



## WORK PLAN OF THE NORTHERN FORUM

for 2018

№	Activities	Time	Content
1.	Implementation of decisions of the Board of Governors on improving the project activities of organization. Supporting of working groups of the Northern Forum.	Permanently	Implementation of Yakutsk Declaration and Resolution №177
2.	Continuation of work on engagement of new member regions and business partners for a membership in the Northern Forum	Permanently	In 2016 Alaska and Lapland restored membership in the Northern Forum. The High North Center for Business School at the Nord University in Norway also joined the Northern Forum as a business partner to explore the feasibility of joining the northern regions of Norway - Finnmark, Troms and Nordland. It is necessary to continue the work on registration of membership of potential regions, as well as attracting new business partners. In this case the presiding region, all member regions, NF structures must also work to attract new members.
3.	Preparation of proposals on amendments and additions to the Bylaws and the Rules of Procedures of the Northern Forum in connection with the decisions taken at the 12th General Assembly of the Northern Forum	1-3 quarters	Implementation of Resolution №179 On Bylaws and Rules of Procedure and the Yakutsk Declaration of 2015. Together with the Regional Coordinators Committee
4.	Work on development of the Northern Forum website	On regular basis	Secretariat of the Northern Forum is responsible for maintaining the Northern Forum website. There is new version of the website which will be launched on August 2016.
5.	Participation in the working groups meetings of the Arctic Council (according to the work plans of the Arctic Council)	On regular basis	Implementation of G.1. of Moscow Declaration. Secretariat of the Northern Forum is working on enhancing communication with the

			Arctic Council Secretariat, and working groups secretariats to better coordination of cooperation and stronger participation in the Arctic Council work.
6.	Development of cooperation with Arctic Economic Council	On regular basis	Implementation of the Yakutsk Declaration 2015
7.	Continuation of cooperation with the Arctic Portal on development of business portal of the Northern Forum	Permanently	During the 11th General Assembly in Moscow, International Business Week in Murmansk, and while participating in the international forum the Arctic Circle in Reykjavik, Iceland there were discussions with the Arctic Portal on a project to create a business portal. The portal is a joint project of the Northern Forum and the Arctic Portal.
8.	Preparation of the Regional Coordinators Committee and other meetings of the Northern Forum	Regularly	In accordance with p. 6.1. of the Rules of the work of the Northern Forum Regional Coordinators Committee are held once a year.
9.	Preparation and conduction of the Governors Summit	Annually	It is suggested and discussed at the 12 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Northern Forum to hold Governors Summits annually.
10.	Teleconference meetings with regional coordinators on project work and meetings of the Northern Forum	Quarterly	To enhance all the activities of the Northern Forum, accelerate decision-making on current issues, enhancing the role of the regions in managing the organization it is suggested to hold regular teleconferences via Skype or other communication.
11.	Work with project coordinators	Permanently	In accordance to the new operational structure newly established working groups will develop their own work plans, select projects, evaluate progress of projects and report to the Regional Coordinators Committee. Secretariat of the Northern Forum has to monitor and control project work and assist the working group in coordination of project work in general.
12.	Participation of Northern Forum representatives in different international events	According to the Calendar	Implementation of p. G.6. of Moscow Declaration and Yakutsk Declaration 2015. Main purpose – disseminate information on the Northern Forum activities, exchange of experience, development of new initiatives and projects with organizations interested in sustainable development of the Arctic and North.
13.	Organization of visits of the Chair, Vice-Chairs, Executive Director of the Northern Forum in different regions.	Regularly	Main purpose of visits – presentation of the Northern Forum and engagement of new members.
14.	Participation in meetings and project activities of the Northern Forum	See the Calendar of Events	Assistance in organization of project activities according to work plans of working groups and other events in northern regions.

