



2024



The Northern Forum

Annual Report



Dear friends,

The world is undergoing tectonic shifts, the political map is being redrawn before our eyes, the degree and scale of conflicts in different parts of the planet are increasing. Tensions are also growing in the Arctic, statements by the US President elect Donald Trump, especially ahead of the Arctic Council's chairship transfer to Denmark, can seriously alter the structure of international cooperation not only in the coldest region, but also in the whole world.

Thanks to the solid foundation and unity of all members and structures of the Northern Forum, we are able to demonstrate maximum flexibility in building cooperation at various levels both within the country and in the international community, and achieve results beneficial for the organization. In 2024, we continued expanding our cooperation's geography – a business forum was successfully held in Harbin (China) as well as visiting sessions of the Russian-Asian Consortium for Arctic Research in Delhi (India) and Qingdao (China). With the support of Melnichenko Charity Foundation, the Arctic Pavilion was for the first time created at the 29th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Baku (Azerbaijan), not to mention numerous events in the Northern Forum regions that attracted considerable attention.

The reputation of the Northern Forum, supporting peaceful and constructive cooperation with all countries of the world and promoting a positive image of Russia in the international arena, remains impeccable and attracts more and more partners in different countries, confirming the rightness of the chosen path, in accordance with the organization's Short and Midterm Development Concept, adopted by the Board of Governors in 2022.

Another whorl of the upward development spiral has been passed and we must only increase the pace, drawing more and more healthy forces of humanity in the orbit of benevolent cooperation.

We must strive for the Northern Forum to gradually become a global interregional organization developing mutually beneficial North - South cooperation.

Sincerely,

VLADIMIR VASILEV

Executive Director

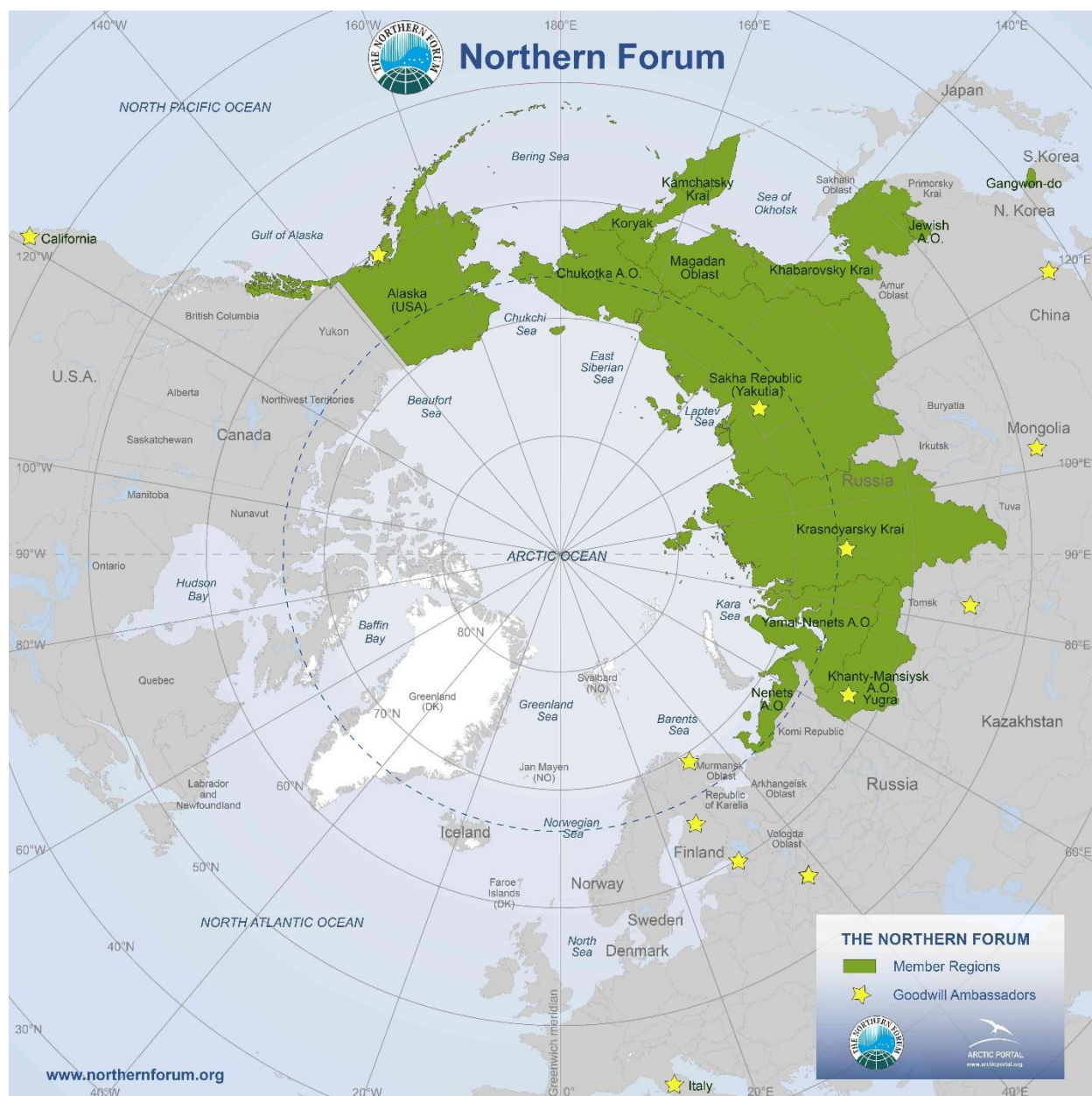
The Northern Forum

Northern Forum (NF) is an international organization of northern regions established on November 8, 1991. It is an observer to the Arctic Council and UNFCCC. It is accredited with the UN Environment Program.

The Secretariat is located in Yakutsk, Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Russia.

<https://www.northernforum.org>

The mission of the Northern Forum is to improve the quality of life and support the regional sustainable development.



The fundamental documents regulating the activities of the Northern Forum are as follows: Bylaws, Rules of Procedure, Development Strategy until 2030 (approved in 2019 at the II NF Governors Summit), Short and Midterm Development Concept (approved on June 7, 2022 by the Regional Coordinators Committee and adopted on November 28, 2022 at the III NF Governors Summit), as well as the Minutes and Resolutions of the Regional Coordinators Committee and the Board of Governors.



MEMBERSHIP

At present, there are 12 member regions in the Northern Forum:

- Jewish Autonomous Oblast
- Kamchatka Krai
- Krasnoyarsk Krai
- Magadan Oblast
- Nenets Autonomous Okrug
- Sakha Republic (Yakutia)
- Khabarovsk Krai
- Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug – Yugra
- Chukotka Autonomous Okrug
- Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug
- State of Alaska (the USA)
- Gangwon province (the Republic of Korea)

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

Due to the absence of the official membership cancellation letters, the Regional Coordinators Committee at its meeting on December 8, 2023 decided not to exclude the State of Alaska (the USA) and Gangwon Province (the Republic of Korea) from the Northern Forum.

These regions have an inactive status. At the same time, their presence in the organization, along with the business partners, Goodwill Ambassadors, members of the Russian-Asian Consortium for Arctic Research, the Northern Youth Forum and the newly created NF Schools Association from different countries, helps maintain the status of the international organization.

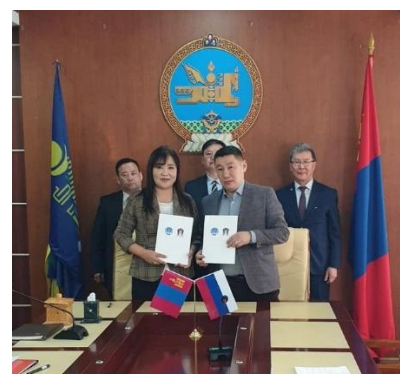
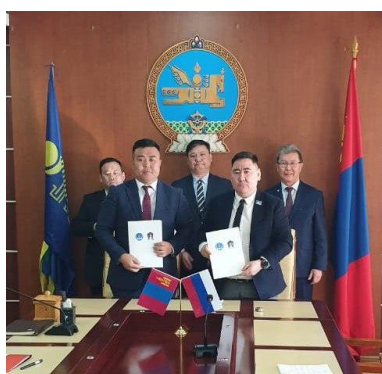
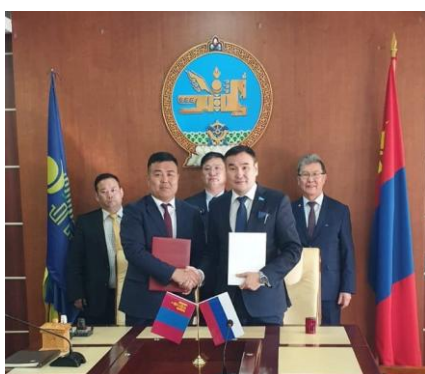
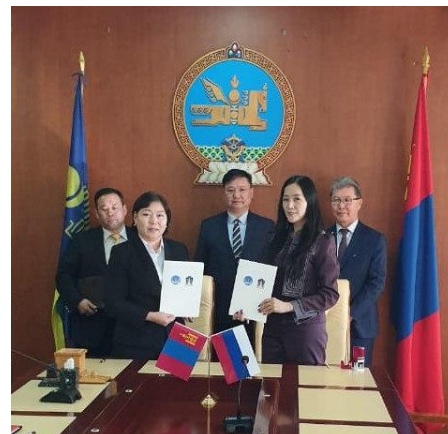
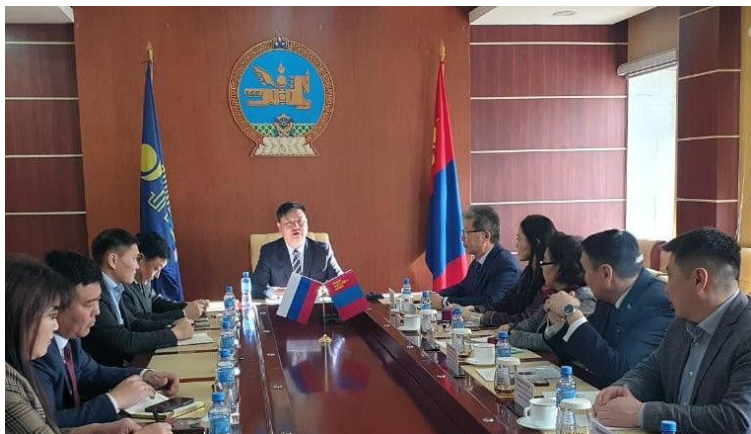
Work is underway to develop relations with the regions of Mongolia and China.

The relations of the Northern Forum, including its member regions, with Mongolia are gradually expanding. Three schools of Uvurkhangai Province have joined the Schools Association, Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra is developing cooperation in chess sports and Sakha Republic (Yakutia) - in supporting compatriots. Krasnoyarsk Krai is actively cooperating with Mongolia on the development of tourism, agricultural education, and medicine.

Earlier, Uvurkhangai Province expressed its interest in membership. During the year, two meetings were held with the Province Governor Mr. Dorjsuren, where the readiness to join the Northern Forum was strongly confirmed, but so far, the issue has not been duly elaborated for various reasons.

On February 26-27, with the support of the NF Goodwill Ambassador Amarjargal Balzhinnyam, a delegation from the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) visited Uvurkhangai Province of Mongolia. The Chairs of the Councils of Deputies of the District Assemblies of Namtsy and

Verkhoyansk Municipal Districts of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) Alexey Vinokurov and Ekaterina Nogovitsyna, as well as the Head of the town of Verkhoyansk Mikhail Sadovnikov and the Head of Cheryumchinsky Area of Verkhoyansk District Vyacheslav Sleptsov signed twinning agreements with the sums of Kharkhorin, Arvaikheer, and Bat-Ulzii.



It was expected that an agreement on the Province's membership in the Northern Forum would be signed, however, Governor Dorjsuren apologized for the delay in coordinating the issue with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia. Nevertheless, quite productive negotiations on a number of issues, involving the Governors of several sums, took place.

In the fall of 2024, the Governor of this Province changed. The negotiation process will continue in 2025.

Attracting foreign regions to the Northern Forum is currently difficult due to the large-scale sanctions policy of the West towards the Russian Federation. At the same time, we remain optimistic and will continue working to attract regions from other countries.

RUSSIAN REGIONS – ACTIVE MEMBERS

10 Russian regions maintain active membership.

It was expected that Arkhangelsk and Tomsk Oblasts would become members in 2024. The regions confirm their interest in membership. It is necessary to agree on the venue and time for their membership's registration.

In 2023, the Recommendations of the Russian Foreign Ministry were sent to 15 regions. In 2024, the negotiation process was inactive due to lack of time and the arrangement of a significant number of major events. At the same time, the issue is controlled by the Russian

Foreign Ministry and the Secretariat regularly sends information through the Representative Office of the Russian Foreign Ministry in Yakutsk.

BUSINESS PARTNERS

Active business partner status is maintained by the Arctic Portal (Iceland), High North Center for Business and Governance of the Nord University Business School (Norway), Nord Power LLC – Urdel Activity Park, Yakutsk, Sakha Republic (Yakutia), and JSB Almazergienbank, Yakutsk, Sakha Republic (Yakutia).



The Arctic Portal maintains the NF website free of charge. It actively involves in all events of the Northern Forum and has supported the construction of the Arctic Pavilion at the 29th UNFCCC Conference of the Parties in Baku, which enables the Portal to expand its partnership network and maintain the NF engagement in the Arctic international cooperation.



Despite considerable restrictions on interaction with Russia, the representatives of the High North Center for Business and Governance of the Nord University Business School actively communicate with the Secretariat and exchange information.

The Center's coordinator regularly attends our online events.



JSB Almazergienbank takes an active part in such Northern Forum events as the Northern Sustainable Development Forum and IT agenda meetings; various options of cooperation are discussed.



Nord Power LLC – Urdel Activity Park provides assistance in organizing receptions for the NF guests and in holding its events.

In 2024, no work was conducted to expand business partnership as this membership class was being reconsidered. Long-term practice shows that it is necessary to change approaches, forms and mechanisms of work with the business community. It seems advisable to elaborate a concept for interaction with the business community on a mutually beneficial basis. Clear rules of cooperation should be established for businesses and, perhaps, establishing a partnership on a contractual basis for specific projects and events will be a more effective form of cooperation.



In 2024, agreements on supporting the V Northern Sustainable Development Forum and creating the Arctic Pavilion at the 29th UNFCCC Conference of the Parties, signed with Andrey Melnichenko Charity Foundation, became a perfect example of a highly productive partnership. The Foundation's support allowed to organize high-level events and provided for a global coverage of their activities in various areas.



Yakutsk Office of the Asia-Pacific Bank played an important role in implementing the project of creating the Arctic Pavilion by coordinating and organizing the transfer of funds in USD to pay for the rent of the premises and equipment for the Pavilion. In the conditions when most banks were under sanctions, the Bank's decision to support the NGO not engaged in foreign economic activity made it possible to implement one of the most successful projects of the Northern Forum in the recent years.

The areas of work appealing to business circles may include assistance in establishing partnerships with foreign colleagues, organizing their participation in international events and holding their own thematic events for business development for a certain fee.



Organization of the Business and Scientific Forum "Northern Forum - China" in Harbin (China) became an example of such cooperation. A Memorandum was signed with Xuan Yuan XY Group International Corporation, where it assumed financial obligations for preparing and holding the Forum (premises, equipment, simultaneous interpreting, accommodation and meals for a significant number of participants, reception, local transportation, cultural program).



PJSC Seligdar was the official partner of the V Northern Sustainable Development Forum.

Many companies have the opportunity to receive direct orders for providing services, production of souvenirs, and publications during the NF events. It should be noted that the Northern Forum Academy, on whose basis the NF Secretariat operates, has the right to conclude direct contracts without tendering, which allows choosing reliable suppliers and receiving significant discounts. Such suppliers can rightfully be considered business partners of the Northern Forum.

In particular, a significant number of small and medium businesses are involved in preparing and organizing the events of the Northern Sustainable Development Forum.

For example, Kierge LLC (Yakutsk) initiated and produced the Northern Forum memorial sign "For Preserving the Cultural Heritage of the North and the Arctic", which will become one of the types of recognition.

Souvenirossof LLC (Novosibirsk) produced Walter Hickel medals and Goodwill Ambassador badges, Zvezda LLC (Yakutsk) produced the Northern Forum badges, Cycle LLC is a regular provider of publishing services, etc.

Thus, the "business partner" membership class can be divided into several categories. Cooperation with commercial structures will be described in more detail in the proposed Concept for Interaction with Business Circles.



