VII NORTHERN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FORUM

REPORT



ABOUT THE FORUM

VII NORTHERN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FORUM (hereinafter – the Forum) is a permanent annual international expert platform for discussing the challenges and prospects of sustainable development of the North and the Arctic.

The core idea of the Forum is to unite the global community in addressing the sustainable development challenges of the northern and Arctic regions.

In 2015, at a session of the UN General Assembly, 17 Sustainable Development Goals were defined within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Their implementation was intended to engage not only governments, but also business circles, charitable foundations, civil society, non-governmental organizations, and scientists worldwide.

NORTHERN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FORUMt annually examines several Sustainable Development Goals and the possibilities for their implementation under the conditions of the North and the Arctic, drawing on the potential of various countries, including non-Arctic ones.

In 2026, the Forum acquired special significance as a key platform for aligning three strategic agendas: the Year of the Unity of the Peoples of Russia, the sustainable development of northern and Arctic territories, and the implementation of the project "Siberianization of Russia: Turn to the East 2.0." For the first time within the framework of the NSDF, a joint session of the Tobolsk and Lensky Clubs was held, setting a new direction for discussing the role of the Russian Far East and the Arctic in the new geopolitical reality.

DATES

October 7–10, 2026

VENUE

Campus of the M.K. Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University, Yakutsk, Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Russian Federation.

FORUM ORGANIZERS

1. The international organization of northern regions "Northern Forum"
2. The Government of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
3. M.K. Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University
4. Federal Research Center "Yakutsk Scientific Center of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences"
5. Arctic State University of Arts, Culture and Creative Industries
6. National Research University "Higher School of Economics"
7. Scientific and Educational Center "North: Territory of Sustainable Development"

FORUM OPERATOR

The Northern Forum Secretariat

MAIN THEME OF FORUM 2026

HUMAN CAPITAL IN THE AI ERA: DEMOGRAPHY • STRATEGIES • COMPETENCIES AND THE NEW REALITY OF LABOUR

Today, the geopolitical and economic significance of the Arctic has grown, and it is gradually transforming from a region of peaceful cooperation into an arena of competing interests and confrontation, as a territory of national security and scientific-technological sovereignty. At the same time, a global technological revolution is underway in the world: artificial intelligence has ceased to be a futuristic concept and has become a tool radically

transforming all spheres of life and labor, here and now. At the same time, the demographic factor must be taken into account – declining birth rates in developed countries. The transport and logistics development of Asian Russia is becoming one of the key conditions for the practical implementation of the project "Siberianization of Russia: Turn to the East 2.0."

The rapid development of AI represents both an enormous challenge and an opportunity: the risk of "digital inequality" between Arctic and other regions is intensifying. Traditional skills are becoming obsolete – new competencies are needed ("Arctic Skill 2.0") in traditional industries, digitalization, and creative industries. The Forum's infrastructure agenda was examined through the lens of human capital: how to attract and retain young professionals and families in the North, how to train personnel for the new economy, and how infrastructure and industrial projects create jobs and improve the quality of life in Arctic cities.

Sustainable Development Goals examined at the Forum: Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being), Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).

FORUM ARCHITECTURE

HUMAN CAPITAL IN THE AGE OF AI: DEMOGRAPHICS, STRATEGIES, COMPETENCIES AND THE NEW REALITY OF LABOR (PLENARY SESSIONS)

III TOBOLSK READINGS: JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE LENSKY AND TOBOLSK CLUBS "THE THIRD TURN TO THE NORTH"

LABOR MARKET TRANSFORMATION AND COMPETENCIES OF THE FUTURE: REBOOTING THE EDUCATIONAL ECOSYSTEM

IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON ECOSYSTEMS AND THE FORMATION OF NEW ARCTIC SKILLS

NORTHERN FORUM: THE VOICE OF REGIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL AGENDA

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND ARCTIC CULTURE

PRESENTATIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

ACCOMPANYING EVENTS AND CULTURAL PROGRAMME

WEBSITE

The official page of the VII NSDF on the Internet – www.nsdf.ru

QUANTITATIVE INDICATORS OF THE VII NSDF

The VII NSDF was held in a hybrid format (online and offline).

