As of July 9, 2015

**THE NORTHERN FORUM**

**12th General Assembly**

Yakutsk, Russia

**AGENDA**

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|  | **November 4 (Wednesday)** |
| Before 09:00 | Arrival & Accommodation & Rest, Free 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 |
| 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 Work plan» * Resolution 177 «Projects and Programs List» * Resolution 178 «2015-2017 Northern Forum Budget» * Resolution 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 |
| **November 5 (Thursday)** | |
| **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 Vladimir Vasiliev, RCC Chair and Sakha Minister for Federative & External Relations |
| 09:10-10:00  10:00-11:00 | **Presentations and panel discussions**  **Regional adaptation for climate change – plans and strategies of regions adaptation, floods, forest fires, etc**   * Water and Climate Change working group:   Alexander Tsaregorodtsev, Yugra IT Institute Deputy Director  Nikita Tananaev, Head of Igarka station, RAS Permafrost Institute  **MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS AND BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES –** flora and fauna in Protected Areas and Zoos, ecological actions and traditions   * **Brown Bear Working Group:**   Innokenty Okhlopkov – Deputy Director, Institute of Biological problems of Cryolithozone   * **Youth Eco Forum:**   Report of the Secretariat on implementation of the project   * **Northern Zoos Cooperation:**   Luka Safonov, Orto Doidu Zoo Director, Sakha   * **Protected Areas Develpment:**   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 and Natives Festival**   Anders Bjorklund, CEO Orsa Gronklitt Predator Park  Valentina Kochetygova, KMAO-Yugra   * **Northern Fishing Traditions**   Tero Mustonen, Executive Director, Snowchange |
| 11:00-11:30 | **Coffee Break** |
| 11:30-13:00 | **Northern Infrastructure** – building of housing and roads, convenient rural residence, small scale energy production   * Centralized heat- gas- and energy supply to isolated and remote communities   Nikolai Duraev, Project Coordinator, Sakha Deputy Minister for Communal Utilities and Energy  **Speaker from Sakhatransneftegaz: TBC**  **Speaker from Selstroygazifikatsia: TBC**   * Convenient rural residence is a reality (programs on gasification and building of sewers) Sakha Agriculture Ministry**: TBC** * Heat and Energy in remote communities of Alaska: Nils Andreassen, Institute of the North Director, Coordinator of Arctic Council summits on energy * Use of low grade fuels, waste and biowaste**: Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea** * Technology and feasibility of application of easy-to-build steel constructions in the Northern areas with permafrost:   Galina Novikova, Sakha Architecture and Construction Deputy Minister   * Technologies and effectiveness of road construction in the Permafrost covered North: Sergei Vladimirov, Sakha Transport and Roadways Deputy Minister |
| 13:00-14:00 | **Lunch.** Screening of regions’ videos, a lecture by an invited speaker on tendencies of regional cooperation, etc. |
| 14:00-15:30 | **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 * Halldor Johannsson, Arctic Portal Executive Director, Akureyri, Iceland * Ekaterina Kormilitsina., Sakha Enterpreneurship and Tourism Minister * Speaker from Alaska * Vladimir Chlenov – Sakha Chamber of Commerce President * Anders Bjorklund, CEO Orsa Gronklitt Predator Park * Ethnic Tourism as business: Egor Makarov – NF Business partner since 2002 * Speaker from Khanty-Mansiysk * Rural Business is a key to prosperity: Oksana Novgorodova – NF Business Partner since 2003 * Collection and processing of wild berries: Antonida Barashkova – NF Business Partner since 2013 * Credit Unions in the North: Galina Skryabina – NF Business Partner in 2014   **Creation of working group:** 1 representative per region |
| 15:30-16:00 | Coffee break |