BUDGET PERFORMANCE

PROFITS

Funding sources		Planned, RUB	Actual, RUB
Balance as of 01.01.2024		153 102,43	153 102,43
TOTAL RECEIPTS as of 2024		14 350 000,00	12 880 000,00
№	Regions	14 000 000,00	12 630 000,00
1	Jewish Autonomous Oblast	800 000,00	0,00
2	Kamchatka Krai	1 400 000,00	1 000 000,00
3	Krasnoyarsk Krai	2 000 000,00	2 000 000,00
4	Magadan Oblast	800 000,00	800 000,00
5	Nenets Autonomous Okrug	500 000,00	500 000,00
6	Sakha Republic (Yakutia)	2 000 000,00	1 830 000,00
7	Khabarovsk Krai	2 000 000,00	2 000 000,00
8	Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug – Yugra	2 000 000,00	2 000 000,00
9	Chukotka Autonomous Okrug	500 000,00	500 000,00
10	Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug	2 000 000,00	2 000 000,00
№	Business Partners	350 000,00	250 000,00
1	NORD POWER LLC	100 000,00	0,00
2	JSB ALMAZERGIENBANK	250 000,00	250 000,00
Total BUDGET, including previous balance:		14 503 102,43	13 033 102,43

Additional receipts

Funding source	Designated purpose	Amount, RUB
Melnichenko Foundation	V Northern Sustainable Development Forum, Yakutsk	20 000 000,00
Melnichenko Foundation	the Arctic Pavilion at the 29 th UNFCCC Conference of the Parties, Baku	15 000 000,00
Xuan Yuan XY Group International Corporation, Harbin, China	Business and Scientific Forum "Northern Forum - China", Harbin	All expenses for organizing the Forum, accommodation and meals for 15 members of the NF delegation

Polar Research Center of
the Ocean University of
China

13th Russian-Chinese Academic
Meeting, RACAR external
meeting, Qingdao

Accommodation and
meals for the
members of the NF
and RACAR
delegations



*With Xue Xingfa, President of
XY Group, and Jian Jiao, First
Vice-President of the
Corporation*



*With Tatyana Zhuravleva,
Director General of
Melnichenko Foundation*



*With Professor Guo
Peiqing, Director of the
Polar Research Center,
Ocean University of China*



Mongolian schools' delegation in the office of the Northern Forum Secretariat

EXPENSES

No	Item of expense	Amount, RUB
1.	Wage bill, including:	4 823 905,74
2.	Wage charge 30,2%	1 456 819,53
3.	Hiring a self-employed person as a project manager – projects and events coordination services	570 071,00
4.	Accounting services	1 050 000,00
5.	Travel expenses, including travel and accommodation expenses of the NF Goodwill Ambassadors and partners	1 561 688,38
6.	Translation and interpreting services	342 380,00
7.	Support for the events, receipt of delegations	664 191,90
8.	Rent of premises	701 602,68
9.	Communications	115 100,28
10.	Purchase of fixed assets	328 220,00
11.	ZOOM business account	109 780,00
12.	Printing services	191 640,00
13.	Banking services	132 801,33
14.	Other (administrative, stationery, hospitality expenses, expenses for souvenirs, e-document flow software, accounting)	172 489,37
	TOTAL EXPENSES:	12 220 690,21
	Balance as of 31.12.2024	812 412,22

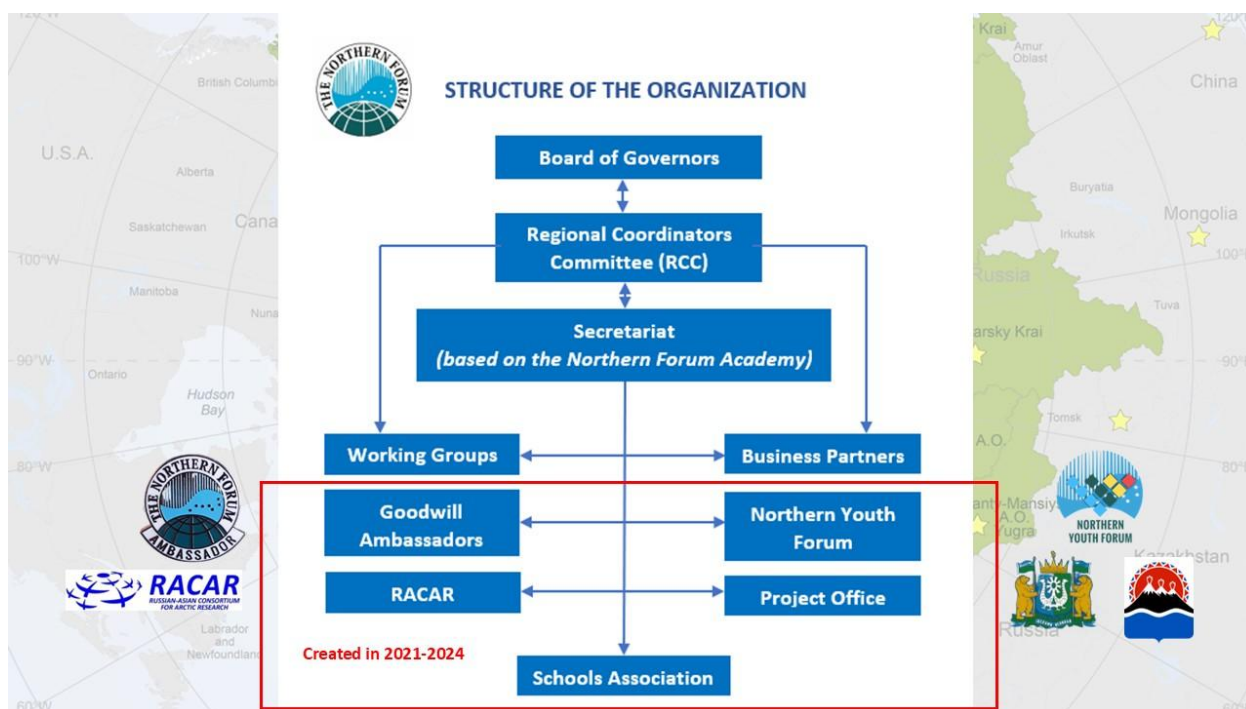
In general, the financial situation of the organization has improved significantly after the revision and approval of the dues under the simplified scheme, although there is still a lack of support for the real project activities. Nevertheless, it can be noted that this stability ensures the sustainable operation of the Secretariat.

There are still some failures in collecting the dues in full, but we hope that such problems will not arise when all members get actively involved in the NF activities. Unfortunately, Tomsk and Arkhangelsk Oblasts and Uvurkhangai Province of Mongolia did not register their membership in 2024. Accordingly, an additional RUB 4.5 million were not received. In this regard, we were forced to refuse supporting project activities.

The activities of the Northern Forum are constantly expanding and the shortfall in mandatory payments affects the efficiency and effectiveness of work. We have to cut events' support and save on the wage bill and wage charges. It should be taken into account that unforeseen expenses are quite high too. In general, the Secretariat adheres to the approved budget for the current financial year, making adjustments based on the feasibility of paying certain expenses and guided solely by the goals of increasing the attractiveness and authority of the organization and expanding the geography of cooperation.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

IMPROVING THE ORGANIZATION'S STRUCTURE



Active work is underway to improve the structure of the organization.

Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra and Kamchatka Krai are working to increase the involvement of the regions in the activities of the Northern Forum.

A Project Office has been created in Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra to support the Okrug's participation in the NF activities.

On July 22, 2024, the Order of Kamchatka Krai Government established a Board to discuss and develop proposals on the issues related to the implementation of the events of the Northern Forum, chaired by Deputy Chair of the Government Pavel Yasevich. The Board includes the heads of several ministries, representatives of indigenous peoples' organizations, public organizations, and businesses.

It is advisable to disseminate this practice to other NF member regions.

On September 28, 2024, at the V Northern Sustainable Development Forum, following a constituent meeting, the Northern Forum Schools Association was established.

Thus, we can consider the strengthening of the organization's structure complete. Next, it is necessary to ensure its sustainable and effective operation.

CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT BODIES

Following the election results on the Single Voting Day, as well as due to the decisions of the RF President Vladimir Putin, some changes have taken place in the regional administrations and, respectively, in the Board of Governors of the Northern Forum:

Region	Previous Governor	New Governor
Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra	Natalia Komarova	Ruslan Kukharuk
Khabarovsk Krai	Mikhail Degtyarev	Dmitry Demeshin
Jewish Autonomous Oblast	Rostislav Goldstein	Maria Kostyuk

Regional Coordinators have also changed:

Eduard Isakov resigned from his position of the NF Regional Coordinator from Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra on his own initiative. His position as the Chair of the Creative Industry Working Group needs clarification.

Regional Coordinator in Krasnoyarsk Krai has changed: Sergey Vereshchagin, appointed the Chair of the Krai Government, was replaced by ViceGovernor Valery Semenov.

Erkin Zakirov left for another region and, accordingly, also resigned from his position of the Northern Forum Regional Coordinator from Chukotka Autonomous Okrug. The new regional coordinator is Anton Yaremchuk, Vice-Governor - Chair of the Government of Chukotka Autonomous Okrug, Head of the Economy and Investment Department.

RESHAPED BOARD OF GOVERNORS



Dmitry Artyukhov
Governor of Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug



Yuri Bezudny
Governor of Nenets Autonomous Okrug
Vice-Chair of the Northern Forum



Dmitry Demeshin
Governor of Khabarovsk Krai



Mikhail Kotyukov
Governor of Krasnoyarsk Krai



Maria Kostyuk
Acting Governor of Jewish Autonomous Oblast



Vladislav Kuznetsov
Governor of Chukotka Autonomous Okrug



Ruslan Kukharuk
Governor of Khanty-Mansyisk
Autonomous Okrug-Yugra
Chair of the Northern Forum



Aisen Nikolaev
Head of the Sakha Republic
(Yakutia)



Sergey Nosov
Governor of Magadan Oblast



Vladimir Solodov
Governor of Kamchatka Krai



Michael
Dunleavy Governor of the State
of Alaska, the USA



Kim Jin-tae
Governor of Gangwon Province,
Republic of Korea

RESHAPED REGIONAL COORDINATORS COMMITTEE



RCC Chair
Candidate not approved yet



Sergey Kungurtsev RCC Vice-Chair –
Chair of International and Interregional
Relations Committee of Department of
Digital Development, Communications
and Mass Media of Nenets Autonomous
Okrug



Valery Semenov
Vice-Governor of Krasnoyarsk Krai



Gavril Kirillin
Minister for External Relations and
Ethnic Affairs of the Sakha Republic
(Yakutia)



Dmitry Korostelev
Vice-Speaker of Legislative Assembly of
Kamchatka Krai,
President of Kamchatka Krai Chamber
of Commerce



Alexander Podoroga
Vice-Governor of Yamal-Nenets
Autonomous Okrug



Dmitry Portnov
Deputy Chair of
Government of
Magadan Oblast



Anna Tarasenko
Deputy Chair of Government
of Jewish Autonomous
Oblast



Valentina Filonenko
First Deputy Minister for Economic
Development of Khabarovsk Krai



Anton Yaremchuk
Vice Governor - Chair of the
Government of Chukotka
Autonomous Okrug, Head of
the Economy and
Investment Department

Following the Governor's change in Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug – Yugra, Eduard Isakov was appointed Vice-Governor and resigned from his position of the NF Regional Coordinator. As of the year-end, the new Coordinator has not been appointed.

In Chukotka Autonomous Okrug, Regional Coordinator Erkin Zakirov, Head of the Office for International Cooperation and the Arctic of the Governor and Government Office of Chukotka Autonomous Okrug, left for another region. New Regional Coordinator Anton Yaremchuk, Vice-Governor - Chair of the Government of Chukotka Autonomous Okrug, Head of the Economy and Investment Department, was appointed in December.

New Regional Coordinator was identified in Krasnoyarsk Krai – Vice-Governor Valery Semenov, supervising socio-economic development of the Krai's Arctic zone and the Agency for Northern Territories Development and Support of Indigenous Peoples of Krasnoyarsk Krai.

Alaska and Gangwon have an inactive position.

SECRETARIAT



There were changes in the Secretariat at the level of project managers. Tatyana Nikolaeva (Makarova), due to marriage, moved to St. Petersburg. From August to November, she provided contractual services of developing and maintaining the Arctic Pavilion website at COP29. By mutual agreement, from December 3 she resumed work at the Secretariat and will act as the NF Representative for Northwest Russia. She also became Deputy Chair for International Activities of the Northern Youth Forum.

In November, Dzhuluskhan Ivanov was called up for military service in the Russian Army with his position guaranteed upon return.

Otherwise, there are no changes in the Secretariat.

The Secretariat operates on the basis of the Association for Northern Territories' Development Assistance "The Northern Forum Academy".

THE NORTHERN FORUM GOODWILL AMBASSADORS



Currently, the Northern Forum has 19 ambassadors from 6 countries.

In 2024, Egor Borisov, Deputy Chair of the Council of Federation's Committee on Agrarian and Food Policy and Environmental Management, Representative of executive authorities of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia), President and Head of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) in 2010-2018, joined the Northern Forum Goodwill Ambassadors.

Being the Head of Yakutia, Egor Borisov assumed the chairmanship of the Northern Forum at the organization's most difficult "to be or not to be" times in 2011. Yakutia chaired the organization in 2011-2015; during this time period, the Secretariat was relocated to Yakutsk, all financial problems were resolved, an agreement was reached on returning Alaska and Lapland, support was received from the Russian Foreign Ministry, and significant events were held that strengthened the Northern Forum. Egor Borisov's contribution to moving eastwards was significant too: meetings were held with the President of Mongolia, the governors of Hokkaido Prefecture (Japan), Heilongjiang Province (China), and ties were actively established with the Republic of Korea and, in particular, Gangwon Province.

NORTHERN YOUTH FORUM

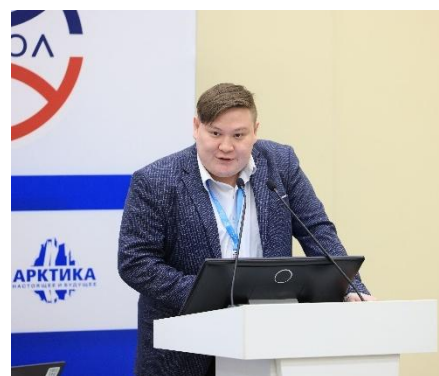


Northern Youth Forum is the NF youth association.

Savina Alexeeva, Head of Partnership and Accelerator Programs Department at Yakutia Venture Company, has productively worked as the NYF Chair in 2021-2024.

Following a series of consultations, Artur Gayulsky, Chair of the Youth Council at Krasnoyarsk Krai Regional Association of Indigenous Peoples, was recommended as the NYF Chair.

The Regional Coordinators Committee approved Artur Gayulsky as the NYF Chair (Minutes #5 of December 13, 2024).



WORKING GROUPS

The following Working Groups became active in 2024:

1. Culture



Chair – Sargylana Ignatieva, Rector, Arctic State Institute of Culture and Arts; Candidate of Pedagogics

2. Arctic Tourism Development



Chair – Tatiana Menshikova, Deputy Head of Staff, Commission of the State Council of the Russian Federation for Tourism, Physical Culture and Sport, Expert and Coordination Center of Commissions of the State Council of the Russian Federation

3. Transport and Logistics



Chair – Nadezhda Filippova, Professor, Moscow Road Institute

4. Education and Research



Chair – Feodosia Gabysheva, Head of Native Languages Research, Preservation and Development Center, Academy of Sciences of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia); Doctor of Pedagogics

5. Expert Group on the Assessment of the Quality of Life



Head – Lyudmila Borilo, Chief Academic Secretary, National Research Tomsk State University

Following his election Senator of the Russian Federation, Sakhamin Afanasiev resigned from his position of Chair of the Environment and Conservation of Biodiversity Working Group.

The chairs of the Creative Industries and Interparliamentary Cooperation Working Groups also require clarification. The establishment of Climate Change WG and Regional IT Agenda EG is under discussion.

RUSSIAN-ASIAN CONSORTIUM FOR ARCTIC RESEARCH (RACAR)

The Consortium is steadily increasing its capacity. Currently, 24 colleges, higher education institutions and research organizations from Russia, China, India and Indonesia are members of RACAR, 2 organizations from Russia have become its partners.



1. Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University (permanent chair)
2. The Northern Forum (permanent co-chair)
3. Yugra State University (co-chair for 2023-2025)
4. Admiral Makarov State University of Maritime and Inland Shipping
5. MGIMO University
6. Moscow State University of Geodesy and Cartography
7. Murmansk Arctic University
8. National Research Tomsk State University
9. Petrozavodsk State University
10. Russian State Hydrometeorological University
11. Herzen University
12. St. Petersburg State University

13. Lomonosov Northern (Arctic) Federal University
14. North-Eastern State University
15. Taimyr College
16. Nenets Agrarian-Economic Technical School
17. Institute of Economics and Industrial Engineering
18. Yugra Research Institute of Information Technologies
19. North Research and Education Center
20. Association for Development of Education Export Capacities
21. Ocean University of China
22. Green and Low Carbon Planning Institute (PRC)
23. Adamas University (Kolkata, India)
24. Institution of higher education services of the provinces of South Sumatra, Bandar Lampung and Bengkulu at the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technologies of the Republic of Indonesia (Indonesia).

Partners

25. Interregional Research and Technological, Business and Educational Partnership “Sustainable Development of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation”
26. Ust-Lensky State Reserve (Tiksi, Bulun District, Yakutia)

THE NORTHERN FORUM SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

On September 27, 2024, V Northern Sustainable Development Forum in Yakutsk frameworked a foundation meeting of the Northern Forum Schools Association.

The newly established Association includes:

Sakha Republic (Yakutia):

1. Arctic School of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Yakutsk
2. Berdigestyakh Osipov Secondary General School with Enhanced Education in Certain Subjects, Berdigestyakh village, Gorny District
3. City Classical Gymnasium # 8, Yakutsk
4. Krivoshapkin Secondary General School with Enhanced Education in Certain Subjects # 5, Yakutsk
5. Tatta Mordinov Lyceum, Ytyk-Kyuel village, Tatta District
6. Ytyk-Kyuel Sofronov-Alampa Secondary General School, Ytyk-Kyuel village, Tatta District
7. Yakutsk City National Gymnasium, Yakutsk

Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug – Yugra:

1. Gymnasium # 1, Nizhnevartovsk
2. Talinka Secondary General School, Talinka village

Nenets Autonomous Okrug:

3. Spirikhin Secondary General School # 1 with Enhanced Education in Certain Subjects, Naryan-Mar

Tomsk Oblast:

4. Zaozernaya Secondary General School # 16, Tomsk



Uvurkhangai Province, Mongolia:

5. School # 1 of Kharkhorin Sum
6. School # 2 of Kharkhorin Sum
7. School of Tegreg Sum



Andzhelika Gavrilova, Principal of Berdigestyakh Osipov Secondary General School with Enhanced Education in Certain Subjects, was elected the Association's Chair for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Andzhelika Gavrilova and the school she heads are the NF's long-term partners and active participants of Youth Eco Forum and other events; they hosted Youth Eco Forum in 2021. She is the initiator of the NF School Network; with this project, she became a III-degree laureate of the All-Russian Contest "Leader of People's Diplomacy" in 2023.

MAJOR EVENTS

ROUNDTABLE “INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION: OPPORTUNITIES AND PROSPECTS”

On March 5, the Northern Forum organized a roundtable “International Cooperation: Opportunities and Prospects” at the IX International Research and Practical Conference “Far East and Arctic: Sustainable Development” in Moscow.



It was moderated by Nikolai Korchunov, Ambassador-at-Large of the Russian Foreign Ministry. Representatives from Russia, Finland, Iceland, Denmark, Japan, and China took part in the roundtable.

In 2022-2023, the Northern Forum also prepared roundtables on international cooperation, but experts from other countries participated only online. In 2024, most of them came to participate in person, which indicated the desire of a number of Western organizations to continue cooperation with Russia: Lassi Heininen from Finland, Halldor Johannsson from Iceland, Hide Sakaguchi from Japan, Jiao Jian from China. Executive Director of the Arctic Economic Council Mads Frederiksen took part online.

At the conference, the Northern Forum was awarded a diploma of the Far East and Arctic Development Award in the nomination "Best Partner in International Cooperation".



On March 4, a meeting of the Northern Forum delegation with the management of Andrey Melnichenko Foundation took place in Moscow. The delegation was received by the Deputy Director General of the Foundation for Education and Science Ilya Tipunin and CEO of AIM Carbon Igor Akhmerov; other representatives of the Foundation also took part in the meeting.

The Northern Forum was represented by:

- Vladimir Vasilev, NF Executive Director.
- Anton Vasiliev, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation, Vice-President of Russian Polar Explorers Association, NF Goodwill Ambassador.
- Halldor Johannsson, Director of the Arctic Portal, NF Business Partner, Akureyri, Iceland.
- Hide Sakaguchi, Executive Director of the Ocean Policy Research Institute, Executive Director of Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Tokyo, Japan.

Igor Akhmerov presented the Foundation's plans to create an International Alliance for Permafrost Conservation and to involve experts from different countries in joint work on mapping and monitoring of permafrost and developing joint projects in this area.

In general, the idea is good; the members of the Northern Forum delegation highlighted the activities of the Permafrost Institute of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, as well as two international associations of permafrost researchers, in one of which Halldor Johannsson is a member of the Board. Mr. Johannsson also informed that a massive database on the state of permafrost in all parts of the world with a significant number of maps has been created on the Arctic Portal, and work is being carried out to study permafrost with experts from different countries. Anton Vasiliev informed about international cooperation in preparation for the International Polar Year 2032-2033 and the Arctic Research Planning Conference 2025, as well as about the activities of the Association of Polar Explorers of Russia and Russian State Hydrometeorological University, where he also works in the Arctic Center. Vladimir Vasilev spoke about the events where climate change issues are

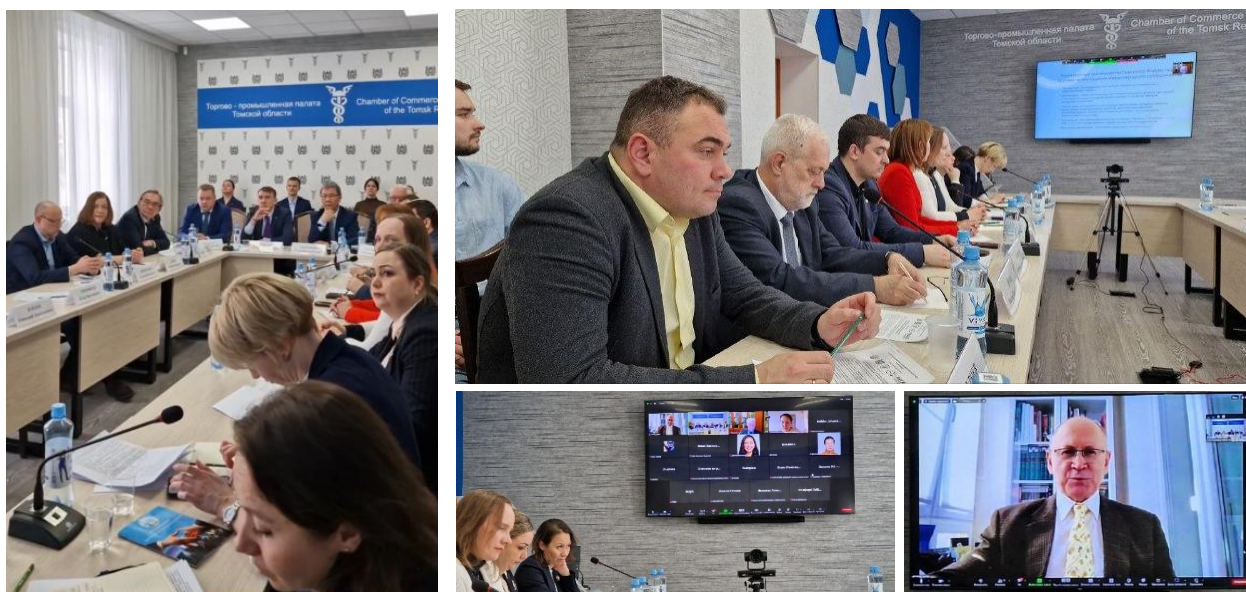
discussed and the structures that deal with this issue. Since 2023, a conference on permafrost thawing and climate change has been held in Yakutia, and since 2019 - the Northern Sustainable Development Forum. The Northern Forum is creating a new climate group, which includes representatives from Russia, the USA, Norway, Finland, Italy, China and Japan. The main goal of creating the group is to organize the participation of the Northern Forum regions in the annual UN Climate Change Conference and the development of joint projects of the regions. In addition, the Russian-Asian Consortium for Arctic Research is aimed at conducting research on climate change and permafrost.

Hide Sakaguchi briefly introduced the activities of Sasakawa Peace Foundation, one of the largest foundations in Japan, as well as the Ocean Policy Research Institute. The main interest of the Foundation and the Institute in the Arctic concerns the development of the Northern Sea Route and, accordingly, the issues of climate change and permafrost stability are also within their sphere of interest. He also informed that the Japan-Russia Association was created within the framework of the Foundation and he was elected its chairman. This year, active consultations with Russian colleagues began, including those from the Ministry of the Russian Federation for the Development of the Far East and the Arctic.

Following the discussions, Ilya Tipunin and Igor Akhmerov expressed satisfaction with the level of the Northern Forum expert team and their readiness to work together. At that, Igor Akhmerov noted that the Foundation team would prepare proposals on the formats and mechanisms of cooperation and, upon agreement with the Foundation's management, send them to the Northern Forum to continue consultations and develop plans for joint work.

THE NORTHERN FORUM EVENTS IN TOMSK

On April 23-25, the Second Northern Territories and Consortiums Forum was held in Tomsk, where the Northern Forum had two events: a roundtable on the NF activities and a meeting of the Expert Group on the Assessment of the Quality of Life. The roundtable on the NF activities aroused considerable interest not only among Tomsk residents, but also among other regions and organizations. A detailed overview of the NF activities and the main benefits of membership were presented.



We thank the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tomsk Oblast for providing the venue, and the regional administration for organizing and ensuring the participation of stakeholders. We have received a number of interesting initiatives that will help improve our work.

Key speakers:

1. Vladimir Vasilev, NF Executive Director
2. Vasily Potyomkin, Vice-Governor of Tomsk Oblast for Economy, Investment Policy and Property Relations
3. Anton Vasiliev, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation, Vice-President of Russian Polar Explorers Association, NF Goodwill Ambassador
4. Alexander Pelyasov, Director General of Regional Consulting Institute, Professor at Lomonosov Moscow State University, NF Goodwill Ambassador
5. Halldor Johannsson, Director of the Arctic Portal, NF Business Partner, Akureyri, Iceland
6. Viktor Dyomin, First Vice-Rector of National Research Tomsk State University
7. Yulia Lunyova, Oblast Committee of Environment Protection and Nature Use
8. Svyatoslav Perekhozhev, Director of Research and Education Center "3rd Mission of University"



The NF Expert Group on the Assessment of the Quality of Life has begun practical work on the indicators and indices. Four key reports were followed by the active dialogue. It is planned to prepare the first analytical product for regional governments by the end of the year. It will take several years to develop understandable indicators for assessing the quality of life in the regions, taking into account their characteristics, which will allow adjusting regional development programs and strategies and really improving people's lives.

The meeting discussed in detail the measurement methodology, criteria and indices of sustainable competitiveness of the Northern Forum regions.

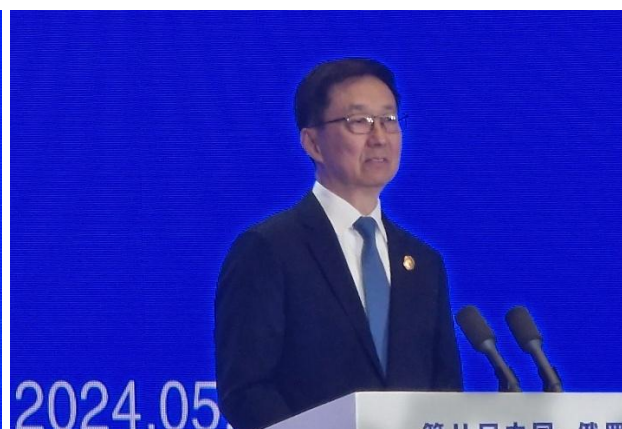
On April 24, Executive Director Vladimir Vasilev visited Zaozernaya School # 16 in Tomsk and took part in the All-Russian Pedagogical Festival "Innovative School", where he spoke about the measures of support and the NF work with young people and schoolchildren.



VIII RUSSIA-CHINA EXPO

Harbin, May 17-21

The EXPO opening ceremony was attended by the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin and the Vice-President of the People's Republic of China Han Zheng.



The EXPO business program included 16 events, including the Russian-Chinese Forum on Interregional Cooperation, roundtables and seminars in such areas as industry and high technology, metrology and standardization, transport and logistics, and urban economy. Members of the Northern Forum delegation attended a number of events.

The NF Executive Director Vladimir Vasilev was included in the official delegation of the Russian Federation. He took part in the EXPO opening ceremony, spoke at the Russian-Chinese Forum on Interregional Cooperation and, together with the host of Heilongjiang Provincial Television Mo Han, moderated the 2nd plenary session "Yakutia - Provinces of China: Sister City Relations for Strengthening Russian-Chinese Relations".

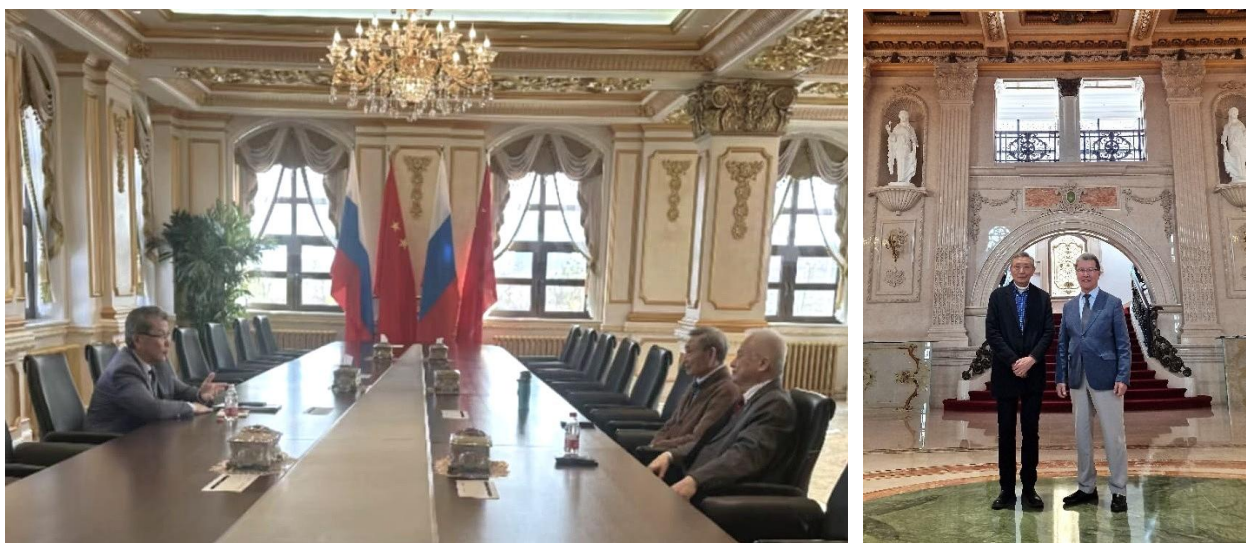


BUSINESS AND SCIENTIFIC FORUM “COOPERATION IN INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARCTIC”

At the suggestion of the NF Goodwill Ambassador, Director of the Polar Center of the Ocean University of China, Professor Guo Peiqing, and thanks to the successful experience of the NF events in Mongolia in 2023, the Northern Forum began a series of annual Northern Forum events in different countries in the format of "Northern Forum - China", "Northern Forum - Japan", etc., inviting a wide range of representatives from different countries interested in creative cooperation for sustainable development, business, scientific, educational, cultural exchange, and establishing mutually beneficial relations in all aspects of life.

Particular attention will be paid to the issues of climate change, conservation and use of permafrost, strengthening and developing cooperation in the Arctic.

The idea was supported by the President of Xuan Yuan XY Group, Mr. Xue Xingfa, who, in turn, proposed to consider the possibility of organizing the first such forum at the company's venue in Harbin. The corporation is one of the major investors in Russia and makes great efforts to promote the development of effective business cooperation, offering all opportunities for opening representative offices of Russian companies, holding major business events, negotiations, demonstrating products at its venues in China; it can become one of the supporting companies for the rapid development of economic ties between the countries.





XY Group is an international corporation "Xuan Yuan", founded in 1995. Currently, more than 1000 employees work in the Corporation's offices in North America, Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia. The most important areas of the Corporation's activities are international trade in railway equipment, industrial and technological equipment, as well as engineering work, construction of infrastructure facilities (bridges and roads, residential and commercial buildings), supply and installation of plants, production lines of any complexity. XY Group is a major developer and manufacturer of emergency warning and response systems for man-made and natural disasters.

