



## **Youth Ecological Forum – 2019**

### **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

1.1. The Youth Ecological Forum (YEF or Forum) was created to support comprehensive and balanced environmental education in order to realize the creative and leadership potential of Northern Youth. YEF is fostering a generation of youth that is proactive in addressing environmental issues, it is enhancing international relations through shared experiences in unique northern settings, and provides the tools for youth to make a difference in their home region. At the forum, teenagers and young people not only can get to know each other and have a good time, but also share their experience about the environmental problems of the places where they come from. Focal topics - prevention of climate change, improving environmental literacy of citizens, urban ecology and the like; moreover, topics are updated for each new forum

1.2. Since 2001, the YEF has been organized on a regular basis by the international organization of the northern regions "The Northern Forum". Youth Ecological Forums have been held almost every year for more than 10 years. The first Forum was held in 2001 in Edmonton (Canada), and brought together 20 students from 7 countries and regions. Over the years, the Forum was hosted by such cities as Sapporo (Japan), Akureyri (Iceland), Khanty-Mansiysk (Russia), Anchorage (USA), Whitehorse (Canada), Yakutsk (Russia), Salekhard (Russia), Rovaniemi (Finland).

1.3. The working language of the Forum is English.

### **2. ORGANIZERS**

2.1. The YEF is held annually by the Northern Forum and its Secretariat jointly with executive bodies of the Northern Forum member-region (annually alternating host region).

2.2. Governments of the Northern Forum member-regions are welcomed to participate in YEF organization, as well as their subordinate organizations and enterprises, institutions of primary, secondary, or high education, business and public representatives, and private individuals who share the aim of YEF, made an essential contribution to its development and are actively involved in the YEF organization.

2.3. The management and supervision of the Forum is provided by the Northern Forum Secretariat and the host region.

The Northern Forum Secretariat and the host region are responsible for:

- preparation, organization and holding of the Forum;
- program and bylaws of the Forum;
- research and cultural programs of the Forum;
- establishment of the expert council and its coordination;
- media coverage (in English and Russian);

- estimation of costs and identification of sponsors;
  - interaction with state authorities of the Northern Forum member-regions.
- 2.4. YEF Organizers create an expert council to review submitted works. The expert council is composed of candidates proposed by the Regional Coordinators Committee when the annual Forum is announced.
- 2.5. Review of the works is carried out by the expert council of the Forum.

### 3. PARTICIPANTS

- 3.1. Students of secondary education institutions are welcomed to participate.
- 3.2. Participants should submit applications directly or via NF Regional Coordinator from their home region by July 15, 2019.
- 3.3. Age of participant – 14-18 years.
- 3.4. A submitted paper/research/report/presentation must have no more than 2 student authors and 1 supervisor.
- 3.5. Each participant can submit several papers/researches/reports/presentations, but has to present only one at the Forum.
- 3.6. The supervisor is a co-author of the paper/research/report/presentation, but he/she cannot present it at the Forum.

### 4. REQUIREMENTS

4. 1. The main theme of the YEF - 2019: “Voice of the Northern regions youth for the protection of the Arctic water resources”.

Participants papers/researches/reports/presentations content:

- Study of wild or domestic animals and wild or cultivated plants ecology, as well as mushroom and lichens; floristic-faunistic studies.
- Study of protection and conservation of environment, protected animals and plants, protected areas, etc.
- Study of effects of pollution on the environment; environmental monitoring etc.
- Study of ecological interactions and local ecosystem.
- Report on environmental project/event made by participant in his/her home region.

It is important to note that works which do not correspond to the main theme of the Forum will not be accepted.

4. 2. Form of presentation:

- A report on conducted research: brief introduction and main outcomes
- A report on environmental project/event made by participant in his/her home region: brief introduction, main outcomes and potential for interregional and / or international cooperation.