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# ARCTIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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## KEY THEMES



- D. Medvedev Signs Order to Allocate 321 Million Roubles to Renovation of Northern (Arctic) Federal University
- Joint Efforts of to Develop Oil and Gas Fields in Arctic and Russian Far East May Serve as a New Point of Cooperation Development Between Russia and China
- Roscongress Invites Arctic Days in Moscow Participants to Propose Their Own Ideas for the International Arctic Forum Business Programme

## INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC FORUM NEWS

26 November 2018, TASS

### **Projects for Improving the Arctic Environment to Be Presented at the International Arctic Forum 2019**

As part of Arctic Days in Moscow, Roscongress representatives invited participants to propose their own ideas for the business programme of the 5th 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' International Arctic Forum, which will be held on 9–10 April 2019 in Arkhangelsk. Roscongress is serving as the operator of the forum, which is expected to be the largest platform for discussing the problems and opportunities of Arctic development on an international level.

The forum's business programme is currently in development and is open to interesting and promising projects.

<https://tass.ru/novosti-partnerov/5836283>

26 November 2018, TASS

### **Guests of the 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' Forum to Eat Traditional Pomorsky Dishes**

Traditional Pomorsky dishes will serve as the foundation of the menu offered to participants and guests of the 5th 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' International Arctic Forum, which will be held in Arkhangelsk. This was reported to TASS by Minister of Agriculture and Trade of the Arkhangelsk Oblast Irina Bazhanova.

According to the regional administration's press service, the list of catering enterprises working with the forum guests has recently been approved. The document lists 51 local catering enterprises. This includes 29 of Arkhangelsk's best restaurants and commissaries, 16 caterers from Severodvinsk, and three enterprises each from Novodvinsk and the Primorsky District.

<https://tass.ru/obschestvo/5835373>

24 November 2018, RIA Novosti

### **Finland to Participate in the International Arctic Forum**

At a meeting, Finnish Ambassador to Russia Mikko Hautala and Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation Anton Kobayakov discussed Finland's participation in SPIEF, the 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' International Arctic Forum in Arkhangelsk, and the visit of heads of Russian regions to Finland in 2019 organized by the Roscongress Foundation.

Mikko Hautala also proposed holding a Russia–Finland Business Dialogue at SPIEF, which would be attended by heads of government bodies and executives from large Finnish companies and corporations. The Ambassador also proposed holding a session on environmental issues in the Arctic at the International Arctic Forum.

<https://ria.ru/economy/20181124/1533426270.html>

## **NATIONAL POLICY IN THE ARCTIC REGION**

29 November 2018, RT, RIA Novosti

### **Igor Sechin Calls for Joint Russian–Chinese Development of Oil and Gas in Arctic**

The joint efforts of Russia and China to develop oil and gas fields in the Arctic and Russian Far East may serve as a new point of cooperation development between the two countries, according to Rosneft CEO Igor Sechin.

He shared this view during a presentation at the Russian–Chinese Energy Business Forum.

“Joint development of oil and gas resources on the Arctic shelf and in the Russian Far East and development of maritime shipping through the Northern Sea Route may serve as new points of growth for Russian–Chinese cooperation,” announced Igor Sechin.

<https://russian.rt.com/business/news/577518-rossiya-kitai-neft-arktika>

27 November 2018, TASS

### **Dmitry Medvedev Signs Order to Allocate Funds for the Renovation of Arkhangelsk University**

“To allocate towards the Ministry of Education and Science from the Reserve Fund of the Government of the Russian Federation in 2018, budgetary provisions in the size of 321,650 thousand roubles for providing subsidies from the federal budget to the Federal State Autonomous Institution of Higher Education 'Northern (Arctic) Federal University' for renovation of its facilities as part of preparations for the 5th 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' International Arctic Forum”, states the declared in the order of Prime Minister.

<https://tass.ru/obschestvo/5841380>

# NEW DEVELOPMENT MECHANISMS FOR THE ARCTIC: SUCCESS STORIES

28 November 2018, Rossiyskaya Gazeta

## **Arctic Needs Skilled Workers with a Specialized Secondary Education**

Russia's Arctic regions must create a new system of professional training for the youth and reestablish the feedback channels between educational institutions and enterprises implementing Arctic mega-projects. According to experts, the most important person in the Polar region in the next few years will be the skilled worker with a specialized secondary education.

The development of the Russian Arctic shelf is moving at a pace comparable to the largest Soviet construction projects. It is expected that in the 2030s the flow of shipments on the Northern Sea Route will exceed 100 million tonnes, primarily because of the growing volumes of exported liquified natural gas, oil, and coal.

<https://rg.ru/2018/11/28/arktike-nuzhny-ruki-kvalificirovannyh-rabochih.html>

27 November 2018, Rossiyskaya Gazeta

## **Arkhangelsk to Create Situation Centre for Tracking Maritime Traffic**

The Situation Centre will consist of two components. The first is a news portal, aimed at a large user audience, but primarily for professional participants of maritime operations. Maritime shipping companies, shipment owners, and other related parties will be able to receive information about ice conditions, icebreaker locations, online tracking of vessels, and other data.

<https://rg.ru/2018/11/27/reg-szfo/v-arhangelske-sozdadut-arkticheskij-situacionnyj-centr.html>

# PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE ARCTIC REGION

12 November 2018, TASS

## **RAS President Announces that Academy will Actively Participate in the Arctic Forum**

According to him, the exploration and development opportunities in the Russian Arctic are worthy of serious scientific research. According to President A.Sergeev, science plays a vital role in the research into the region's energy supply projects, development of the Northern Sea Route, and climate change in the Arctic.

<http://tass.ru/nauka/5782499>

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