The Northern Forum gratefully accepted the invitation of the XY Group Corporation President Xue Xingfa and began joint work on preparing a business forum dedicated to the VIII China-Russia EXPO, which took place on May 19, 2024.

The Russian delegation included representatives of the executive and legislative authorities of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra, Kamchatka Krai, Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Murmansk Oblast, Tomsk Oblast; the Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East, the leadership of the Northern Forum, researchers and lecturers of Ammosov North-Eastern Federal and Siberian Federal University.

The Chinese side was represented by business circles, government officials, scientists and university lecturers.

Representatives from Iceland, Japan, South Korea, South Africa and other countries also took part in the event.

The Forum was moderated by Vladimir Vasilev, Executive Director of the Northern Forum, and Jiao Jian, First Vice-President of Xuan Yuan Corporation XY Group.



Welcome speeches were delivered by:

- **Xue Xingfa**, President of Xuan Yuan Corporation, XY Group
- **Vladislav Nigmatulin**, Head of the Representative Office – Vice-Governor of Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug-Yugra (to be updated)
- **Aisen Nikolaev**, Head of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia)

Speakers:

- **Anton Alexeenko**, Vice-Mayor of the city of Yakutsk
- **Dzhulustan Borisov**, First Deputy Chair of Government of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia)
- **Anton Vasiliev**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation, Vice-President of the Russian Polar Explorers Association, the Northern Forum Goodwill Ambassador
- **Yuri Vasiliev**, Head of the Department of Road Construction Materials, Moscow Automobile Road Institute, Professor at the School of Transportation Science and Engineering, Harbin Polytechnic University
- **Leonid Vladimirov**, President of the Academy of Sciences of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia)
- **Nikolay Gogolev**, Director of the Medical Institute of Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University
- **Galina Dzyuba**, Chair of the Commission on Housing, Construction and Roads of the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation
- **Nikolay Dolgunov**, Chair of the Management Board of Almazergienbank JSC
- **Yulia Zaika**, Head of International Department, Kola Scientific Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- **Yuri Zakharinsky**, Senior Researcher at the Siberian Federal University, Vice- Chair of the Committee on Natural Resources and Ecology of the Legislative Assembly of Krasnoyarsk Krai, the Northern Forum Goodwill Ambassador
- **Sergey Zubkov**, General Director of Wizard LLC, Moscow, Russia
- **Alexander Izmestiev**, CEO, Yakutia's LNG LLC
- **Konstantin Kozerog**, President, WestLink Group of Companies
- **Vadim Kulikov**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Russian Technology Foundation JSC
- **Grigory Ledkov**, President of the Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON), Representative of Legislative Authorities of Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug in the Council of Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
- **Evgenia Ludupova**, Vice-Chair of Government, Minister of Healthcare of the Republic of Buryatia
- **Tamara Mordasova**, Head of Interregional Scientific, Technological, Business and Educational Partnership "Sustainable Development of the Far East and the Arctic", Moscow, Russia
- **Yulia Morozova**, Deputy Chairman of the Government of the Kamchatka Krai
- **Anatoly Nikolaev**, Rector of the North-Eastern Federal University n.a. M.K. Ammosov
- **Alexey Skorina**, Chief of Future Developments Department, Lomonosov Moscow State University Marine Research Center LLC
- **Irina Strelnikova**, co-director of the educational program "International Relations: European and Asian Studies", Associate Professor, Department of Foreign Regional Studies, Faculty of World Economy and World Politics, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
- **Nadezhda Kharlampieva**, Associate Professor, St. Petersburg State University, Goodwill Ambassador of the Northern Forum, Ambassador of Friendship of Peoples of Shandong Province, China
- **Mikhail Shashurin**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Biological Problems of Cryolithozone, Siberian Branch RAS

- **Wang Wen**, Executive Dean of Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies at Renmin University of China (RDCY)
- **Wang Yadong**, Dean of the School of Computer Science and Technology and the School of Software at Harbin Institute of Technology
- **Guo Peiqing**, Director of the Polar Center of the Ocean University of China, Goodwill Ambassador of the Northern Forum
- **Guo Hongwei**, President of Heilongjiang University of Traditional Chinese Medicine
- **Liu Hongyan**, Professor at the Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Director of the Ecological Law Research Office, Postdoctoral Collaborative Mentor, Director of the Russian Central Asian Legal Affairs Department at Beijing Zhongdun Law Firm
- **He Zhipeng**, Vice Dean of Heilongjiang Polytechnic
- **Qu Zhangyi**, Director, Department of Health Microbiology, Public Health College, Harbin Medical University
- **Chen Denning**, Professor of Guandong University of Finance and Economics
- **Kim Yoon Sik**, Honorary President of the North Economic Federation of the Republic of Korea, President, Shindong Enercom (video presentation)
- **PAK Ling Kam**, Oriental Arts Gems International France
- **Halldor Johannsson**, Director of the Arctic Portal, Akureyri, Iceland
- **Hide Sakaguchi**, President of the Ocean Policy Research Institute, Sasakawa Peace Foundation

The Forum ended with a ceremony of signing a protocol of intent on cooperation between the Government of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) and XUAN YUAN Group Industrial Development Co. Ltd on the implementation of the project "Construction of Naiba year-round seaport in Kharaulakh Bay", as well as a document on cooperation in the implementation of the project "Construction of a medium-tonnage liquefied natural gas plant with a capacity of 530,000 tons per year in Megino-Kangalassky District of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia)". A representative delegation of the Ocean University of China, headed by Professor Guo Peiqing, Northern Forum Goodwill Ambassador, took part in the work of the business and scientific forum "Northern Forum - China". Students were also very helpful in preparing the event as volunteers, translating presentations, publications and the Forum's website.



The University's website published an article about our joint event:
<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/X7bBXwjbugDkYr5xj76ZWw>

China's Xinhua News Agency also published a positive review of the Forum:

"As an important international non-governmental organization in the Arctic, the Northern Forum has long been committed to promoting sustainable development and environmental protection in the Arctic. Holding this forum not only reflects the Northern Forum's active efforts to promote international cooperation in the Arctic, but also provides a platform for people from all layers of society who care about Arctic affairs around the world to exchange ideas and experiences.

As a leading company operating Chinese raw materials and hotel businesses in Russia, Xuan Yuan Group has deep insight and unique knowledge of economic and trade cooperation and environmental protection in the Arctic. At the forum, Xue Xingfa, President of Xuan Yuan Group, delivered an enthusiastic speech, stressing the importance of the Arctic region and the urgency of protecting the Arctic, and expressing Xuan Yuan Group's willingness to contribute to the cooperation and development of the Arctic region".







RESEARCH AND PRACTICAL CONFERENCE “YOUTH ARCTIC: SCIENCE FOR THE FUTURE”

Khanty-Mansyisk, May 24-25

The conference was organized by the Department of Youth Policy, Civil Initiatives and External Relations of Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug – Yugra, Northern Forum, RACAR, YuSU, and NEFU.



The conference convened young researchers of the North and the Arctic from 10 regions of Russia (Kamchatka, Krasnoyarsk, Khabarovsk Krai, Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Yamal-Nenets, Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug, Magadan, Tomsk, Arkhangelsk, Tyumen

Oblasts) and 3 foreign universities (Ocean University of China, Mongolian National University and Jawaharlal Nehru University).

As part of the conference, a roundtable of the Northern Youth Forum "Arctic and Youth: What Should Youth Movement in the Arctic Be Like?" was held.

The roundtable was moderated by the NF Deputy Executive Director Daryana Maximova and NF Secretariat Project Manager Tatyana Nikolaeva.



The roundtable brought together young researchers, public figures and activists - candidates for membership, partners of the Northern Youth Forum from Kamchatka, Krasnoyarsk Krai, Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Yamal-Nenets, Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Okrugs, Magadan, Murmansk Oblasts, Moscow, St. Petersburg, as well as from 3 foreign countries - India, China and Mongolia.



The participants shared their vision for the development of youth cooperation in the North and the Arctic, and proposed drawing up a common plan of events under the auspices of the Northern Youth Forum.

The conference was attended by Russian traveler, polar explorer, statesman and public figure, Hero of the Russian Federation Mikhail Malakhov, who presented projects related to the exploration of the North Pole, spoke about his experience as a researcher, ecologist, invited to join expeditions that "expand the horizon", called on young people to follow their dreams and develop. Yulia Zaika, NF Goodwill Ambassador, Head of International Cooperation Department of the Kola Science Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences was one of the conference's experts.



The conference presented the International Environmental Project held under the auspices of the Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO and the Northern Forum – "The Red Book through the Eyes of Children"; its goals, objectives and stages of implementation were discussed; tours of the traveling exhibition of creative works of the contest laureates were conducted.

Participants of the new scientific platform highly appreciated the idea of the international environmental project "The Red Book through the Eyes of Children", which confirms its relevance and social significance at the international level.

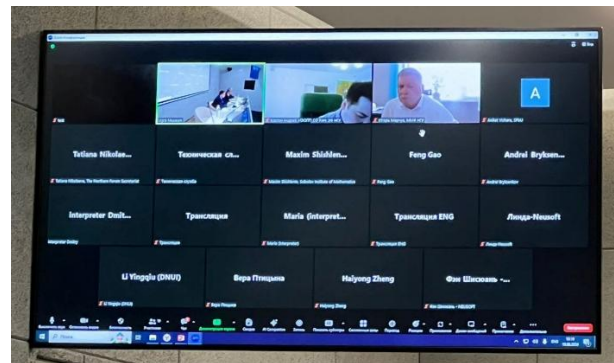
XV INTERNATIONAL IT FORUM WITH PARTICIPATION OF BRICS AND SCO COUNTRIES

Khanty-Mansyisk, June 18-20

The forum brought together more than 5,000 participants from 47 countries and 61 regions of Russia. The main theme of this year is "Trust in the Digital World". For three days, experts discussed the use of the latest technologies in the economy, social sphere and education, cybersecurity and import independence, development of artificial intelligence and human resources.



As part of the forum, the NF Executive Director Vladimir Vasilev attended the conference on the spatial socio-economic development of territories, organized by Yugra State University.



The NF meeting on forming an international expert group on the regions' IT agenda was held, which was attended by experts from 4 countries: Russia, China, India and Iceland. Since this is the first meeting, presentations were heard on the areas of activity in this field in different countries. All participants supported the idea of forming the group and decided to hold a series of online meetings until September to get to know each other better, expand the number of experts and discuss specific areas of cooperation. Vladimir Vasilev also spoke at the plenary session of the UNESCO conference on supporting indigenous languages, briefly highlighting language support measures in the NF regions and noting the projects on introducing information technologies to preserve and develop indigenous languages.



On June 21, he delivered a welcoming speech at the opening ceremony of the XII International Festival of Crafts of Indigenous Peoples of the World, which has obtained the auspices of the Northern Forum since this year. Craftsmen from China, Turkey, Belarus, Kazakhstan and many regions of Russia came to the festival.

V NORTHERN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FORUM



The Forum was held on September 24-27 in Yakutsk. 63 events of various levels were held, including:

1. II International Conference on Climate Change and Permafrost Thawing.
2. I International Arctic Legal Congress.
3. VIII All-Russian Scientific and Practical Conference "Sustainable North: Society, Economy, Ecology, Politics".
4. VI Interregional Scientific and Practical Conference "Arctic Vector: Food Security".
5. Meeting with young people "I am passionate about the Arctic: key topics to discuss" for the 85th anniversary Artur Chilingarov
6. Special session of Andrey Melnichenko Foundation "Sister Ecosystems" with the participation of schoolgirls-eco-activists from Kenya, Uzbekistan and Sakha Republic (Yakutia).

55 experts from 12 countries took part in the events in person: China, India, Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Germany, Kenya, Cameroon, Nigeria, Mali, the USA. Experts from Canada, USA, Iceland, Finland, Norway, China, India and Mongolia spoke online.



From the Russian Federation, 112 experts from Moscow, St. Petersburg, Arkhangelsk, Tomsk, Tyumen, Irkutsk, Magadan Oblasts, Republic of Bashkortostan, Republic of Karelia, Komi Republic, Republic of Buryatia, Krasnoyarsk Krai, Nenets, Yamal-Nenets, Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Okrugs came in person.

The Northern Forum Schools Association and the Transport and Logistics Working Group were established at the NSDF.

A detailed NSDF Report has been produced: <https://nsdf.ru/blog/2024/12/27/итоговый-отчет-v-северный-форум-по-усто/>

NSDF photo gallery is also available at: <https://nsdf.ru/фотогалерея-сфур-2024/>

XIII CHINA-RUSSIA ARCTIC WORKSHOP



On October 23-25, Qingdao (China) hosted the 13th China-Russia Arctic Workshop and the meeting of the Russian-Asian Consortium for Arctic Research, dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the Ocean University of China. Representative delegations from the Northern Forum and RACAR took part in the events. The program of the workshop included sessions on Arctic humanitarian exchanges, development of the Northern Sea Route and adjacent territories, cooperation in the Arctic and global governance, as well as interaction in science and education. Specific areas for interaction were proposed, including underwater research in the northern seas, digital development, and use of bioresources for the development of traditional medicine. The participants noted difficulties in the activities of the Arctic Council and impact of geopolitics and conflicts in different parts of the world on the effectiveness of cooperation, as well as the need to strengthen ties between Russia and China to counter global challenges, while at the same time developing and strengthening international cooperation with friendly countries.



The workshop was traditionally organized by the Polar Center of the Ocean University of China and the Faculty of International Relations of St. Petersburg State University. The Northern Forum Goodwill Ambassadors, Professor Guo Peiqing and Associate Professor at St. Petersburg State University Nadezhda Kharlampieva, are the event's permanent coordinators.



The Northern Forum attended the plenary session of the Global Conference on Ocean Cooperation and Development. Oceans, marine resources and sea routes are the basis of China's 100-year plan to achieve leadership in these areas.

In his speech at the conference, the Rector shared his vision of the future directions of higher education.

Professor Richard Williams from Scotland shared his thoughts on global challenges until the end of the century, in terms of using the potential of the oceans. It is necessary to not only take care of preserving biodiversity and optimizing shipping, but also to develop underwater farms, use robots more widely and extract energy from the seas. In China, they believe that land resources, especially food, are limited, and the oceans can give much more for the well-being of mankind. Accordingly, training of specialists in marine disciplines is urgently needed in an increasingly competitive environment.

Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division of the World Food and Agriculture Organization Manuel Barange also noted the need to increase seafood consumption; FAO has prepared a report on the "blue" transformation in this area, without which the consumption of marine resources may fall to 18% instead of the planned 25%, which will increase tension in providing food for the world's population. The participants of the workshop were also invited to a gala meeting dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the Ocean University.

On behalf of the Northern Forum, the Executive Director congratulated the Rector of the Ocean University, Zhang Ruifeng, on the University's significant anniversary.



The Russian-Asian Consortium for Arctic Research organized the first off-site event and heard project and event proposals from both sides. RACAR Chair, NEFU Rector Anatoly Nikolaev presented the membership certificate of the Ocean University of China to Professor Guo Peiqing.



ARCTIC PAVILION AT THE 29TH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES OF THE UN FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC)

For the first time, within the framework of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, the Northern Forum created the Arctic Pavilion, supported by Andrey Melnichenko Charity Foundation, being the general partner and sponsor. BRICS Youth Energy Agency was extremely helpful in preparing the pavilion's program.



The Pavilion's program included 45 events, initiated and attended by the experts from more than 50 countries from all continents, a significant number of international organizations, such as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, UN Environment Program, UN Food and Agriculture Organization, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples, Arctic Council's Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program, International Inuit Council, IAEA, Association of Young Polar Explorers, etc. The Northern Forum delegation included 31 experts from Russia, the USA, Great Britain, Iceland, and India.

A detailed report of the Arctic Pavilion's work has been produced in Russian and English languages: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yo7lfvtG8j8i2_WqTfM4ALpXEBdf2Xmm/view



MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COORDINATORS COMMITTEE

In 2024, one meeting of the Regional Coordinators Committee was held. It was assumed that one meeting would be held within the framework of the planned Governors Summit and the final one - at the end of the year. For objective reasons, the Governors Summit did not take place, so the final meeting of the regional coordinators was held at the XIV International Forum "Arctic: Today and the Future" in honor of A.N. Chilingarov on December 13 in St. Petersburg.



As the Charing region had not yet determined a new regional coordinator, the meeting was chaired by **Sergey Kungurtsev**, Chair of the Committee on International and Interregional Relations of the Department of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media of Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Regional Coordinator from Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Vice-Chair of the Regional Coordinators Committee.