A total of 626 participants and guests registered for the Forum: 473 people participated in person (75.6%), and 153 people joined online (24.4%).

By participant geography: 391 people from the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), 189 people from other regions of the Russian Federation (including Moscow – 88 people, St. Petersburg – 18 people), and 46 people from foreign countries (of whom 20 in person and 26 online).

20 foreign guests came to the Forum in person – all from China, including scholars from Harbin Polytechnic University and a delegation from Xunke County (Heilongjiang Province). The Chinese delegation was the largest foreign delegation at the Forum (30 people including online participants).

Representatives from 11 foreign countries took part in the Forum in hybrid format (Table 1): China, India, Canada, Mali, Norway, Bangladesh, Burundi, Italy, Cameroon, Malaysia, and the UAE. Experts from India, Norway, Canada, Mali, Italy, Cameroon, Burundi, Malaysia, Bangladesh, and the UAE joined online.

Including Russia – 12 countries in total.

No.	Country	In person	Online	TOTAL
1	China	20	10	30
2	India	–	4	4
3	Canada	–	2	2
4	Mali	–	2	2
5	Norway	–	2	2
6	Bangladesh	–	1	1
7	Burundi	–	1	1
8	Italy	–	1	1
9	Cameroon	–	1	1
10	Malaysia	–	1	1
11	UAE	–	1	1

No.	Country	In person	Online	TOTAL
	TOTAL	**20**	**26**	**46**

Table 1. Number of participants at the VII NSDF from foreign countries.

Participants from foreign countries represented the following organizations:

China

1. People's Government of Xunke County, Heihe City, Heilongjiang Province
    - Office of Foreign Affairs
2. Harbin Polytechnic University (Harbin)
    - Institute of Environment
3. Northeast Forestry University (Harbin)
4. Heilongjiang University (Harbin)
    - Institute of Russian Studies
5. Ocean University of China (Qingdao)
    - Institute of Polar Law and Policy
6. Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies, Renmin University of China (Beijing)
7. Beijing International Studies University (Beijing)
    - European College
8. Beijing Language and Culture University (Beijing)
9. East China Normal University (Shanghai)
    - Center for Russian Studies
10. Guangdong University of Foreign Studies (Guangzhou)
    - Center for Arctic Studies
11. Research Institute of High Technology for Green and Low-Carbon Planning
12. M.K. Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University (master's students from China, Institute of Finance and Economics)

India

1. Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi)
    - Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies
2. Adamas University (Kolkata)
3. Vivekananda International Foundation (New Delhi)
4. National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (Goa)

Other Asian countries

1. Taylor's University (Malaysia)
2. The Business Standard newspaper, bureau in Chittagong (Bangladesh)
3. TRENDS Research & Advisory (Dubai, UAE)

Africa

1. Ministry of Mines and Geology of Cameroon; Lextractiv Foundation (Yaoundé, Cameroon)
2. Ahmed Baba University (Bamako, Mali)
3. UNIPROBA Organization (Burundi)

Western countries

1. KNOWLEX International Partnership (Vancouver, Canada)
2. The University Centre in Svalbard (Norway)
3. Police Department of Padua (Italy)

RUSSIAN REGIONS AT THE VII NSDF

Representatives of 25 regions of the Russian Federation took part in the VII NSDF (online and offline). The core of the Forum was the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia): 391 participants. Among other regions, the most represented were Moscow (88 people), St. Petersburg (18 people), Irkutsk Oblast (9), Krasnoyarsk Krai (6), Murmansk Oblast (6), Novosibirsk Oblast (5), Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug – Yugra (5), Tyumen Oblast (4), and the Komi Republic (4).