15.	Participation in meetings and events of the UN bodies, agencies and mechanisms on relevant fields where Northern Forum can have an input (UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, UNPFII)	Regularly	Implementation of the Yakutsk Declaration 2015.
16.	Participation in events and meetings of the Forum of Global Associations of Regions (FOGAR) (in accordance with FOGAR work plans)	Regularly	Implementation of p. G.5. of Moscow Declaration and Yakutsk Declaration 2015. There is a need in permanent representation in the meetings and events of FOGAR.
17.	Participation in events and meetings of the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4sd)	Regularly	Implementation of p. G.5. of Moscow Declaration and Yakutsk Declaration 2015. There is a need in permanent representation in the meetings and events of nrg4sd.



## CALENDAR OF THE NORTHERN FORUM EVENTS IN 2018

№	Events	Time	Place	Participation on behalf of NF	Opportunities
1	International conference "Arctic Frontiers - 2018 – Connecting the Arctic". There is a possibility to conduct separate session of the Northern Forum	January 21-26	Tromsø, Norway	It is possible to participate from member regions of the Northern Forum and conduct separate session of the Northern Forum to discuss interregional cooperation in the Arctic, as well as a working meeting of experts on the development strategy of the Northern Forum .	Attracting new members to the Northern Forum, promotion of projects of the Northern Forum .
2	Meeting of the Committee of Senior Arctic Officials	March	Finland	Executive Director of the Northern Forum Mikhail Pogodaev can participate in SAO meeting. Presence as an observer of the Arctic Council and member of the working groups; If possible, a presentation on the activities of the Northern Forum.	For the member regions of the Northern Forum: the platform for promotion of initiatives in the framework of the Northern Forum. Strengthening the position of subnational governments – members of the Northern Forum in Arctic Council.
3	XV Krasnoyarsk Economic Forum. Conduct separate session of the Northern Forum and the plenary session on international inter-regional cooperation within the framework of the Northern Forum	April	Krasnoyarsk, Russia	The Northern Forum round table discussion on development of interregional international cooperation in the Arctic.	Attracting new members to the Northern Forum , promotion of projects of the Northern Forum .
4	Ugra Industrial Forum	April	Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia	It is recommended to the member regions of the Northern Forum to participate in this event.	Proposal from the Government of Khanty-Mansiysk autonomous okrug

5	Arctic Competences International Competitions "Arctic Skills"	April 6-10	Yakutsk, Russia	Executive Director of the Northern Forum Mikhail Pogodaev is advised to participate, as well as representatives of NF member regions	
6	IX Arctic Business Forum	May	Finland	It is advisable to participate to business circles of the member regions of the Northern Forum .	Development of business cooperation in the Arctic as a part of the Northern Forum. Presentation of Northern Forum activities in this area and strengthening working group on development of business cooperation in the North .
7	International Conference "Universe of the Polar Bear"	May	Chukotka Autonomous Okrug, Russia	It is recommended to the member regions of the Northern Forum to participate in this event.	Proposal of Chukotka Autonomous Okrug
8	International Action "To Save and Preserve" under the auspices of the Northern Forum	May - June	Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia	Chairman of the Regional Coordinators Committee is advised to participate as well as representatives of other member regions of the Northern Forum at the opening or closing ceremony. This action is a traditional event of the Khanty-Mansiysk autonomous okrug and is held annually under the auspices of the Northern Forum.	Strengthening of inter-regional cooperation and development of bilateral relations with the Government of Khanty-Mansiysk autonomous okrug in the field of environmental protection.
9	International Conference "Development of Renewable Energy in the Russian Far East"	June	Yakutsk, Russia	Chair of the Regional Coordinators Committee is advised to participate at the opening of the conference, as well as representatives of other member regions of the Northern Forum, companies and organizations, interesting in development of renewable energy in the North.	Exchange of experience in the field of renewable energy. Development of cooperation between regions in the field of renewable energy in the North.
10	XXII Saint-Petersburg International Economic Forum. International conference "Economic Development of the Arctic"	June	Saint-Petersburg, Russia	It is recommended that Chair of the Northern Forum, as well as representatives of other member regions of the Northern Forum, companies and organizations would participate in this event.	Promotion of the Northern Forum, discussion about economic development of the northern territories.