The committee meeting generated considerable interest and it should be noted that holding official or working meetings within large forums is time-limited and therefore it is advisable to discuss conceptual rather than working issues at such venues.

A quorum was reached: Regional Coordinators and representatives of regions, by proxy, mostly attended online:

Inna Arkanova, Head of External Relations Division of the Department of Youth Policy, Civil Initiatives and External Relations of Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug – Yugra, by proxy – online

Gavril Kirillin, Minister for External Relations and Ethnic Affairs of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Regional Coordinator from the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) - online

Dmitry Korostelev, Vice-Speaker of Legislative Assembly of Kamchatka Krai, President of Kamchatka Krai Chamber of Commerce, NF Regional Coordinator from Kamchatka Krai - online

Anton Narchuganov, Head of the Agency for Northern Territories Development and Support of Indigenous Peoples of the North of Krasnoyarsk Krai, by proxy – in person

Alexander Podoroga, Vice-Governor of Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Regional Coordinator from Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug - online

Anna Tarasenko, Deputy Chair of Government of Jewish Autonomous Oblast, NF Regional Coordinator from Jewish Autonomous Oblast – online

Anton Yaremchuk, Vice Governor - Chair of the Government of Chukotka Autonomous Okrug, Head of the Economy and Investment Department, NF Regional Coordinator from Chukotka Autonomous Okrug - online



The results of the year's work were reviewed, including the preliminary results of the chairmanship of the Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra, financial report, plans and budget for 2025, issues of improving and strengthening the structure, proposals for new projects and events.

Egor Borisov, Senator of the Russian Federation from the executive authorities of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia), was elected new Goodwill Ambassador. New Chair of the Northern Youth

Forum was approved - Artur Gayulsky, Chair of the Youth Council at the Regional Association of Indigenous Peoples of Krasnoyarsk Krai.

Mr. Potyomkin, Vice-Governor of Tomsk Oblast for Economics, Investment Policy and Property Relations, confirmed the region's intention to formalize its membership in 2025.

All speakers noted positive and dynamic work of the organization, which is expanding the range and geography of its work every year, and has become noticeably visible at the international level. Strict adherence to strategic planning documents, support from regional leaders and regional coordinators, and active communication between all structures of the organization bring significant results and benefits to the members of the Northern Forum.



The NF Goodwill Ambassador, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation Anton Vasilev moderated three of the forum's sessions:

- Common values: international scientific dialogue in the Arctic
- Sustainable dialogue: Arctic – territory of international cooperation
- Russia – China: opportunities for cooperation in the Arctic



RACAR co-Chairs, Rector of Ammosov North Eastern-Federal University Anatoly Nikolaev and Rector of Yugra State University Roman Kuchin and NF Executive Director Vladimir Vasilev took part in the sessions.





WORKING GROUPS OF THE NORTHERN FORUM

ACTIVITIES OF THE STRUCTURES

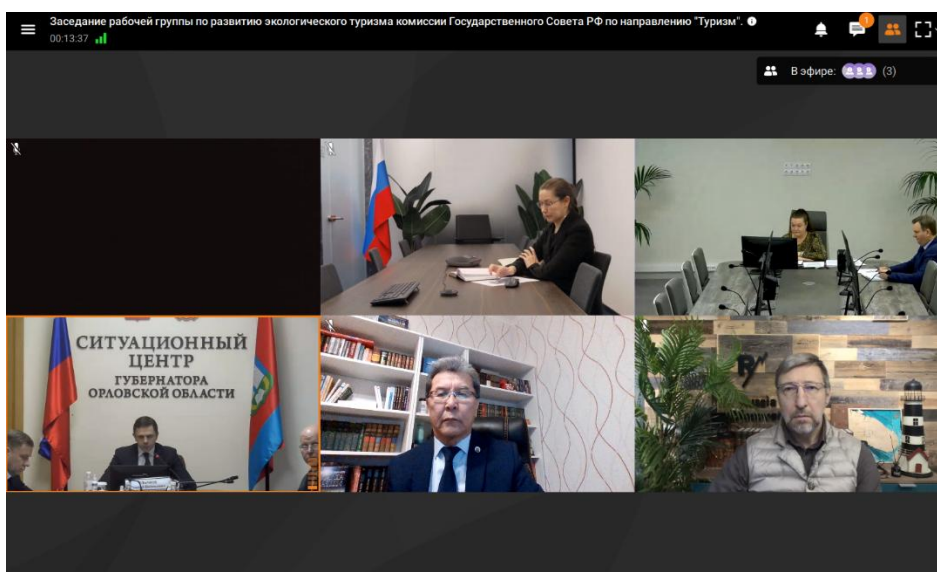
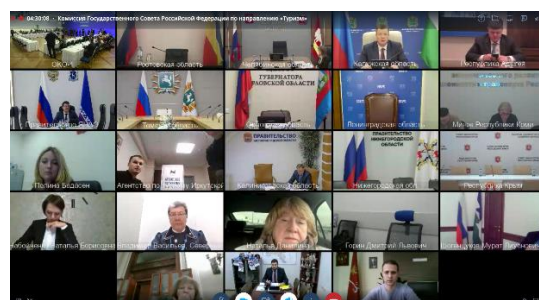
A number of working groups have been formed to implement project activities. Their work and membership are reviewed regularly.

The status of the working groups changes depending on the topicality of their areas, following a change of chair, or due to lack of visible activities.

Active:

- **Tourism Development** (Chair – Tatiana Menshikova, Moscow)

In August 2023, Tatiana Menshikova was invited to work in the apparatus of the Commission for Tourism of the State Council of the Russian Federation and, currently being the head of the apparatus, she has carried out a significant amount of work to update the membership of the commission and its working groups. Seven subgroups are also being created.



In this work, the potential of the Northern Forum working group is used to the maximum. NF Executive Director Vladimir Vasilev and a number of the NF working group members

joined the Commission, subgroups and working group on ecotourism, which allows the Northern Forum to work at the federal level in this area. The practical work of the updated Commission began in November. On November 27, NF Executive Director Vladimir Vasilev spoke at the meeting of the working group on ecotourism with a presentation "On the experience of working with international organizations on ecotourism development".

- **Culture** (Chair – Sargylana Ignatieva, Yakutsk)

In 2024, the group's chair was changed. Sargylana Ignatieva is the Rector of the Arctic State Institute of Culture and Arts, which has become a supporting institute in the field of creative industries development and the basis for the working group on culture. The working group began active work, formed a creative industry block in the agenda of the V Northern Sustainable Development Forum and held a number of sessions. It publishes Culture and Art magazine together with St. Petersburg State University. Together with the Northern Youth Forum, Creative Arctic project was successfully implemented in three regions of the Northern Forum.

- **Education and Science** (Chair – Feodosia Gabysheva, Yakutsk)



Feodosia Gabysheva became the Head of the Native Languages Study, Preservation and Development Center of the Academy of Sciences of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) and significantly strengthened its human resources, material and technical base. Currently, she is completing the work on reforming the working group and updating its membership. A number of events were held during the year. On February 20-21, 2024, the Republic's Forum on the Development of Arctic Education was held in the village of Batagay, Verkhoyansk District, dedicated to the Year of the Family in the Russian Federation, the Year of Childhood in the Sakha Republic (Yakutia), International Native Language Day, Native Language and Writing Day in the Sakha Republic (Yakutia), and the 100th anniversary of Anna Chirikova - a teacher of Yakut language with 50 years of experience and a famous local historian of Verkhoyansk District. At the plenary session, Feodosia Gabysheva delivered a keynote speech "Development of Arctic Education in the Sakha Republic (Yakutia)". She noted that the availability and quality of education in the Arctic regions of the republic is interconnected with the quality and living conditions in the North: "Aisen Nikolaev noted that for the development of the Arctic as a whole,

including the Northern Sea Route, engineers and IT specialists are needed. The development of locomotive industries is also relevant: mining, fisheries, logistics, oil and gas chemistry, construction, tourism. Since a person living and studying in the particularly difficult natural and climatic conditions better understands the real problems of the Arctic, personnel should be trained in the local conditions.

It is necessary to train personnel in the important specialties and rare professions under the target program and outside the republic. For further promotion of tourism, study, work, and life, it is necessary to consolidate the groups of scientists of Arctic science. Scientific institutes can take patronage over Arctic schools.

He also tasked the Government with strengthening the material and technical base of the institutions and improving the quality of education.

- **Transport and Logistica** (Chair – Nadezhda Filippova, Moscow)

The group was created in the third quarter of the year and included 27 leading federal and regional experts. It began to work actively by holding a session at the V Northern Sustainable Development Forum launching practical activity on creating a digital atlas of winter roads and implementing a pilot project of placing modular houses to provide infrastructure and safety on the northern highways of Yakutia.



The group members participate in various events to discuss current issues of transport infrastructure development, implementation of new types of equipment, and provision of northern delivery: Northern Delivery - 2024 Forum in Moscow on December 3-4, Arctic: Today and the Future International Forum in St. Petersburg on December 12-13.

- **Assessment of the Quality of Life** (expert group) (Chair – Lyudmila Borilo, Tomsk)

The group held a number of sessions at the II Northern Territories' Associations and Consortiums Forum in Tomsk, V Northern Sustainable Development Forum in Yakutsk, and began collecting data and materials to produce an analytical report on the regions' sustainable competitiveness. At the expert group's meeting in Tomsk, a project was presented aimed at developing scientific and methodological tools for assessing the sustainable competitiveness of Russian regions, which reflects the ability of the region to ensure economic growth, social stability and well-being of the population, which would be sustainable in the long term.

The new methodological approach focuses on the importance of studying the problem of formation and preservation of human capital in the regions and ensuring conditions for improving the quality of life of the population. Criteria and indicators have been developed, according to which data is collected from the regional administrations.

Almost all regions of the Northern Forum responded to the request and sent the requested information, which will allow the group to prepare the first analytical report.

Unclear status:

The chairs of these working groups had moved to new places of work, which resulted the suspension of the groups' activities. Consultations are being held with the regions to determine their future, taking into account the relevance and demand for the areas.

- **Creative Industry** (Chair requires clarification, current Chair – Eduard Isakov)
- **Environment and Conservation of Biodiversity** (Sakhamin Afanasiev resigned from the position of its Chair)
- **Parliamentary Cooperation** (Viktor Gubarev resigned from the position of its Chair)

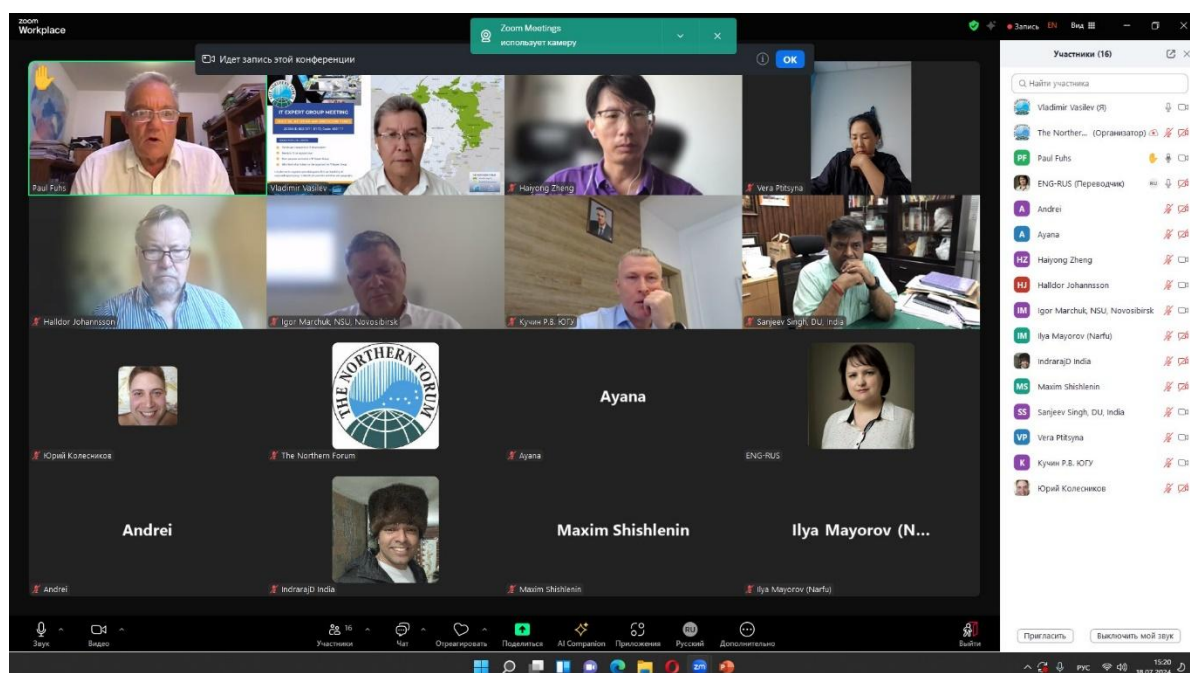
Being formed or updated:

- **Regional Adaptation to Climate Change**

While preparing the Northern Forum's participation in the 29th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and creation of the Arctic Pavilion, we realized the need to restore the previously existed working group. The work will be carried out in 2025.

- **Regional IT Agenda** (expert group)

Commissioned by the NF Chair, the Secretariat identified a preliminary membership of the expert group and held two meetings: one at the XV International IT Forum with the participation of BRICS and SCO countries in Khanty-Mansyisk and one online. There is certain interest from the regions, it is necessary to clarify the areas of activity and the leading region to continue practical work.



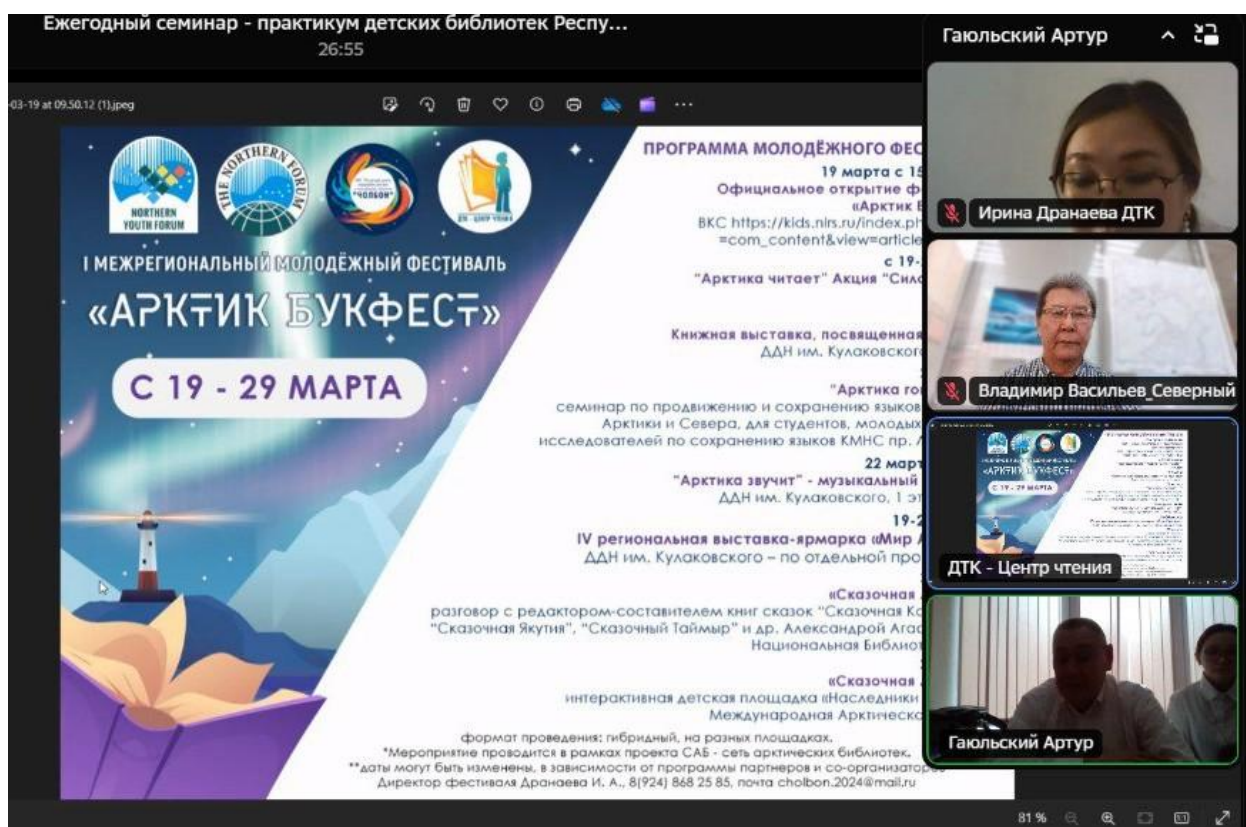
At both meetings, experts from China, India, Iceland, and the USA demonstrated high interest in joint work on information technology.