Participating regions: Moscow, St. Petersburg, Arkhangelsk Oblast, Irkutsk Oblast, Kamchatka Krai, Kemerovo Oblast, Krasnoyarsk Krai, Magadan Oblast, Murmansk Oblast, Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Nizhny Novgorod Oblast, Novosibirsk Oblast, Primorsky Krai, Republic of Buryatia, Republic of Karelia, Komi Republic, Republic of Sakha (Yakutia),

Republic of Tatarstan, Tuva Republic, Tomsk Oblast, Tyumen Oblast, Khabarovsk Krai, Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug – Yugra, Chukotka Autonomous Okrug, and Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug.

Participants from Russian regions represented the following organizations:

Moscow and federal organizations

1. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation – Department of European Affairs
2. Ministry of the Russian Federation for the Development of the Far East and Arctic
3. Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation – Plenipotentiary Representative of the President of the Russian Federation in the Far Eastern Federal District
4. Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation – Committee on Federal Structure, Regional Policy, Local Self-Government and Northern Affairs; Committee on International Affairs
5. Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation
6. Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation – Department of Project and Investment Activities
7. Research Institute of Storage Problems of Rosrezerv (State Reserves)
8. Agency for Strategic Initiatives – Center for Creative Economy Development
9. Center for Strategic Development – Center for Green Economy and Energy
10. Lomonosov Moscow State University – Center for Geodemography and Spatial Development; Faculty of Geography, Department of Recreational Geography and Tourism; Faculty of Economics, Department of Economics of Sustainable Development and Nature Management; Center for Marine Research
11. National Research University "Higher School of Economics" – Faculty of World Economy and International Affairs; School of International Regional Studies; Institute of World Military Economics and Strategy
12. MGIMO University of Russia – Department of Innovation Management, Odintsovo Branch
13. Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration – Institute of Civil Service and Management

14. Bauman Moscow State Technical University – Bauman Go Green track; Military Training Center
15. Moscow Automobile and Road Construction State Technical University (MADI)
16. Institute of Global Climate and Ecology named after Academician Yu.A. Izrael
17. Council on Foreign and Defense Policy; Foundation for World Policy Studies
18. Institute of Demography, Migration and Regional Development
19. Center for Middle Eastern Studies; ANO "Greater Eurasia"
20. All-Russian Public-State Organization "Assembly of the Peoples of Russia"
21. Association of Polar Explorers of Russia
22. Moscow Writers' Union
23. Expert Center "Project Office for Arctic Development" (PORA)
24. ANO "Institute of Regional Consulting"
25. Russian Partnership for Climate Conservation; Oleg Deripaska Volnoe Delo Charitable Foundation
26. UN Global Compact Network Russia
27. "Nature and People" Foundation
28. Association for the Development of the Export Potential of Russian Education
29. Association of Technical Universities; International Union of Scientific and Engineering Public Associations
30. Association "University Consortium of Big Data Researchers"; ANO "Astra Academy"; ARPP "Domestic Software"
31. PJSC "MMC Norilsk Nickel" – Sustainable Development Directorate
32. PJSC "Seligdar"; LLC "Beloye Zoloto"
33. JSC "Kontur"; Kept; LLC "Center for Sustainable Development Technologies"
34. JSC "Vilyuiskaya GES-3"; JSC "Stroytransgaz"; "Crystal of Growth" Foundation; LLC "NIP Giprolab"
35. FSUE "NAMI"; ADEM-Engineering; ANO DPO "Professional Capital"

St. Petersburg

1. Saint Petersburg State University – Department of World Politics, Faculty of International Relations; Department of Enterprise Economics, Entrepreneurship and Innovation
2. Herzen Russian State Pedagogical University – Faculty of Geography
3. Russian State Hydrometeorological University
4. Admiral Makarov State University of Maritime and Inland Shipping
5. St. Petersburg State University of Economics
6. Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute
7. Russian State Museum of the Arctic and Antarctic
8. LLC "Arkhant"; JSC "Zvezda-Reduktor"

