



NEWS DIGEST

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARCTIC

KEY THEMES

January 2019



- Decision made to move International Arctic Forum 9–10 April 2019 from Arkhangelsk to ExpoForum Exhibition and Convention Centre in St. Petersburg.
- Number of participants of 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' International Arctic Forum almost three times more than expected.
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment prepares Regulation on Russian Arctic National Park located in Primorsky Municipal District and Novaya Zemlya Urban Area of Arkhangelsk Region.

INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC FORUM MOVES TO ST. PETERSBURG

17 January 2019, NTV, TASS, RIA Novosti, Komsomolskaya Pravda, Izvestiya, etc..

St. Petersburg to host International Arctic Forum 2019

The Organizing Committee of the 5th 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' International Arctic Forum held a meeting in Moscow on 17 January chaired by Russian Deputy Prime Minister and Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District Yury Trutnev.

The Committee decided to relocate the Forum, which is to be held on 9–10 April 2019, from Arkhangelsk to the ExpoForum Exhibition and Convention Centre in St. Petersburg. The decision is based on the need to accommodate a larger number of guests and participants at the Forum than in 2017 as well as the inability of Arkhangelsk's hotel infrastructure to handle the growing demand.

<https://www.ntv.ru/novosti/2139721/>

OTHER NEWS OF INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC FORUM

22 January 2019, Prime

Chukotka to present projects on gold mining and environment at International Arctic Forum

The authorities of Chukotka are planning to present projects on gold mining, environment, and preservations of indigenous peoples at the 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' International Arctic Forum, according to the regional government.

"A new forum venue means more responsibility for us. We have things worth seeing. Those are projects on subsoil usage, infrastructure, development of the Baimka ore zone, and projects on preserving traditional ways of life of indigenous small-numbered peoples and environmental projects," says Governor of Chukotka Roman Kopin according to the press release.

<https://1prime.ru/News/20190122/829635164.html>

18 January 2019, TASS

The number of participants of the 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' Forum to be three times more than expected

"Originally, 1,510 participants were expected based on the data as of spring 2018. Today, it is more than 4 thousand people and the registration is still open. This is why the decision was made to relocate the Forum to St. Petersburg," said Lev Levit, Representative of the Governor of the Arkhangelsk Region for Arctic Development at a press conference.

<https://tass.ru/arktika-segodnya/6015474>

18 January 2019, Rossiyskaya Gazeta

Arkhangelsk remains venue for discussing Arctic

Other events of the Arctic agenda are suggested to be held in Arkhangelsk: the forum on natural resources and environment of the Arctic, SPIEF off-site sessions 'Russia's Regions: New Areas of Growth', meetings of the Association of Polar Explorers, etc., said Lev Levit at a press conference.

The Representative of the Governor emphasized that federal funds allocated to the Forum for development of Arkhangelsk infrastructure will still be provided. Renovation of Lomonosov Northern (Arctic) Federal University premises and reconstruction of the runway at Arkhangelsk airport will be monitored till the work is completed.

<https://rg.ru/2019/01/18/reg-szfo/arhangelsk-ostanetsia-ploshchadkoj-dlia-obsuzhdeniia-arktiki.html>

GOVERNMENTAL POLICY IN THE ARCTIC REGION

28 January 2019, TASS

Yury Trutnev to suggest candidates for Deputy Minister for the Development of the Russian Far East on Arctic Affairs to Dmitry Medvedev

Yury Trutnev, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation and Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District of the Russian Federation, will nominate candidates for the position of Deputy Minister for the development of the Russian Far East on Arctic Affairs anytime soon.

"I have suggestions and I'm going to submit them to Dmitry Medvedev upon return from the business trip," said Yury Trutnev.

Earlier, Dmitry Medvedev proposed to expand the responsibilities of the Ministry for the Development of the Russian Far East by adding Arctic issues. This governmental body is already engaged in fulfilling similar tasks. Dmitry Medvedev noted that for Russia the Arctic is a crucial region that has a powerful resource potential and where new ports are being built and new energy capacities are being created. However, he says that there is no single entity in the Government to coordinate this work on a regular basis.

<https://tass.ru/politika/6048432>

28 January 2019, Parlamentskaya Gazeta

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment develops the Regulation on Russian Arctic National Park

The document sets out activities that are prohibited in the park given the regimen of special protection. The relevant draft order is published on the portal for regulations drafts.

