Energy supply of remote and isolated communities of the North:

**Nikolai Duraev,** Project Coordinator, Sakha Deputy Minister for Communal Utilities and Energy 1. **Society & Culture**
* Substance Abuse Treatment:

**Andrey Novikov,** CMO of Surgut Clinical Psycho-neurological dispensary: “Prevention and treatment of dangerous dependencies in the North” * Infectious Diseases Monitoring-TB Working group:

**Alexander Kravchenko**, Project coordinator, Director of SPC “Phtisiatry”, Sakha Healthcare Ministry * Telemedicine:

**Alexander Tsaregorodtsev,** Yugra IT InstituteDeputy Director**Matvei Nikolaev**, Head of Telemedicine dept., YRMIAC healthcare center, Sakha Healthcare Ministry* Suicide Prevention:

**Andrei Novikov,** Project Coordinator, CMO of Surgut Psycho-neurological dispansery, KMAO-Yugra. **Albina Sivtseva,** Director of Sakha Republican rehab center, Sakha Healthcare Ministry * School Partnership:

**Dora Egorova** – Project Coordinator, Yakutsk National Gymnasium, Sakha 1. **Environment**
* Brown Bear Working Group:

**Innokenty Okhlopkov -** * Youth Eco Forum:

Report of the Secretariat on implementation of the project* Water and climate change working group:

**Alexander Tsaregorodtsev,** Yugra IT InstituteDeputy Director**Nikita Tananaev**, Head of Igarka station, RAS Permafrost Institute * Northern Zoos Cooperation:

**Luka Safonov**, Orto Doidu Zoo Director, Sakha * Permafrost Degradation Workshop:

Report of the Secretariat on implementation of the project* Protected Areas Workshop:

**Yakov Sivtsev –** Project Coordinator**,** Deputy Minister of Sakha Nature protection * Save and Protect environmental action:

KMAO - Yugra“Save and Protect as core piece of KMAO environmental policy* Bear Festival in Khanty-Mansiysk

Valentina Kochetygova, KMAO-YugraAnders Bjorklund, CEO Orsa Gronklitt Predator Park * Northern Fishing Traditions

Tero Mustonen, Snowchange Executive director |
| 10:30-11:00 | **Discussions** |
| 11:00-11:30 | **Coffee Break** |
| 11:30-12:30 | **New projects presentations*** **International Arctic Centre for Culture and Arts**

Sargylana Ignatieva – Rector of Arctic State Institute on Culture and Arts* **Energy for remote Arctic communities**

Nils Andreassen – Director for Institute of the North, Alaska |
| 12:30-13:00 | **Discussion and approval of project list** |
| 13:00-14:00 | **Lunch.** Possible presentation of a film or an invited speaker’s lecture on tendencies of regional cooperation development |
| 14:00-17:30 | **Round Tables** |
|  | Round table **«Forms and mechanisms of business cooperation in the Northern Forum»** Moderator: Timo Rautajoki **–** Project Coordinator, Lapland Chamber of Commerce President, Finland **Business cooperation workplan presentation:**Timo Rautajoki **–** Project Coordinator, Lapland Chamber of Commerce President, Finland Anders Bjorklund, CEO Orsa Gronklitt Predator Park **Experience exchange**, **Q&A, adding propositions to the workplan** Halldor Johannesson, Arctic Portal Executive Director, Akureyri, IcelandAlaska participant Vladimir Chlenov – Sakha Chamber of Commerce President Egor Makarov – NF Business partner since 2002 Oksana Novgorodova – NF Business Partner since 2003Antonida Barashkova – NF Business Partner since 2013 Galina Skryabina – NF Business Partner in 2014**Formation of a working group:** 1 representative per region |
| 15:00-15:30 | Break |
| 15:30-17:30 | Round table **«Effective energy for rural communities»**Moderator**: Nils Andreassen, Sakha Ministry for Utilities and Energy, state companies:** *Renewables in remote and isolated communities***Sakhatransneftegaz, Selstroigazifikatsia:** *Centralized heat and power for remote communities* **Sakha Ministry for Agriculture:** *Convenient life in rural communities is real* (rural communities development programs) **Head of community:** *Rural business is a key to prosperity***Alaska:****Akureyri:** geothermal sources**Gangwon:** Use of low-grade fuels |
| 17:30-18:00 | Results of the open RCC Meeting |
| 19:00 | **Reception from Sakha Federative and External Relations Ministry**Muus Khaia Restaraunt (Petrovskogo st., 13) |
| **September 5, Saturday** |
| **12th General Assembly****Venue: Republican Hall, House of Government No.1 (Kirova st., 11)** |
| 09:00-10:00 | **Participants registration** |
| Venue and time TBC | Opening of NF Exhibition fairWorking title: *«Northern Business Partnership»* |
| 10:00-10:30 | **Opening of 12th General AssemblyBoard of Governors Meeting****Moderated by:, Head of Sakha Republic (Yakutia) Egor Borisov** * Blessing to meeting participants (Algys)
* Setting the quorum
* Approval of agenda
* Welcome and introductory speech by NF Chair, topic TBC
* Welcome speech of Yakutsk Mayor Aysen Nikolaev
* Vladimir Vasiliev, RCC Chair, Sakha Foreign Minister ***«Results of RCC Meeting and resolution projects for approval by the Board of Governors»***

**Results of Sakha NF chairmanship** |
| 10:30-11:30 | Speeches:* **Vyacheslav Shtyrov (ТВС)**, Chair of Russian Federation Council Expert Council on Arctic and Antarctic
* **Bill Walker (ТВС)**, Alaska State Governor, USA
* **Mikhail Nikolaev (ТВС)**, Member of Russian Parliament, First Sakha President
* **Choi Moonsoon (ТВС)**, Gangwon Province Governor, Republic of Korea

«New technologies for healty societies of the Northern regions»* **Vladimir Barbin (ТВС)**, Ambassador-at-Large, Russian SAO in the Arctic Council
* **Natalia Komarova (ТВС),** Khanty-Mansiyskiy AO – Yugra Governor
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| 11:30-12:00 | **NF Projects presentations (5 minutes each)*** Science practical symposium on infectious diseases report
* Man in the Arctic
* International Arctic School
* International Arctic Center for Culture and Arts
* Lars Kullerud, President of Uarctic

«Education in the North: opportunities for regional cooperation»* Nils Andreassen, Alaska Institute of the North Director

«Energy in remote areas of the North» |
| 12:00-13:00 | * Approval and signature of resolutions
* Signature of 2015 Yakutsk Declaration
* NF Chair election

Program speech of the new NF Chair - TBCAnnouncement of the next General Assembly |
| 13:00-13:30 | **Closing of the 12th General Assembly** |
| 13:30-14:00 | **Photo and press opportunity** |
| 14:00-18:00 | **Governors and RCs agenda** |
| 19:00 | **Reception from Sakha Republic (Yakutia)****Venue:** «Seventh Sky» restaurant (Kirova st., 12) |
| **September 6, Sunday** |
| Through the day | Diamond week of Yakutia - participationExcurisions, visits to organizations, etc.Departure of participants |