Other regions of the Russian Federation

1. Government of the Nenets Autonomous Okrug (Governor of the NAO – Chair of the Northern Forum); Nenets Agrarian and Economic College
2. Ministry of Construction of Krasnoyarsk Krai; Agency for the Development of Northern Territories and Support of Indigenous Minor Peoples of Krasnoyarsk Krai
3. Taimyr College (Krasnoyarsk Krai)
4. Irkutsk State University – Department of Political Science, History and Regional Studies; Law Institute; Faculty of History; Siberian-American Faculty of Management
5. Tyumen State University; Tyumen Regional Public Foundation "Tobolsk Revival"; Tobolsk Club
6. Yugra State University; Yugra Research Institute of Information Technologies (Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug – Yugra)
7. Murmansk Arctic University – Department of Ecology and Technosphere Safety; Laboratory "Logistics in the Arctic"
8. JSC "Kola MMC" (Monchegorsk)
9. Northern (Arctic) Federal University named after M.V. Lomonosov – Institute of Strategic Arctic Development

10. Northern State Medical University (Arkhangelsk)
11. Petrozavodsk State University
12. National Research Tomsk State University
13. Siberian State University of Water Transport (Novosibirsk); Novosibirsk State University
14. Far Eastern Federal University – Department of Architecture and Design
15. Pacific State University (Khabarovsk)
16. Nizhny Novgorod State Technical University named after R.E. Alekseev; LLC "Amphibious All-Terrain Vehicle Plant"
17. RFNC-VNIIEF (Sarov)
18. Kazan Federal University – Advanced Engineering School "Cyber Auto Tech" (Naberezhnye Chelny)
19. JSC "Institute of Environmental Design and Surveys" (Syktyvkar)
20. LLC "Innovative Transport Plant" (Kemerovo); LLC "AllianceService" (Krasnoyarsk)
21. Burkalo Company (Irkutsk)

Russian Academy of Sciences

1. Scientific Council of the Russian Academy of Sciences on Arctic and Antarctic Studies; Council of the RAS on Innovative Problems of Transport and Logistics
2. Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences
3. Institute of State and Law of the RAS
4. Institute of China and Modern Asia of the RAS – Center for Asian-Arctic Studies; Center "Russia, China, and the World"
5. Institute of Scientific Information on Social Sciences of the RAS
6. Institute for Demographic Research, FCTAS of the RAS
7. Geophysical Center of the RAS
8. Institute of Economics and Industrial Engineering Organization, SB RAS
9. Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, SB RAS

10. Institute for Mongolian, Buddhist and Tibetan Studies, SB RAS (Ulan-Ude)
11. Tuva Institute for the Exploration of Natural Resources, SB RAS (Kyzyl)
12. Federal Research Center "Krasnoyarsk Scientific Center, SB RAS"; Research and Production Center of Biosphere and Technological Energetics, SB RAS
13. Luzin Institute for Economic Problems, Kola Science Centre of the RAS
14. Institute of Socio-Economic and Energy Problems of the North, Federal Research Center, Komi Science Centre, Ural Branch of the RAS
15. All-Russian Research Institute of Food Biotechnology – branch of the Federal Research Center for Nutrition, Biotechnology and Food Safety
16. Federal Research Center "Yakutsk Scientific Center, SB RAS":
    - Melnikov Permafrost Institute, SB RAS
    - Institute for Biological Problems of Cryolithozone, SB RAS
    - Institute for Humanities Research and the Problems of Minor Peoples of the North, SB RAS
    - Yakut Research Institute of Agriculture named after M.G. Safronov
    - Institute of Oil and Gas Problems, SB RAS
    - Institute of Mining of the North named after N.V. Chersky, SB RAS
    - Institute for Physical and Technical Problems of the North, SB RAS

Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)

1. Head and Government of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia):
    - Ministry of Arctic Development and Northern Peoples' Affairs
    - Ministry of Economy
    - Ministry of Finance
    - Ministry of External Relations and Peoples' Affairs
    - Ministry of Entrepreneurship, Trade and Tourism
    - Ministry of Innovations, Digital Development and Infocommunication Technologies