11	Championship in boat racing on Oblas for the Cup of the Governor of Khanty-Mansiysk autonomous okrug	July	Nefteyugansk, Russia	It is recommended that member regions of the Northern Forum will send delegations and sport teams to this event.	Enhancing cooperation between member regions of the Northern Forum in the field of Ethno Sports and preservation of traditional livelihoods of indigenous peoples.
12	Regular meeting of the Regional Coordinators Committee of the Northern Forum	June-July	Chair region	There is a need for participation from the Chair and members of the of RCC, as well as the Secretariat of the Northern Forum.	Discussion of the work of Northern Forum. Coordination of joint actions between the member regions of the Northern Forum. Enhancing relations between the regions, members of the Northern Forum, including potential regions.
13	International action "Nature and us" under the auspices of the Northern Forum	April - September	Yakutsk, Russia	Chairman of the Regional Coordinators Committee is advised to participate as well as representatives of other member regions of the Northern Forum at the opening or closing ceremony.	Strengthening of inter-regional cooperation and development of bilateral relations with the Government of Sakha Republic (Yakutia) in the field of environmental protection.
14	Meeting of Senior Arctic Officials	October	Finland	It is recommended that Executive Director of the Northern Forum Mikhail Pogodaev would participate in this meeting. The presence as an observer of the Arctic Council and member of the working groups. Representing the interests of the Northern Forum.	For the member regions of the Northern Forum: the platform for promotion of initiatives in the framework of the Northern Forum. Strengthening the position of subnational governments – members of the Northern Forum in Arctic Council .
15	Arctic Circle Assembly. There is a possibility to conduct a separate session of the Northern Forum, in cooperation with the Akureyri municipality and Arctic Portal .	October 19-21	Reykjavik, Island	It is recommended that Chair of the Northern Forum or Chair of RCC, as well as representatives of other member regions of the Northern Forum, companies and organizations would participate in this event.	It is possible to make a presentation of NF or NF member regions at the plenary session. Also, every year the Northern Forum conducts a separate session on interregional cooperation in the Arctic .

16	XVI Tourism Exhibition-Fair «Ugra Tour 2018»	November	Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia	It is recommended to the member regions of the Northern Forum to participate in this event.	Proposal from the Government of Khanty-Mansiysk autonomous okrug
17	US-Russia Polar Bear Commission	November	To be determined	It is recommended to the member regions of the Northern Forum to participate in this event.	Proposal of Chukotka Autonomous Okrug
18	Days of the Arctic in Moscow	December	Moscow, Russia	It is recommended that Chair of the Northern Forum or Chair of RCC, as well as representatives of other member regions of the Northern Forum, companies and organizations would participate in this event.	Promotion of the Northern Forum, expansion of membership in the organization. Participation in discussions and presentations.
19	International Forum "The Arctic: Present and Future"	December	Saint-Petersburg, Russia	It is recommended that Chair of the Northern Forum or Chair of RCC, as well as representatives of other member regions of the Northern Forum, companies and organizations would participate in this event.	Promotion of the Northern Forum, expansion of membership in the organization. Participation in discussions and presentations. It is possible to arrange a separate session of the Northern Forum.
20	Participation in the activities of the Northern Forum projects to the extent possible	On a regular basis	The Northern Forum member-regions	Member regions of the Northern Forum.	Implementation of projects of the Northern Forum will allow to fulfill the mission of the Northern Forum to improve the quality of life, support sustainable development of the northern regions and protection of environment .

\* Executive Director of the Northern Forum and secretariat (including interpreters) are expected to participate in all activities in order to provide support for participation in these activities of the leadership and members of the Northern Forum.