The national park is located in the Arkhangelsk Region in Primorsky District and Novaya Zemlya Urban Area. The borders of the National Park and particulars of the special protection regimen are taken into account in developing plans and prospects of social and economic development of the Russian Arctic Region, in preparing documents of territorial planning, and performing land inventory.

<https://www.pnp.ru/social/minprirody-podgotovilo-polozhenie-o-nacionalnom-parke-russkaya-arktika.html>

NEW MECHANISMS OF ARCTIC DEVELOPMENT: SUCCESS STORIES

27 January 2019, Nezavisimaya Gazeta

Arctic to become the region of stability and collaboration

The 'Arctic Frontiers' 13th international conference took place in Norwegian Tromsø and was visited by delegations from 35 countries. It was mentioned at the Forum that the interest in the Arctic is, first of all, based on global climate change that manifests as accelerated ice cover thaw. The major reason, however is the data on untold riches of the Arctic and new emerging technologies for deep-sea drilling that allow mining natural resources from the seabed under severe northern conditions. As for Russia, almost 100% of diamonds, antimony, apatite, 95% of platinoids, about 95% of nickel, cobalt, chrome, and manganese, 60% of copper, 40% of gold are produced in the Arctic Circle.

Russian Foreign Ministry's Ambassador-at-Large Nikolay Korchunov who is responsible for the international cooperation in the Arctic noted that another reason why the conference in Norway was interesting for Russia was the upcoming international forum 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' to be held in St. Petersburg in April. "We are hoping that this constructive exchange of views that we saw in Tromsø, will be logically continued in the Northern Capital of Russia," summarized Mr. Korchunov.

http://www.ng.ru/courier/2019-01-27/9_7492_arctic.html

25 January 2019, TASS

Roscongress provides Lomonosov Northern (Arctic) Federal University with 2.5 million roubles for unmanned aerial vehicles in arctic conditions modelling school

The Roscongress Foundation will provide grants to Russian social projects with 2.5 million roubles set aside for their support as part of a charity programme. The criteria for selecting grant applicants were announced in Sochi last year during the work of the Social Impact Lounge at the Russian Investment Forum. Projects were selected over the course of the year in five categories: social services, culture, medicine, youth initiatives, and social entrepreneurship.

The grant for the 'Youth Initiatives' nomination was awarded to the Lomonosov Northern (Arctic) Federal University for the creation of a 'From Youth Models to Arctic Drones' school for modelling unmanned aerial vehicles in arctic conditions.

<https://tass.ru/novosti-partnerov/6041855>

PRESERVING ARCTIC ENVIRONMENT

11 January 2019 IA Regnum

Condition of water biological resources to be discussed in Arkhangelsk

12–13 April 2019 in Arkhangelsk scientists from the US, Canada, Denmark and other signatory countries to Agreement on the Prevention of Unregulated High Seas Fishing in the Central Part of the Arctic Ocean will discuss focus areas regarding research and managing arctic deposits of water biological resources, reports the press service of the Russian Federal Agency for Fishery.

<https://regnum.ru/news/2550621.html>

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Forum's website: www.forumarctica.ru

For reference:

The 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' International Arctic Forum is one of the key platforms for the discussion, at a global level, of problems and opportunities for the Arctic region. The Forum is an opportunity for members of the international community to pool their efforts to ensure the efficient development of the Arctic and higher living standards for populations living in Arctic territories. The 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' Forum was first held in 2010 and was devoted to contemporary problems of the Arctic region. The second forum was held in 2011 and focused on issues of developing transport systems in the Arctic, in 2013 the key themes considered included environmental protection, while in 2017 the Forum's theme was 'People and the Arctic'.

Roscongress Foundation is a socially oriented non-financial development institution and a major organizer of international conventions, exhibitions and public events.

The Roscongress Foundation was founded in 2007 with the aim of facilitating the development of Russia's economic potential and strengthening the country's image by organizing international conventions, exhibitions, and public events. The Foundation develops substantive content for such events, providing companies and organizations with advice, information, and expert guidance, and offering comprehensive evaluation, analysis, and coverage of the Russian and global economic agendas. It offers administrative services and promotional support for business projects and helps to attract investment, including in the form of public-private partnerships.

Today, its annual programme includes events held from Montevideo to Vladivostok, offering an opportunity to bring together global business leaders, experts, the media, and government officials in one place, creating favourable conditions for dialogue and the promotion of new ideas and projects, and assisting in the creation of social enterprise and charity projects.

www.roscongress.org