    - Ministry of Agriculture and Food Policy
    - Ministry of Ecology, Nature Management and Forestry
    - State Committee for Employment
2. State Assembly (Il Tumen) of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
3. Commissioner for the Rights of Indigenous Minor Peoples of the North in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
4. Administration of the Urban District "City of Yakutsk"
5. Municipal districts: Anabarsky, Gorny, Neryungrinsky, Oymyakonsky, Ust-Yansky, Khangalassky
6. M.K. Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University
7. Arctic State University of Arts, Culture and Creative Industries
8. Arctic State Agrotechnological University
9. Churapchya State Institute of Physical Culture and Sports
10. Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
11. Arctic Research Center of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
12. National Library; National Archive; Yakutsk State United Museum of History and Culture of the Peoples of the North named after Em. Yaroslavsky
13. Yakutsk Branch of the Russian Geographical Society
14. Yakutsk Institute of Water Transport; Yakutsk Technological College of Service named after Yu.A. Gotovtsev
15. JSC "Development Corporation of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)"; GAU "Technopark Yakutia"; Target Fund for Future Generations
16. Cultural cluster "Arctic Center of Epics and Arts"
17. Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia); Supreme Engineering Council of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
18. AK "ALROSA" (PJSC)
19. JSC "AC "Railways of Yakutia"; PJSC "Yakutskenergo"; JSC "Arctic Trade and Logistics Company"; LLC "Arctic Fuel and Energy Company"

20. Yakutsk Branch No. 8603 of PJSC Sberbank; Yakutsk Directorate of Gazprombank
21. LLC "Laboratory of Artificial Intelligence of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)"; School 21.Yakutia; Retaily; Drivee; LLC "Buntar"; OKB "Aeromashiny"
22. JSC "Natural Cold of Yakutia"; JSC "Yanolovo"; LLC "Arctic Capital"
23. Association of the Tourism Industry of Yakutia; LLC "Oymyakon Tour"
24. Main Directorate of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Russia for the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
25. Yakutsk Regional Branch of the Association of Lawyers of Russia; Union of the Evens of Russia
26. Russian-Asian Consortium for Arctic Research (RACAR)
27. Association of Northern Forum Schools

Number of Russian Arctic zone regions – 9 regions (Arkhangelsk Oblast, Krasnoyarsk Krai, Murmansk Oblast, Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Republic of Karelia, Komi Republic, Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Chukotka Autonomous Okrug, Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug).

Number of Northern Forum member regions – 8 regions (Kamchatka Krai, Krasnoyarsk Krai, Magadan Oblast, Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Khabarovsk Krai, Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug – Yugra, Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug).

KEY FIGURES

1. Total number of registered participants and guests – 626 people (473 in person, 153 online)
2. Business programme events – 45 (43 sessions and 2 exhibitions)
3. Speakers and moderators in the Forum programme – approximately 320 people (over 430 presentations)
4. Locations in Yakutsk – 6 (three NEFU buildings:ULK, GUK, KFEN; Cultural Center "Sergelyakh Lights"; Media Center "SakhaMedia"; Melnikov Permafrost Institute, SB RAS), approximately 17 halls and lecture rooms
5. Simultaneous interpretation: Russian–English – 31 sessions; Russian–Chinese – 2 sessions

6. Interpreters – 11 (9 simultaneous English interpreters, 1 simultaneous Chinese interpreter, 1 written English translator)
7. Volunteers – 76 (NEFU: Institute of Foreign Languages and Area Studies of the North-East of Russia, Institute of Natural Sciences, Architecture and Design Faculty, Institute of Information Technology, Law College)
8. Coordinators – 8 (master's students of group M-AR-25, Institute of Physics and Engineering, NEFU)
9. Number of views of live broadcasts and recordings of events – approximately 1,000 views
10. Total number of in-person participants, including audience members – approximately 1,500 people
11. Live broadcasts and recordings of events on VK: https://vkvideo.ru/@svfuniver/all
12. Forum materials – on the official website: www.nsdf.ru

During the main days of the VII NSDF (October 7–9, 2026), the business programme included 45 events: 43 sessions in the formats of plenary meetings, panel discussions, round tables, expert sessions, research-to-practice conferences, a foresight session, scientific seminars and presentations, as well as 2 exhibitions. The heaviest schedule fell on October 9. The cultural programme included the opera "The Dawns Here Are Quiet" performed by the State Opera and Ballet Theatre of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) and museum visits.