In 2024, the work of the Northern Youth Forum was organized through the event, project and expert activities.

1. Event activities:

1.1. Arctic Book Fest

In 2024, as part of the Year of the Family in the Russian Federation and the Year of Childhood in the Sakha Republic (Yakutia), the 1st Interregional Youth Festival **Arctic Book Fest** was held. The festival was organized by the branch of the National Library of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) "DTK - Reading Center" and Cholbon Non-profit Organization with the support of the Northern Forum and the Arctic Libraries Network of (ALN). The festival started on March 19 - on the Arctic Day in the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) and lasted until March 29, 2024. The 1st Interregional Youth Festival **Arctic Book Fest** was joined by such northern and Arctic regions of Russia as Khabarovsk, Krasnoyarsk and Kamchatka Krai, Khanty-Mansiysk and Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrugs, Amur Oblast, as well as the cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg.



The festival program included such tracks as "The Arctic Sounds", "The Arctic Speaks", "Fairytale Arctic", and book exhibitions dedicated to the Arctic.

At the opening of the 1st Interregional Youth Festival **Arctic Book Fest**, the guests and participants of the event were greeted by the Northern Forum Executive Director Vladimir Vasilev, Vice-President of the Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East of the Russian Federation Artur Gayulsky, and President of the International Jew's Harp Society Franz Kumpl from Austria.



Alexandra Agafonova, children's writer, author of a series of fairy tale books about Kamchatka, Yakutia, Taimyr, Chukotka and Sakhalin, was invited by the Northern Forum and arrived to the festival as part of the Fairytale Arctic. In "DTK – Reading Center", Alexandra had a meeting with the 2nd grade students of Yakutsk Secondary School # 2, where the children were happy to read the fairy tales "The Fox and the Bear", "How the Titmouse Looked for the Chick", "The Old Man and the Flounder" and others with the writer. At the end of the meeting, Alexandra

presented the children's library with her books from the fairy tale series, which will now be available in the library "DTK - Reading Center".

As part of the "The Arctic Sounds" track, the Gallery of National Cultures of Kulakovsky House of Peoples' Friendship hosted a solo concert of ethnic singer Nadezhda Varlamova - Nadikan with the participation of students of the folklore department of Yakutsk Zhirkov Musical College and Egdyek Mola family ensemble from Moma District headed by Zoya Sadovnikova.

As part of "The Arctic Speaks" track, the children's library hosted a hybrid format seminar on the preservation and promotion of the languages and culture of the indigenous peoples of the North, where Nikolay Aprosimov, developer of AYANA Russian-Evenk translator, was invited as a keynote speaker. Teachers and students of the Arctic State Institute of Culture and Arts, as well as young people and employees of the children's regional library of Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, took an active part in the seminar. As part of the festival, exhibitions of unique books and publications telling about the Arctic, its peoples, nature, culture and life of the indigenous peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East of the Russian Federation, including the works for children and young people, were organized in all partner libraries of the Arctic Libraries Network (ALN) on March 19-29, 2024.

It was decided to hold the Interregional Youth Festival **Arctic Book Fest** once every two years.

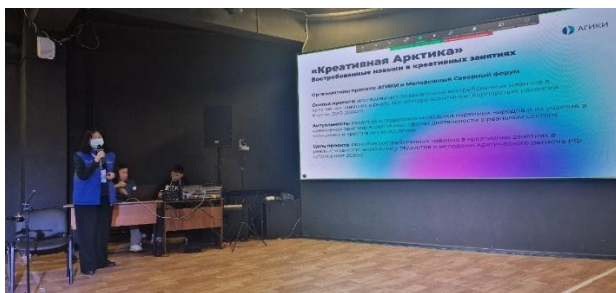
1.2. Organizing the Northern Youth Forum at the Northern Sustainable Development Forum

The Northern Youth Forum organized a youth platform with the following events: Creative Arctic, a meeting of the Northern Youth Forum, ECOSOC Youth Forum and the III All-Russian Research and Practical Conference of Schoolchildren "The Arctic – a Territory of Cooperation".

Following the sessions, the proposals to the common resolution were submitted:

Creative Arctic:

1. Support the development and scaling of the Creative Arctic project, implemented by the Arctic State Institute of Culture and Arts in collaboration with the Northern Youth Forum until 2030;
2. Support the development of horizontal interregional ties through the geographical expansion of the Creative Arctic project;



3. Support the intraregional development of the project through coverage of the territories of compact residence of the indigenous peoples of the North in the Sakha Republic (Yakutia);
4. Prepare an application to include the Creative Arctic project in the list of projects supported by the Arctic Council;
5. Investigate the possibility of developing the Creative Arctic project through cooperation with the Northern Forum Schools Association, the Junior Academy of Creative Industries, RACAR and other associations, as well as educational institutions of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Krasnoyarsk Krai, and Chukotka Autonomous Okrug.

Meeting of the Northern Youth Forum:



1. Approve the progress report of the current membership of the Northern Youth Forum chaired by Savina Alexeeva, Sakha Republic (Yakutia);
2. Lay the groundwork for updating the leadership of the Northern Youth Forum (Chair, Vice-Chair, coordinators by areas, coordinators by regions) for the NF Regional Coordinators Committee meeting in December 2024;
3. Support a nomination of Artur Gayulsky for the Northern Youth Forum Chair;
4. Support the proposals on strengthening the Northern Youth Forum work on the indigenous issues and direct interaction with corporations.

Arctic Libraries Network:

1. Adopt and approve the Concept and Regulations of the Arctic Libraries Network.
2. Expand the network by including library associations of all levels from the regions of the Far East, Siberia and the Arctic of the Russian Federation.
3. In 2025, as part of the IV International Bibliographic Congress, which will be held in Yakutsk at the National Library of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia), organize the "Arctic Libraries Network" section, inviting all members of our network.

4. Once every 2 years, hold the Interregional Youth Festival **Arctic Book Fest** at the regional central libraries with the participation of active youth and representatives of the indigenous peoples of the North.

5. As part of the "Arctic Libraries Network" project, hold a research and practical conference for schoolchildren on native languages, literature, folklore, and local history.



Other issues:

1. Support the proposals for cooperation with federal youth projects such as the Russian North and the Public Diplomacy School;

2. Consider a joint work proposal between the Northern Youth Forum and Association of Polar Explorers on developing and promoting the initiatives of the Public Resolution on the socio-economic development of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation for 2023;
3. Investigate the possibility of cooperation between the Northern Youth Forum and educational institutions and youth organizations of the People's Republic of China.

1.3. Participation in the NF Regional Coordinators Committee Meeting



Artur Gayulsky represented the Northern Youth Forum at the NF Regional Coordinators Committee Meeting at the XIV International Forum "The Arctic: Today and the Future" in honor of A.N. Chilingarov on December 12-13 in St. Petersburg. As the newly elected Chair of the Northern Youth Forum, Artur Gayulsky made proposals on the work of the Northern Youth Forum, discussed at the youth platform of the Northern Sustainable Development Forum in Yakutsk.

2. Project activities:

2.1. Creative Arctic

In 2024, the Arctic State Institute of Culture and Arts and the Northern Youth Forum implemented the Creative Arctic project, whose main goal was to develop in-demand skills in creative activities in the real sector of the economy among the students and youth of the Arctic regions of Russia.

The project was organized in three regions as a summer school:

- Krasnoyarsk and Dudinka, Krasnoyarsk Krai: August 7-14, 2024;
- Srednekolymsk, Sakha Republic (Yakutia): August 25-31, 2024;

- Anadyr, Chukotka Autonomous Okrug: September 10-18, 2024.



The first Summer School in Krasnoyarsk and Dudinka convened 51 participants, the second in Srednekolymsk - 27 participants, the third in Anadyr - 37 participants. The project engaged a total of 115 participants.

The project attracted the key partners-organizers - youth leaders and youth departments of the local administrations. In particular, the events in Krasnoyarsk Krai were held within the framework of the *Siberian Argish* Interregional Youth Forum of Indigenous Peoples of the North.

The participants included indigenous high school students, students of universities, colleges, and young professionals working in cultural and educational institutions, municipal administrations, as well as first-time entrepreneurs and creative people. The summer school program included classes in four modules:

- Communication and negotiation skills
- Teamwork skills
- Storytelling skills
- Sales skills

The modules consisted of lectures and practical classes with case studies.

Upon completion of the training, participants received certificates.

2.2. Arctic Libraries Network

The Arctic Libraries Network (ALN) grew out of the projects of the Northern Youth Forum and is becoming a professional association of the library community, whose mission is to preserve and develop the intangible ethnocultural heritage of the peoples of the North: book monuments, literary heritage, folklore, legends, traditions, and languages. The ALN goal is to create conditions for the preservation and development of the languages of the indigenous peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East, other minority languages of the regions of the Russian Federation, as well as ethnic groups that do not have their own administrative national entities or live outside its borders.

2.3. Arctic Startup Expedition: Russian Far East and Arctic



Arctic Startup Expedition: Russian Far East and Arctic (ASE RFA) is a competition of projects in 8 creative industries for the participants from the regions of the Russian Far East and the Arctic zone.

The competition officially started at the VIII Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok in 2023 and ended at the end of 2024.

The competition convened over 1800 participants and 900 offline visitors.

Website: асэдар.рф

Results in the following tracks:

Computer Graphics and Animation

On September 28-30, 2023, the final of the Computer Graphics and Animation track took place in Khabarovsk at the Animur International Animated Film Festival. 41 projects (about 120 people) were submitted from Khabarovsk, Yakutsk, Aldan, Anadyr, Komsomolsk-on-Amur, Chita, Ulan-Ude, Taimyr, Vladivostok, Amursk and Birobidzhan.



Nika Radionova from Khabarovsk became the winner and got a prize of RUB 1 000 000 for her *Isiori* cartoon about the animals and the ecology of the Far East.

The cartoon is about a world where people and anthropomorphic animals live together, the latter being more attentive to nature - their home. Five animals, united by one interest - to make the environment cleaner and more ecological, get into adventures, persistently striving for this goal.

In November 2023-February 2024, the Accelerator of YARKO Animation Company for the ASE RFA participants took place.

Design and Clothes Production

On November 3, 2023, the final of the Design and Clothes Production track took place in Birobidzhan. 87 projects (about 200 people) were submitted from Magadan, Petrozavodsk, Khabarovsk, Komsomolsk-on-Amur, Yakutsk, Ussuriysk, Dudinka, Blagoveshchensk, Vladivostok, Zeya, Krasnoyarsk, Murmansk, Birobidzhan, Aksarka, Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, Syktyvkar, Norilsk, Ulan -Ude, Emelyanovo, and Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk.

Alexandra Gapanovich from Murmansk, founder of a women's clothing brand from the Far North, became the winner and got a prize of RUB 1 000 000.

The brand's philosophy is built around its identity, reinterpreting the local cultural codes, turning to traditional costumes, and working with the theme of memory, family and culture.



Tatiana Aksenova got a special prize – a training course from Fashion Factory.

Cinema

On November 14-18, the final of the Cinema track took place in Murmansk at the Northern Character International Film Festival. 115 applications were submitted: 89 projects (about 250 people) from the cities and villages of 15 regions of the Russian Arctic and the Far Eastern Federal District were accepted for selection: Amur Oblast, Arkhangelsk Oblast, Republic of 67 Buryatia, Zabaykalsky Krai, Kamchatka Krai, Republic of Karelia, Komi Republic, Krasnoyarsk Krai, Magadan Oblast, Murmansk Oblast, Primorsky Krai, Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Sakhalin Oblast, Khabarovsk Krai, and Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug.



Diana Khudayeva and Sardaana Barabanova from the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) became the winners with their Taba Suolunan/By the Reindeer Path project on revitalizing reindeer husbandry in Kyusyur village. To increase the herd in their native village, reindeer herders buy 2,000 reindeer in the neighboring districts. Now they have to travel 1,000 km through the mountains, forests and tundra to drive the herd to their site.

Game Development

On November 23, 2023, the final in the Game Development track took place in Yakutsk. 64 projects (300 people) were submitted from Blagoveshchensk, Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, and



Yakutsk. There were 12 finalists, who had been at the game projects accelerator for two months.

The winner was a team from the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) from MyTona group of companies, specializing in video games development and production, “iLii Games” with a three-dimensional story-driven cooperative action-adventure game, set as Yakut folklore dark fantasy.

IT and Software Development

On April 12, 2024, the final in IT and Software Development was held in Krasnoyarsk. 42 projects (over 120 people) from Krasnoyarsk, Yakutsk, Arkhangelsk, Vladivostok, Murmansk and other cities were submitted. 10 IT projects competed in the final.

Alexander Ovchinnikov became the winner with Visioneer project. This is a Visioneer computer vision system for monitoring the processes of mining and transport enterprises. The product is of interest to customers in the mining industry focused on the use of scientific and technical practices in improving their own production systems.

Jewelry Design



On May 14, 2024, the final in Jewelry Design track was held in Arkhangelsk at the conference hall of the Regional Development Agency of Arkhangelsk Oblast.

81 projects (about 243 people) were submitted from Murmansk, Arkhangelsk, Yakutsk, Krasnoyarsk, Ulan-Ude, Vladivostok, Murmashi-3, Cheboksary, Chuvash Republic, Bulun District, Naiba village, Mirny, Petrozavodsk, Norilsk, Syktyvkar, Nakhodka, Volgograd, Severomorsk, Noyabrsk, Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Nizhny Novgorod,

Blagoveshchensk, and Artem. 10 projects from the following settlements reached the final: Mirny, Vladivostok, Yakutsk, Arkhangelsk, Ulan-Ude, Artem. Svetlana Parkhomchuk from Vladivostok became the winner and received a prize of RUB 1,000,000 with Endemics project about the uniqueness and originality of nature, culture and history of Primorsky Krai through talisman jewelry, each of which has its own encrypted message.

Endemics jewelry project is a study of the ancient history of the region, unique signs and symbols that can only be found in Primorye. It is a reminder of the kingdoms and peoples that once existed on this land.

Special prizes for all finalists in the track:

Elena Abramovskaya - mentoring consultation from Roman Karakurkchi, International Jewelry School;

Svetlana Parkhomchuk - winner of the ASE RFA competition - invitation to the RFA Creative Industries Federation;

Margarita Klimenko - curatorial support from the Corporation for the Development of the Far East and Arctic;

Alexandra Sergeeva - invitation to the RFA Creative Industries Federation, a certificate from Krasivo365 multi-brand market, a session from Anna Bukhman;

Ksenia Izotova - a certificate from Krasivo365 multi-brand market, a session from Anna Bukhman;

Nyurguyana Permyakova - a shelf spot at Krasivo365 multi-brand market, a session from Anna Bukhman, consulting support for the project from the general director of SAYBM Anna Ereemeeva;

Alena Voytyuk - a session from Anna Bukhman.

Contemporary Art

On May 23-24, 2024, the final of the Contemporary Art track was held in Vladivostok at the Arka Gallery and the Union of Artists of Russia. 85 projects (about 255 people) were submitted from Amur Oblast, Arkhangelsk Oblast, Zabaykalsky Krai, Kamchatka Krai, Krasnoyarsk Krai, Magadan Oblast, Murmansk Oblast, Primorsky Krai, Republic of Buryatia, Komi Republic, Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Sakhalin Oblast, Khabarovsk Krai and Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug. Social artist Natalia Goncharova from Magadan became the winner and received a prize of RUB 1,000,000 with the projects "Kolyma Aion" - a painting on three canvases, a research project, a philosophical generalization of the historical past of Magadan Oblast, looking back from today ("Aion" means "earlier" in Koryak language) and "Orange Noise", dedicated to the problem of attitudes towards labor migrants from Central Asia.



Artists of Russia;

Amgalan Rinchinov - an opportunity to exhibit his works at Arka Gallery of Contemporary Art;

Natalia Goncharova pays attention to a typical associative bond between the perception of blue-collar jobs, "orange vests", and labor migrants, when a generalized social construct, attributed to an entire social group, replaces a specific person.

Special prizes for the finalists of the track:

Tuyara Shaposhnikova - an opportunity to exhibit her works in the gallery of Primorsky Krai branch of the Union of

Artur Udovenko – a training from Daria Kamyshnikova at *Free Workshops* Contemporary Art School;

Yana Dzhan-Sha - curatorial support from Alexandra Danilova.

проблематике отношения к трудовым мигрантам из Средней Азии.