| 16:00-17:30 | **POSITIVE LIFE STRATEGY IN THE NORTH** – health, education, preservation of culture and traditional lifestyle of the indigenous peoples of the North; ethnic cports games, healthy nutrition   * Humans in the Arctic project:   Valentina Kondratieva, Center for Strategic Research Director   * 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 Institute Deputy 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   * Chukotka program on creation of constructive life vision of the youth * School Partnership:   Dora Egorova – Project Coordinator, Yakutsk National Gymnasium, Sakha   * International Arctic School: Gabysheva Feodosia, Sakha Education Minister * Arctic Experimental boarding (Neryungri): Sakha Peoples affairs Dept   **New projects:**   * International Arctic Center for Culture and Arts **(IACCA)**   Sargylana Ignatieva, State Arctic Institute for Culture and Arts, Sakha   * Ethnic sports games – Khanty-Mansiysk AO |
| 17:30-18:00 | RCC meeting results |
| 19:00 | **Reception from Sakha Foreign Ministry**  Venue TBC |
| **November 6 (Friday)** | |
| **12th General Assembly**  **Venue: Republic Hall, House of Government No.1 (11 Kirov St.)** | |
| 09:00-10:00 | **Participants registration** |
| TBD | Northern Forum Exhibition Opening  *«Technologies of the Arctic»* |
| 10:00-10:30 | **12th General Assembly Opening**  **Global challenges – Local Solutions**  **Board of Governors Meeting**  **Moderated by: Egor Borisov, Chairman of the NF, Head of Sakha Republic (Yakutia)**   * Blessing to meeting participants (Algys) * Setting the quorum * Approval of agenda * Welcome and introductory speech by **:** Egor Borisov, NF Chair, Head of Sakha Republic (Yakutia) |
| 10:30-11:30 | **Welcome speeches and presentations**   * **Mikhail Nikolaev**, Russian State Duma MP (TBC) * **Vyacheslav Shtyrov**, Chair for the Expert Council on Arctic and Antarctic (Russian Federal Council) (TBC) * **Dmitry Rogozin,** Chair of State Commission on Development of the Arctic (TBC) * **Alexander Tsibulsky,** Russian Economic Development Deputy Minister (TBC) * **Vladimir Barbin**, Russian Arctic Council SAO, Ambassador-at-Large (TBC) * **Bill Walker**, State of Alaska Governor (TBC) * **Eiríkur Björn Björgvinsson**, Mayor of Akureyri, Iceland (TBC) * **Choi Moonsoon**, Gangwon Province Governor   «New technologies for healthy societies of the Northern regions» (TBC)   * **Natalia Komarova,** Khanty-Mansiyskiy AO Governor(TBC) |
| 11:30-12:00 | **Presentations by invited NF speakers**  **(5 min each)**   * Health issues of the Northerners * ADHR II Presentation – Gail Fondahl * Indicators of life quality level in the Northern regions * About international cooperation between the Nothern regions in Culture and Arts * «Universities of the Arctic: opportunities for regional cooperation» Lars Kullerud, Uarctic President * «Energy in the remote North» Nils Andreassen, Institute of the North Director |
| 12:00-13:00 | Vladimir Vasiliev, RCC Chair, Sakha Foreign Minister, ***«RCC Report and Resolution Drafts for approval of the Board of Governors»***  **Results of the Sakha Chairmanship 2013-2015**   * New Members Ceremony * Election of the NF Chair * Walter Hickel Medal Award * Approval and Signature of Resolutions * Signature of the 2015 Yakutsk Declaration Декларации * Program speech of the new Chair of the Northern Forum * Announcement of the next General Assembly |
| 13:00-13:30 | **Closing of the 12th General Assembly** |
| 13:30-14:00 | **Press time, photo opportunity** |
| 14:00-18:00 | **Specific agenda for the youth leaders of the North**  **Specific agenda for the governors and delegation leaders** |
| 19:00 | **Reception from the Sakha Republic (Yakutia)**  **Venue: “**Sedmoe Nebo” Restaurant (12 Kirova st.) |
| **November 7 (Saturday)** | |
| During the day | Excursions, business meetings, visits to organizations  Participants departure |

**Additional events of the 12th General Assembly**

1. International symposium “New priorities in TB infection treatment in the circumpolar regions of the Arctic” September 1-3, 2015
2. International seminar of the NF Working group on development of Protected Areas. St.Petersburg, Russia, October 2015
3. International seminar on climate change effect on change of traditional lifestyle of the indigenous peoples; preparation to the UN Intergovernmental Committee Climate Change conference. Yakutsk, November 2-3, 2015
4. Uarctic meeting at the North Eastern Federal University. Yakutsk, November 2-3, 2015
5. Technologies of the Arctic – International exhibition, Yakutsk, November 2015
6. SDWG EALLU International workshop; Arctic Indigenous Youth: Traditional Knowledge and Food Culture. Yakutsk, November 2015.