ORGANIZERS OF THE VII NSDF EVENTS

1. International organization of northern regions "Northern Forum"
    - Northern Forum Secretariat
    - Russian-Asian Consortium for Arctic Research (RACAR)
    - Association of Northern Forum Schools
    - Northern Forum Goodwill Ambassadors
2. Government of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
    - Ministry of Arctic Development and Northern Peoples' Affairs
    - Ministry of Education and Science
    - Ministry of Economy

    - State Committee for Employment
    - Arctic Research Center
3. M.K. Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University
    - Department of International Cooperation
    - Institute of Foreign Philology and Area Studies
    - Research Institute of Regional Economics of the North
    - Law Faculty
    - Institute of Finance and Economics
    - Institute of Natural Sciences
4. Faculty of World Economy and International Affairs, HSE University; Council on Foreign and Defense Policy; Foundation for World Policy Studies
5. Tobolsk Club, Lensky Club
6. Andrey Melnichenko Charitable Foundation (support of the Tobolsk and Lensky Clubs' events)
7. Scientific and Educational Center "North: Territory of Sustainable Development"
8. Federal Research Center "Yakutsk Scientific Center, SB RAS"; Scientific Council of the RAS on Arctic and Antarctic Studies; Council of the RAS on Innovative Problems of Transport and Logistics
9. Melnikov Permafrost Institute, SB RAS
10. Arctic State University of Arts, Culture and Creative Industries (AGUIKKI)
11. Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
12. Institute of State and Law of the RAS; Yakutsk Regional Branch of the Association of Lawyers of Russia
13. AK "ALROSA" (PJSC)
14. Expert Center "Project Office for Arctic Development" (PORA)
15. Russian Partnership for Climate Conservation; Oleg Deripaska Volnoe Delo Charitable Foundation
16. Research Institute of Storage Problems of Rosrezerv; JSC "Natural Cold of Yakutia"

17. Tyumen Regional Public Foundation "Tobolsk Revival"
18. Administration of the Urban District "City of Yakutsk"; Russian Geographical Society; project "Paths of Great Achievements"
19. Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia); Supreme Engineering Council of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia); Arctic State Agrotechnological University
20. Target Fund for Future Generations of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
21. GAU of the RS(Y) "Technopark Yakutia"
22. Burkalo Company (Irkutsk)

BUSINESS PROGRAMME

(List of events):

PLENARY SESSIONS

1. VII NSDF Plenary Session "Human Capital in the Age of AI: Demographics, Strategies, Competencies and the New Reality of Labor" (October 8)
2. VII NSDF Closing Plenary Session (October 9)

BLOCK I. III Tobolsk Readings: Joint Conference of the Lensky and Tobolsk Clubs "The Third Turn to the North: The Evolution of Russia's Civilizational Identity"

1. Presentation of the report "Ways and Roads of Siberia"
2. Presentation of the three-volume publication "The Lena River"
3. Opening of the joint session of the Tobolsk and Lensky Clubs. Expert session "Russia's Northern Character: Infrastructure, Meanings and Human Capital"
4. Round table "Philosophy of Northernness: Cultural Codes and Civilizational Identity"
5. Panel discussion "Infrastructure Sovereignty of the North: From the Trans-Arctic Transport Corridor to Smart Cities"
6. Panel discussion "Siberian Urban Planning as a Tool for Achieving Demographic Growth"
7. Round table "Siberian Demography: Challenges and Opportunities"

BLOCK II. Labor Market Transformation and Competencies of the Future: Rebooting the Educational Ecosystem