Music

On May 27-28, 2024, the final of Music track was held in Ulan-Ude. 62 applications were submitted from the towns and villages of 9 regions of the Russian Arctic and Far Eastern Federal District: Arkhangelsk Oblast, Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Primorsky Krai, Udmurt Republic, Republic of Karelia, Murmansk Oblast, Gomel Oblast, Republic of Buryatia, and Khabarovsk Krai.

Igor Fegler from the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) with his song "It's Just Rain" - a pop-music project from Yakutia in the Pop genre – became the winner. Presentation of the author's song "It's Just Rain" from the debut album "Drama" with an individual coloring of each track, popular style and sound production by Yakut creators.

Special prizes for the finalists of the track:

Vladislav Kornovan, Ivan Fedorchuk, Nadezhda Varlamova - work with Vitrina label;

Igor Fegler - an opportunity to collaborate with VK Records;

Vladislav Kornovan - a grant of RUB 100 thousand for training in music management at RMA business school;

Dmitry Grigoriev, VK Records will personally contact the finalists on potential cooperation.

In addition to the competition program, business events were held in the cities where the finals were held, including panel discussions and strategic sessions on shaping a creative regional ecosystem, as well as master classes and educational events from the best experts in creative industries.



Territorial branding and design code of tourist sites and routes

On December 13, the final of the Arctic Startup Expedition: Russian Far East and Arctic (ASE RFA) competition in Territorial Branding and Design Code of Tourist Attractions and Routes track finished in Chita. The operator of the competition is the Innovation Development Fund of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia).

The event brought together representatives of creative industries to present their projects inspired by the peculiarities of their native regions. The final was held as part of the My

Business — My Transbaikalia 2024 Forum. Creative meetings with the leading experts in the tourism and design were arranged.

Ten projects made it to the final out of 74 applications received from 14 regions of the Russian Far East and Arctic. Authors from Zabaykalsky Krai, Yakutia, Karelia and Buryatia presented their ideas, where they reinterpreted the brands of tourist routes, created design codes and visual identities that could become the area's trademarks.



The main prize — RUB 1 million — was won by Antonina Bochkareva, the author of the project to create a corporate style and brand for DAYAR recreation center, constructed in Aldan town of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia). The winner's project is being implemented; it is planned not only to create a place of rest for residents, but also to influence the development of the town's tourist infrastructure. DAYAR tourist base will be able to attract ski tourists from all over Russia, since this is the area where Antonina sees the potential for tourism development in South Yakutia.

3. Expert Activities

NYF representatives took part in the following events:

- 1) Organizing a session at the Arctic Congress 2024 and NAISA 2024 in Bodo, Norway
- 2) Participation and assistance in organizing the Arctic Observing Summit 2024 session in Edinburgh, Scotland
- 3) NYF Coordinator Daria Burnasheva headed the Creative Arctic project, whereas Savina Alexeeva and Irina Dranaeva taught at the Creative Arctic Summer School and trained active youth, students and schoolchildren from Krasnoyarsk Krai, Chukotka Autonomous Okrug and Sakha Republic (Yakutia) in the skills in demand in the creative economy.

THE NORTHERN FORUM SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

On September 27, 2024, the Association was established, which included schools from the northern regions of the Russian Federation and Mongolia. The Agreement was signed and the Regulations were adopted to regulate the activities of the Association. At the meeting of the Association members, ways of further cooperation and interaction mechanisms were outlined.



Mongolian schools expressed concern about the shortage of personnel, in particular teachers of the Russian language, and emphasized that schools need methodological assistance in teaching Russian. Members of the Association from the regions of Russia noted the need to exchange advanced pedagogical experience and develop cooperation between schools. Based on the partner schools' desire, the main areas of work were determined:

- popularization and promotion of the Russian language in foreign schools;
- organization of methodological assistance to Russian language teachers in Mongolian schools through volunteer teachers;
- organization of various competitions, forums, sports competitions and school student exchanges.

The Association's agreement frameworked the following events: a contest of videos reciting Sergey Esenin's poems by Tomsk school, Tymny Art creative competition by Ytyk-Kyuel Secondary School # 1; Olympiad of Yakutsk City National Gymnasium's project "Life in the North" is being prepared as well as a contest "The Red Book through the Eyes of Children" by Otrazhenie (Reflection) Museum and Educational Center of Talinka village, KMAO – Yugra; a creative group of Osipov Berdigestyakh Secondary School developed a project "For Russian. Teachers without Borders".

In April, a delegation of schools from Uvurkhangai Province of Mongolia visited the Sakha Republic (Yakutia). During the week, teachers and high-school children were able to get acquainted with the work of different types of schools in the village of Berdigestyakh and the city of Yakutsk: classical educational institutions, gymnasiums and the republic's Arctic School with a boarding school; they visited Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University and the Arctic State Institute of Culture and Arts.

The communication was rich, the host schools prepared eventful programs for the guests: roundtables, meetings with school staff, open lessons, exhibitions of schoolchildren's works, concerts of school groups, and much more.





The delegation had the opportunity to visit Orto Doydu Zoo and Lena Pillars National Park, where rock lighting and an open-air skating rink were organized for the first time.

Representatives of all schools-founders of the newly created Association came to participate in the V Northern Sustainable Development Forum. Not only a founding meeting and a roundtable were organized, but also many events in the schools of Yakutia, meetings with the

Association of Polar Explorers of Russia and many participants of the forum. Exhibitions of children's drawings were organized for the projects "Red Book Through the Eyes of Children" and "We are Responsible for Those We Have Tamed". On November 24, Russian language teachers from Berdigestyakh Osipov Secondary School Tatyana Sidorova and Sakhalyana Sivtseva and the Principal of Nizhnevartovsk Gymnasium # 1 (Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug – Yugra) Olga Kozlova traveled to Mongolia to provide methodological assistance to Russian language teachers of Kharkhorin Sum. They held master classes, seminars and consultations for Russian language teachers of Mongolian schools, and also helped prepare students for the All-Mongolian Olympiad in Russian language. Mongolian teachers prepared their projects and presentations on Russian language teaching methods, which were presented for defense at the methodological association of Mongolian teachers and educational process managers of School # 2 of Kharkhorin Sum. The project was again implemented with the support of the Northern Forum Goodwill Ambassador Amarjargal Balzhinnyam.



On December 5, a meeting was held between the schoolchildren from the two countries: 9th-grade students from School # 2 in Kharkhorin Sum of the Mongolian People's Republic and 9th-grade students from Osipov School in Berdigestyakh village of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia). Despite technical problems, the live lesson was a success. Children from both sides spoke about their classes in Russian, asked each other questions, and sang "Katyusha". Mongolian schoolchildren showed national dance moves, and girls recited a poem they had learned in Russian. Young men from Berdigestyakh School recited poems in their native language. The meeting was held in a friendly atmosphere, and the students showed interest in each other.



On December 12, the NF Schools Association held an online conference. The speakers included Ildar Mamatov, head of Vitus Bering Expedition project, Meyerbek Erbashgaev, chief specialist of public diplomacy of the SCO in the Republic of Uzbekistan, Iman Khan, CEO of Earth Warriors Pakistan project.



The conference convened school principals from Yakutia, Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra, Nenets Autonomous Okrug, and Tomsk. The participants asked questions to the speakers, outlined their plans for the future and ways to develop the Association, as well as considered a membership application from the Principal of Gymnasium # 1 from Nizhnevartovsk Olga Kozlova. The conference was fruitful for all participants. Meyerbek Erbashgaev expressed a desire to join the work of the school network. An activist from Pakistan, Iman, a participant in the UN climate summit, is ready to accept students into her organization. Dora Egorova, coordinator of international projects, announced the plans of the National Gymnasium to cooperate with Mongolian schools. Tomsk school plans to hold a conference for the Association schools' principals in April 2025. The head of the projects "The Red Book Through the Eyes of Children" and "We are Responsible for Those We Have Tamed" Olga Stytsyuk from Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra took part in an internship program to exchange successful practices in volunteering in St. Petersburg. The projects are large-scale, involving the children from almost 100 countries and most regions of Russia. Olga Stytsyuk is a shining example of a leader, a tireless promoter of a caring attitude to nature, who captivates people of all ages.



THE NORTHERN FORUM GOODWILL AMBASSADORS

Every year we get convinced that we were right to introduce this institute into the structure of the organization. Goodwill Ambassadors make an invaluable contribution to the development of international and interregional relations, increase authority and rating, and attract significant interest from the potential partners. At the same time, some Western countries have an ambiguous attitude towards the experts who have received such a high status at, as they think, if not a fully Russian, then a pro-Russian organization. There are examples of direct pressure on the current ambassadors in Italy, Finland, which does not stop our esteemed partners from continuing cooperation and supporting the Northern Forum.

Professor Lassi Heininen was dismissed from the University of Lapland after attending an international roundtable in Moscow in March 2024, with the formal reason being that he had not notified his management of the upcoming trip. It was his first visit after a long break, and he was finally able to receive the Goodwill Ambassador badge and certificate, as well as the same signs to hand over to Timo Rautajoki.



It should be noted that Professor Heininen is actively involved in the NF activities and always emphasizes the need to restore Arctic cooperation. He is extremely popular and the fact of dismissal has not affected his reputation; he remains one of the most sought-after experts on various aspects of Arctic development. The Barents Observer published an article in his support.

Superintendent of Padua Police (Italy) Paolo Venturini, world record holder in extreme marathons, NF Goodwill Ambassador, personally

supported the festival of indigenous peoples in March and the eco-run in August, visiting Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug.

"This time, the Yamal EcoRun was not only large-scale, but also international. Paolo Venturini flew in from Italy specially to #runclean with New Urengoy residents. He has been involved in environmental education in his homeland for many years. During his visit to Yamal this spring as part of the World Youth Festival delegation, Paolo was very impressed by the people, the region, and YamalEcoDom, of which he had a tour".



"I am glad to return to Yamal and join the run. This is not just a fun event. This is a time to think about the ecology of our planet. We need to stop thinking that there is someone who will clean up our plastic bottle, aluminum can, scrap of paper. We must start with ourselves and pass on the culture of caring for the environment to others," said Paolo in his greeting to the participants of the EcoRun".

<https://www.yamaleco.ru/news/chisto-pobegali-sotni-begunov-dve-sobaki-i-odin-italyanec>

Source:

Unfortunately, we were unable to continue the Garden of Friendship project in Italy, due to the difficulties between our countries; the authorities didn't agree upon this friendly environmental action. Paolo was also not allowed to take part in the Arctic Pavilion at COP29 in Baku. At the same time, the Northern Forum received an official letter from Eufemia Esposito, Advisor for International Affairs of the Italian Ministry of Internal Affairs, stating that a state police officer would not be able to cooperate with the NF as a Goodwill Ambassador. Nevertheless, Paolo Venturini remains optimistic and intends to continue cooperation, hoping for the improvement of the international situation.



Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Russia Anton Vasiliev is virtually our teacher and advisor, who accompanies us to various events and conducts consistent work to promote the interests of the Northern Forum at the highest level. His speeches are always extremely informative, containing specific recommendations on the issues discussed and helpful in building the right strategy.

Advisor to the Head of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) Georgy Nikonov has for 15 years been leading a large-scale project "The Ways of Great Achievements", dedicated to the great geographical discoveries of the North and the Arctic, the contribution of the regions to the preservation and development of the country. He also initiated the project "400 years of the Far East". As part of the projects' implementation, he organizes expeditions to the most remote corners of our country, works closely with museums, schools, and local historians, promoting passion for knowledge and discoveries. We discuss a possibility of organizing a special session "The Ways of Great Achievements: 400 years of the Far East" at the Northern Sustainable Development Forum and interaction with the Schools Association.



Director General of the Regional Consulting Institute, Professor of Lomonosov Moscow State University, Alexander Pelyasov is an excellent popularizer of the Northern Forum; the book he published "Born to Unite. On the 30th Anniversary of the Northern Forum" has already become a bibliographic rarity. At the V Northern Sustainable Development Forum and the XIII Russian-Chinese Academic Meeting, Professor Pelyasov was one of the most sought-after speakers.

Thanks to the active work **Amarzhargal Baljinnyam, Chair of the Mongolian-Sakha Cooperation Society**, the interaction of the NF regions with Mongolia is expanding annually. In addition to traditional exhibitions of Mongolian artists, Amarzhargal provides large-scale assistance to all initiatives, fully coordinating visits to her country and helping regional delegations to implement their plans for cooperation.



Only in 2024, thanks to her efforts, an exchange between schools in Mongolia and Russia was established, she provided substantive support in organizing the visit of the delegation of the Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra, not to mention exchanges in cultural and

educational areas. Her main assistant is her husband Byambajav Nyamkhuu, who provides great assistance in organizing visits and meetings.

Associate Professor of the Faculty of International Relations of Saint Petersburg State University, Senior Researcher of the Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute Nadezhda Kharlampieva, in addition to organizing Russian-Chinese academic meetings, together with **Professor of the Ocean University of China Guo Peiqing**, organize Arctic schools for young specialists in different regions throughout the year, promote development of the Northern Youth Forum, actively support the Northern Forum events, ensuring the participation of excellent experts from Russia, China, India and other countries.



The Northern Forum is included in the Board of St. Petersburg State University “International Cooperation in the Field of Environment and Development” educational program; it is planned that students will undergo internships at the NF Secretariat



Paul Fuhs, our Goodwill Ambassador from Alaska, represents the Northern Forum in the Arctic Marine Ecosystems Program, in particular, the Shipping Expert Group. He is also developing an online curriculum "Sustainable Development of the Arctic" and is an active participant in the Arctic Pavilion program at COP29. Unfortunately, in 2024, for unknown reasons, he was not permitted to visit Russia with a valid visa. Nevertheless, he tried to make his contribution to the restoration of cooperation in the Arctic by publishing articles in Western media.

For objective reasons, it is not always possible to present Goodwill Ambassador badges and certificates in a timely manner. We try to use significant venues to present badges to our outstanding partners.

Leading researcher at the Marine Research Center of Lomonosov Moscow State University Alexander Shestakov is a leading expert in biodiversity conservation, a permanent participant in the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Biodiversity and the Arctic Council Working Group on the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna. Alexander Shestakov became one of the coordinators of the Arctic Pavilion project at COP29 in Baku and organized and moderated a number of sessions.



Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences Valery Kryukov received the honorary symbols of the Ambassador at the international forum "University and Geostrategic Territories" in Yakutsk, whereas Alexander Shestakov received them at the international forum "Arctic: Today and the Future". As there has been no opportunity for a personal meeting, the signs of Goodwill Ambassador have not yet been presented to Professor Oran Young (USA).



In general, most Goodwill Ambassadors try, to the best of their ability, to assist the activities of the Northern Forum, acting as experts at our venues or organizing the participation of the Northern Forum in high-level events.



OTHER EVENTS

V WINTER EXTREME MARATHON “THE POLE OF COLD - OYMAKON”

The Northern Forum traditionally became a partner of the marathon, organized on January 12, allocating a small amount of money for organizational expenses. It should be noted that enthusiasts had previously run the marathon distance at the Pole of Cold, but the impetus for organizing this project was the run of the Northern Forum Goodwill Ambassador, world record holder in extreme marathons Paolo Venturini.



The competition was attended by 38 athletes from the republic's districts, as well as from Moscow, Smolensk, Kursk, Vladimir, Kemerovo, Novosibirsk Oblasts and Udmurtia. The absolute winner among men in the 42.2 km distance was Konstantin Dragunov, representing Megino-Kangalassky District of Yakutia. Among women, the best result in the marathon was shown by Izabella Borisova, a runner from the Ust-Aldan District.



MEETING OF THE ARCTIC COUNCIL

On January 31, after a long break, an official meeting of Morten Höglund, Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials, with representatives of the Arctic Council observer countries and organizations took place. NF Executive Director Vladimir Vasilev attended the meeting online.



Mr. Höglund briefly introduced the activities of the Arctic Council, noting that the working groups are starting to function and observers can contact them to participate in project activities. Answering the representative of the Netherlands about how work on projects in which Russia was planning to participate would be structured, he said that a small part of the projects could be closed, but the Norwegian Chairship would try to preserve most of the projects. He specifically mentioned the project on preserving the languages of indigenous peoples, initiated by Russia and included in the list of the NF priority projects as the important one.

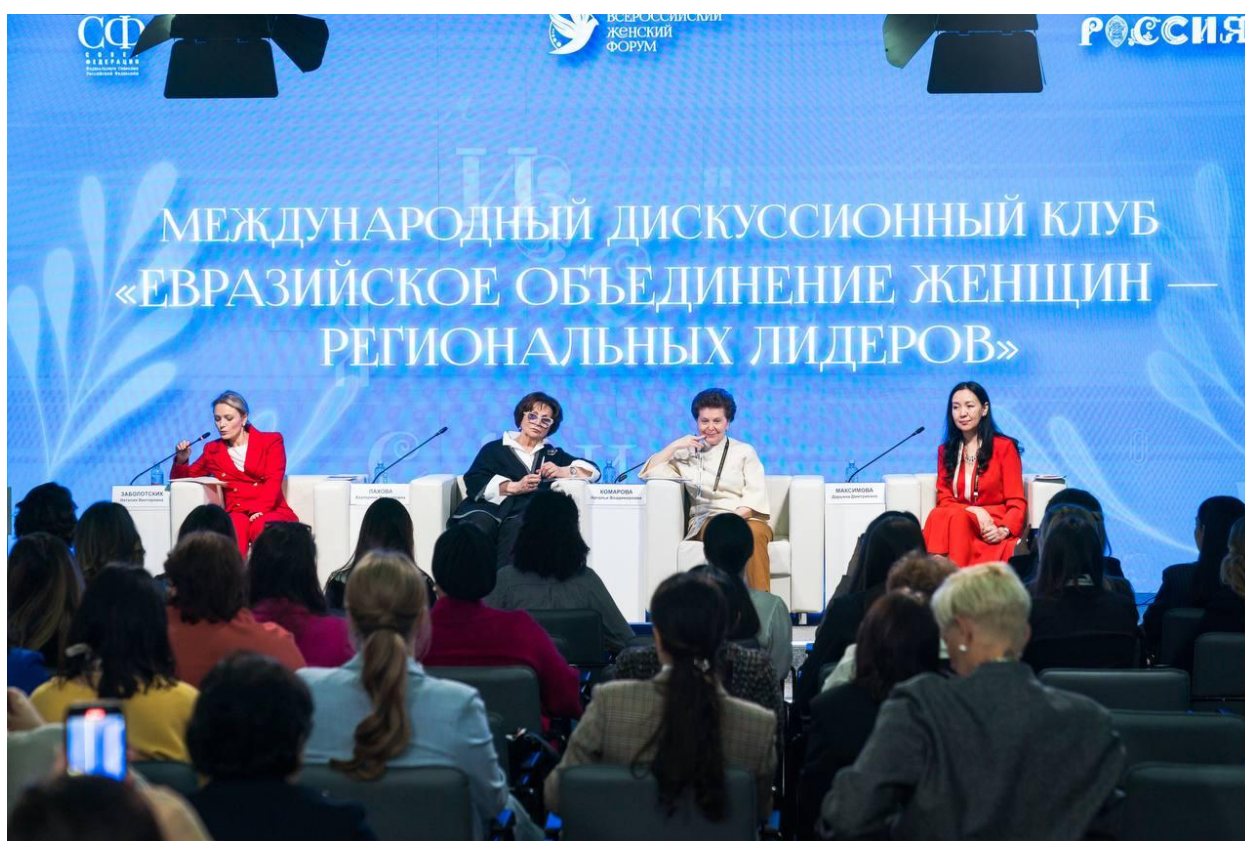
PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE NORTHERN FORUM

On February 9, a press conference of the Northern Forum was organized for the Day of Russian Science and the Day of the Diplomatic Worker.



The last 4 years have been extremely difficult; first the pandemic, then the abrupt and global change in the international situation created significant obstacles and it seemed difficult to get out of a tailspin, but we can proudly say that, thanks to the regions and business partners who retained membership and supported us in the most difficult moment, we managed to not only stabilize the situation, but also to significantly strengthen the organization, expand it geographically and in raise it level. A lot of people: regional leaders, government and public figures, outstanding people in various fields and enthusiasts united under the banner of the Northern Forum and joined into a powerful team. Today we understand that we have passed the most difficult period, having received a lot of knowledge and competencies, having increased our potential, and are now entering a new, stable period of development. Therefore, it was important for us to share our common achievements, verify the correctness of the chosen path with the professional journalistic community and share plans for the year, which is scheduled until the very end and filled with large-scale events and projects. We are very grateful to everyone who came to the Republic's Media Center and connected online from Moscow, Krasnoyarsk Krai, Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra, Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, and Yakutia. We also thank the Media Center team for their impeccable work and stable connection with the regions.

WOMEN'S FORUM



Ahead of the International Women's Day, the Women's Forum was held in Moscow on March 5-6, 2024, at RUSSIA EXPO at VDNKh.

Daryana Maximova, NF Deputy Executive Director, took part in the International Discussion Club "Eurasian Association of Women-Regional Leaders".

The key speakers of the club were Natalia Komarova, Governor of Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug, Chair of the Northern Forum, and Ekaterina Lakhova, Chair of the All-Russian public-state organization "Union of Women of Russia".

The event presented projects of Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug-Yugra, initiated by young women.

The event was held under the auspices of the international organization of northern regions "Northern Forum". Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug-Yugra is the NF Chairing region for 2023-2025.

ANNIVERSARY OF *TATTA* REGIONAL NEWSPAPER OF THE SAKHA REPUBLIC (YAKUTIA)

On March 21-22, *Tatta* newspaper celebrated its 85th anniversary with wonderful events, receiving guests from the regional newspapers, Sakha Media, Sakhapechat and other organizations, organizing a vibrant press tour, starting with a welcoming ceremony at the border of Tatta District, a theatrical performance at Cherkyokh Museum, a demonstration of a horse breeder's costume made by folk craftswoman Izabella Elyakova, a visit to the birthplace of Platon Oyunsky and other events. *Tatta* newspaper is the only regional newspaper that consistently covers the republic's international life, including the work of the Northern Forum, first-hand.



It was with great pleasure that we congratulated the newspaper staff and its editor-in-chief Anna Poselskaya, who has been holding this position for 15 years.

XXII INTERNATIONAL DEBUT FILM FESTIVAL "SPIRIT OF FIRE"

The festival took place in Khanty-Mansyisk on March 23-26. Natalia Komarova emphasized that representatives of 18 countries took part in the business and cultural program this year, becoming ambassadors of the festival and the peoples of the countries they represent.



The Governor presented the award of the International Organization of Northern Regions "Northern Forum" "For the Preservation of Traditions and Heritage of Indigenous Peoples of the Arctic and the North". It went to the film "How a Don Cossack Became a Reindeer Herder" by Natalia Makovetskaya (editor-in-chief of the national broadcasting group of Yugoria State Broadcasting Company).

The film is available on Rutube:

<https://rutube.ru/video/c529f1343293c1dffcbc2f6c75040739>

INTERNSHIP OF CHINESE STUDENTS AT THE NORTHERN FORUM SECRETARIAT

On April 1-30, 6 students from China, who came to Yakutia to study at the Institute of Finance and Economics of Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University under the Master's program, did an internship at the Northern Forum Secretariat. They are studying digital economy and came from 6 different universities in China and also represent different regions of China. The Northern Forum is actively resuming its ties in China; ahead the business forum "Northern Forum - China" during the Russian-Chinese EXPO in Harbin on May 15-19, the help of the students was more than useful. In turn, they learned more about international cooperation of Russian regions and will be able to talk about our activities at their universities.



They helped maintain active communication with the Chinese participants of the Forum in Harbin, translated a significant amount of materials. In June, everyone successfully defended their master's theses.

INDIAN-RUSSIAN EDUCATIONAL SUMMIT



On April 12, during the Indian-Russian Educational Summit at the Russian House in New Delhi, a roundtable of the Russian-Asian Consortium for Arctic Research (RACAR) was held to begin working with Indian experts. At the roundtable, the Northern Forum and Adamas University from Kolkata signed a letter of intent to cooperate, including as part of the Russian-Asian Consortium for Arctic Research. Adamas University became the first Indian university to join RACAR.

MEETING OF THE RUSSIAN-CHINESE PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATION IN THE ARCTIC



On April 25, the 4th Meeting of the Russian-Chinese Permanent Working Group on Cooperation in the Arctic of the Sub-commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation of the Russian-Chinese Commission on Preparing Regular Meetings of the Prime Ministers was held. At the Meeting, NF Deputy Executive Director Daryana Maximova spoke on expanding

scientific and educational cooperation between Russian and Chinese universities and on the activities of the Russian-Asian Consortium for Arctic Research (RACAR). Participation in the events of this level significantly increases the visibility and significance of the organization, allowing for the expansion of partnership.

TESTING AN INNOVATIVE FIRE-FIGHTING AGENT

On May 8, a fire-fighting reagent developed by Vershina Scientific and Implementation Center from Bashkortostan (headed by Erik Akhtyamov) was successfully tested in Yakutia during the fire-fighting exercises of the Ministry of Emergencies. The heads and representatives of all responsible agencies of Yakutia were present at the exercises.



The Northern Forum and the Interregional Partnership "Sustainable Development of the Far East and the Arctic" (headed by Tamara Mordasova) are partners of Vershina Scientific and Implementation Center and have made every effort to promote the effective means of preventing and extinguishing fires, absolutely environmentally friendly and harmless to animals and humans. We are confident that its use will dramatically reduce the number and scale of fires and, accordingly, the costs.

"SCIENCE. TRAVEL AROUND RUSSIA" YOUTH FESTIVAL



On October 12-13, “Science. Travel Around Russia” Youth Festival was held in Krasnoyarsk. The NF Executive Director Vladimir Vasilev took part in the plenary session and told about the work being done to support schoolchildren and youth.



A remarkable group of experts gathered at the Youth Festival in Krasnoyarsk. The children were definitely lucky to receive a lot of useful knowledge and lessons from such professionals as Ildar Mamatov, publisher, organizer of interesting school projects, expeditions in the footsteps of the discoverers of the Arctic, Siberia and the Far East; Irina Semenova - one of the most sought-after experts in Russia on grant activities, event organizer; Nikolay and Natalya Volynets - founders of amusement parks in St. Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast; Maria Kornilova - Director of Yakutia Folklore Music Museum, one of the most prominent educators of art; as well as Natalia Slugina, who had been the head of Chukotka External Relations Department and NF Regional Coordinator and is now an invited ethnocultural tourism expert at the State Council Tourism Commission. We discussed the areas of cooperation with each expert, the prospects are excellent.

VISIT OF THE DELEGATION OF KHANTY-MANSYISK AUTONOMOUS OKRUG – YUGRA TO MONGOLIA

Members of the delegation:

Oleg Meling, Deputy Head, External Relations Division – Head, International Cooperation Unit, Department of Youth Policy, Civil Initiatives and External Relations of Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug – Yugra;

Karina Borova, Consultant, International Cooperation Unit, Department of Youth Policy, Civil Initiatives and External Relations of Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug – Yugra;

Yulia Chertykovtseva, Member of Board, *Slovesnost* Surgut City Foundation for Language Arts Development

Ksenia Ilauski, President, Non-commercial Foundation for Support and Development of Arts and Crafts; art expert; member, Russia Designers Association; member, Youth Alliance of Arts and Crafts under the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Russia.

On December 4-6, 2024, a delegation from Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra held a series of events at the Russian House in Ulaanbaatar, where representatives of public organizations, universities, teachers, filmmakers, as well as all those interested in getting to know and cooperating with this Okrug, as well as Mongolian media were invited.

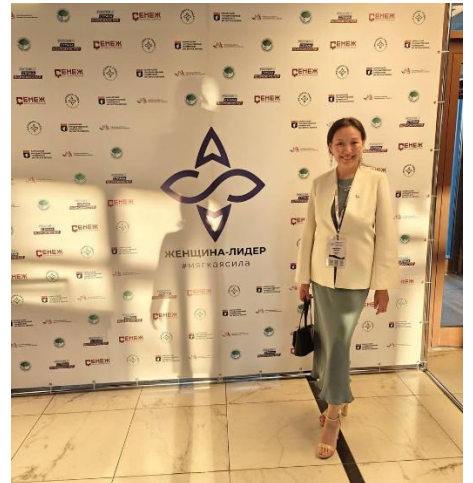
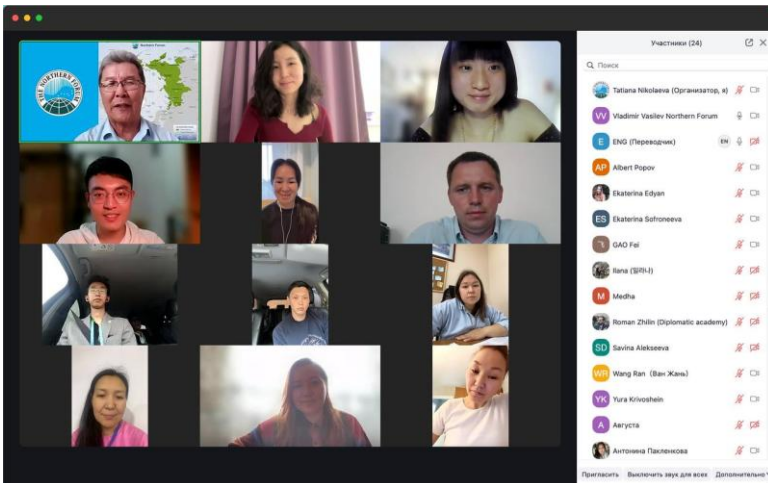
A number of interesting projects from Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra were presented, namely:

- Presentation of international humanitarian, cultural, educational projects of Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra
- Spirit of Fire International Debut Film Festival
- Russian language week in foreign countries
- Educational potential of the Autonomous Okrug
- Calendar of international sports events of the Autonomous Okrug
- Presentation of the exhibition of folk art, collections of clothing in the style of the indigenous peoples of the North
- Master class on painting
- Lesson "Animals in Russian Fairy Tales" and
- Lesson "Plasticity of Human Body (Based on Children's Folklore)" within the framework of the project "Russian Language Week in Foreign Countries"

While discussing the projects, NF Goodwill Ambassador in Mongolia Amarjargal Balzhinnyam briefly presented the work of the newly created Northern Forum Schools Association, and told about the volunteer Russian language teachers from Berdigestyakh School of Gorny District of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) Tatyana Sidorova and Sakhalyana Sivtseva, who worked for 2 weeks in schools #1 and #2 of Kharkhorin Sum of Uvurkhangai Province of Mongolia, as well as about the visit to Mongolia of Olga Kozlova, Principal of Nizhnevartovsk Gymnasium School of Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous Okrug - Yugra. Amarjargal also spoke about the future plans of the Schools Association, expressed her opinion about the joint activities to attract volunteer Russian language teachers to Mongolian schools, improving the qualifications of Mongolian Russian language teachers, summer camps, exchange of students and teachers, assistance in providing textbooks and teaching aids for schools in Mongolia, etc. A proposal was also made to the Spirit of Fire Film Festival, where one branch of presenting an interesting film project (any) could be the "triangle" of Yugra - Mongolia - Yakutia, which was received with interest by all participants of this meeting.









THE NORTHERN FORUM MEDIA COVERAGE IN 2024

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27.02.2024	Yakutia 24	https://yk24.ru/2024/02/soglashenie-ob-ustanovke-pobratimskih-svyazej-podpisali-dva-rajona-yakutii-s-mongolskim-gorodom-harhorin/
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20.03.2024	Administration of Megion town	https://admmegion.ru/news/Startoval_otb_or_zayavok_dlya_uchastiya_v_festivale_kine_matograficheskikh_debyutov_Dukh_ognya_v_nomin/
16.04.2024	News of Tomsk State University	https://news.tsu.ru/projects/university-in-details/pervyy-prorektor-tgu-prinyal-uchastie-v-indiysko-rossiyskom-sammite/?sphrase_id=505753
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08.06.2024	The Barents Observer	https://www.thebarentsobserver.com/opinions/termination-of-lapland-professor-puts-a-chill-on-arctic-research/109508

12.07.2024	Yakutia daily	https://yakutia-daily.ru/soorganizatorom-severnogo-foruma-v-yakutske-vystupit-blagotvoritelnyj-fond-andreya-melnichenko/
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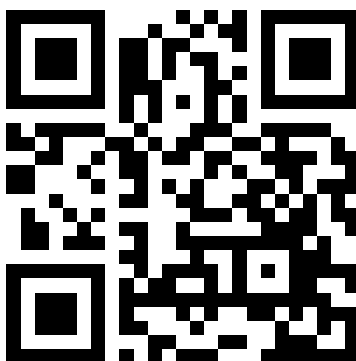
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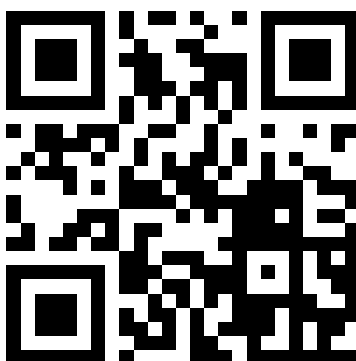
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