1. VIII Interregional Research-to-Practice Conference "Arctic Vector: Human Resources for the Arctic" (2 events)
2. Arctic Tourism as a Driver of Socio-Economic Development of the North-East of Russia
3. RACAR session "International Scientific Cooperation in the Arctic: Research Platforms, Partnership Networks and Contribution to the Global Agenda"
4. IV RACAR Round Table "Preparing for the 5th International Polar Year (IPY-5)"
5. Artificial Intelligence in the Service of the Arctic

BLOCK III. Impact of Climate Change on Ecosystems and the Formation of New Arctic Skills

1. Round table (conference) "Cryogenic Resources for Sustaining Life in the North: Current State and Prospects"
2. Round table "From Yakutsk to Antalya: Shaping a Single Arctic Voice for COP31"
3. Round table "Baikal as the Altar of Nature: Sacred Dimension and Climate Responsibility"
4. Expert session "Climate Regulation in Russia – 2026: New Rules of the Game for the Arctic"
5. Open discussion platform "Arctic 2050: Technologies, Ecology, People – Pathways to Sustainable Development of the Trans-Arctic Transport Corridor"

BLOCK IV. Northern Forum: The Voice of Regions in the International Agenda

1. Open discussion platform "Russian-Chinese Cooperation in the Arctic." The Northern Forum as a platform for Russian-Chinese regional cooperation in the Arctic
2. Panel discussion "International Partnership in the Arctic: New Formats, New Participants, New Solutions"
3. Q&A session "Can I Ask a Question?": 2nd meeting of the Association of Northern Forum Schools with Northern Forum Goodwill Ambassadors

4. Foresight session of the Association of Northern Forum Schools "School, Teacher, Student: AI Transformation of the Educational Ecosystem"
5. Round table "The Arctic – a Territory of New Strategic Decisions: Historical Experience and Anniversary Milestones"

BLOCK V. Creative Industries and Arctic Culture

1. Scientific seminar "Arctic Circumpolar Civilization: The Scientific Legacy of U.A. Vinokurova"
2. Round table "AI for the North: Universities, Business and New Products for Territories"
3. Panel session "Cultural Heritage of the North and the Arctic: Strategy for the Future"

BLOCK VI. Accompanying Events

1. III International Arctic Legal Congress "Transformation of Legal Relations in the Era of Digital Technology Development" (4 events)
    1. All-Russian Research-to-Practice Conference "Human Rights and Freedoms in the Arctic: Challenges to Law in the Age of Digital Technology"
    2. Panel discussion "People in the Arctic: Law Facing the Challenges of the Age of Artificial Intelligence"
    3. International Research-to-Practice Conference "Strategic Orientations of Legal Regulation in the Context of the Digital Transformation of the Indigenous Culture of the Peoples of the North, the Economy, Industry and Ecology of the Arctic"
    4. Youth session "Young Scientist's Podium"
2. X All-Russian Research-to-Practice Conference "Sustainable North: Society, Economy, Ecology, Politics" (7 events)
    1. Panel discussion "New Technological Paradigm and Artificial Intelligence – Opportunities and Risks for the Regional Economy"
    2. II Research-to-Practice Seminar "Trans-Arctic Transport Corridor: Methodology for the Feasibility Study of the Project's Development"
    3. Round table "Regional Economics of the North – the Scientific School of E.G. Egorov"

4. Section 1. "Environmental Economics of Northern Territories"
5. Section 2. "Demographic and Labor Potential for the Development of Northern Territories of Russia"
6. Section 3. "Problems of Managing Sustainable Development of Northern Territories"
7. Round table "Development of Integration between Science, Entrepreneurship and Industry in Territories with Extremely Cold Climates of the Far Eastern and Siberian Federal Districts"

3. Round table – project session "Territorial Endowments as an Instrument of Long-Term Development of Local Communities"

BLOCK VII. Presentations and Exhibitions

1. Presentation of the federal project "Tyloviki.RF" – home front support for ALSIB (Alaska–Siberia air route)
2. Presentation of the English edition of the book by I.E. Negenbli "History of the Air Route"
3. Presentation of the book "Cold and Life"
4. Youth exhibition – an artistic research project (AGUIKKI)
5. Exhibition of the "Yakutia" Technopark
6. Photo exhibition "Paths of Great Achievements"

Cultural programme: the opera "The Dawns Here Are Quiet" by the State Opera and Ballet Theatre of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), museum visits.

MEDIA COVERAGE

The progress and outcomes of the VII NSDF were covered by federal, regional and foreign media. Publications also appeared on the websites of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation, the Administration of the City of Yakutsk, the Northern Forum, NEFU, AGUIKKI, the Scientific and Educational Center "North," "Mayak Arktiki," "Komsomolskaya Pravda in Yakutia," Yakutia.AIF.ru, and on social networks (VK, MAX, Telegram). Work continues with foreign participants to place information in foreign media, websites and social networks.

Federal media – 14 publications

Outlet	Number of publications
TASS News Agency	3
Channel One	2
RIA Novosti	2
Rossiyskaya Gazeta	1
Interfax News Agency	1
Business newspaper "Vzglyad"	1
Federation Council website	1
Public News Service	1
NEWS.ru	1
BezFormata	1

TV Center channel filmed directly at the Forum venues.

Regional media – 53 publications and broadcasts

Outlet	Number of publications
GTRK "Sakha" / "Vesti-Sakha"	8
Yakutia24	7
Ulus.media	7
NVK "Sakha"	5
YSIA	5
Yakutia-Daily.ru	5
Sakha.gov.ru	4
SakhaLife	3
SakhaDay	2
SakhaNews Agency	2

Outlet	Number of publications
MK in Yakutia	1
SakhaPress	1
"Yakutsk Vecherny"	1
"Ekho Stolitsy"	1
"Kyym" newspaper	1

Foreign media – 5 publications

Outlet	Date	Headline
The Climate Watch (Bangladesh, English)	10.10.2026	Arctic forum explores new global partnerships to tackle climate challenges
Sputnik China (Chinese)	08.10.2026	Participants of the 7th Northern Forum on Sustainable Development discuss development of Russian-Chinese Arctic cooperation
Sohu (China, Chinese)	14.10.2026	The 7th Arctic Sustainable Development Forum held in Yakutsk, Russia: Russian-Chinese Arctic cooperation draws attention
Website of Harbin Polytechnic University, Institute of Environment (China, Chinese)	20.10.2026	Report on the delegation's visit to SB RAS and NEFU and participation in the VII NSDF
Facebook (English)	–	Russia and China eye expanded Arctic cooperation at Yakutsk Northern Forum

A detailed list of publications with links is available in the appendix "Media Monitoring."

PHOTO AND VIDEO LINKS

1. Video recordings of all Forum events on the VK platform: https://vkvideo.ru/@svfuniver/all
2. Video recordings and Forum materials are also posted on the official website: www.nsdf.ru

Photo and video materials of the VII NSDF (Yandex Disk):

1. https://disk.yandex.ru/d/WLPU6BsbzWoyeA
2. https://disk.yandex.ru/d/tI6YaxeL6Zbl8g
3. https://disk.yandex.ru/d/D6eXouKRzlWyFQ
4. https://disk.yandex.ru/d/NAIP9GtGPqg7Bg

Additional materials: 5. https://disk.yandex.ru/d/A5_J1128MplD3Q 6. https://disk.yandex.ru/d/dAISy9wMW7Cpww 7. https://disk.yandex.ru/d/fAPqQmssg8zSOQ 8. https://disk.yandex.ru/d/QazVxRGJINC3dA 9. https://disk.yandex.ru/d/LqvK16W60Aq2lQ 10. https://disk.yandex.ru/d/nw5KRcwMZlErAA 11. https://disk.yandex.ru/d/DmoeHKjYtgA0Rg 12. https://disk.yandex.ru/d/HJ7bKNPpV92wcw 13. https://disk.yandex.ru/d/VX4Uvp6vT9OO8g