

## The Northern Forum Resolution # 146

### Project Approvals

#### Background

The Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) General Assembly of the Northern Forum held in Pyeongchang, Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea, reviewed the status of project activities including projects still in the development stages. Additionally, during the General Assembly, a two-day workshop was conducted to highlight issues of interest to northern regions. As a result of this project review and the workshop following are the recommendations of the Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) General Assembly with regard to ongoing and new projects.

There are three main comprehensive programs within the Northern Forum which involve specific projects. The three programs with projects are: Sustainable Development, Society and Culture, and Environment.

Project	Expected results
<b>Sustainable Development</b>	
Rural Sustainable Development	Under the leadership of KHMAO, conduct a Workshop which will identify key components of sustainable development and create a core set of projects to implement recommendations from the workshop. Present project proposals to the Regional Coordinators Committee in 2012. Under the leadership of Yukon, develop a project workplan, identify participating regions and collect information on Sustainable Energy Technologies in member regions for dissemination among members.
<b>Society and Culture</b>	
Substance Abuse Treatment	Under the leadership of KHMAO, continue work in research, prevention and treatment of substance abuse. Create a working Group and report to the Regional Coordinators Committee in 2012 concerning project achievements.
Infectious Disease Monitoring	Under the leadership of KHMAO, continue cooperation with the Arctic Council on this project. Conduct a workshop in 2012 in Russia and identify opportunities for expanded regional participation - outside of Russia. Report to the Regional Coordinators Committee in 2012 concerning project achievements.
Telemedicine	Under the leadership of Sakha, continue work in research and sharing best practices in the use of information technologies in the medical community and report back to the RCC meeting in 2012.
Suicide Prevention	Under the leadership of KHMAO, create a working group, conduct research in best practices addressing the prevention of suicide and healing the effects of suicide on families and communities. Report to the next GA in 2013.

<b>Environment</b>	
Brown Bear Work Group	Continue research, work on training opportunities and expand membership.
Youth EcoForum	Accept offer of the Yukon to host the 2012 YEF.
Flood Work Group	Under the leadership of KHMAO, convene a Working Group meeting to review success and identify additional areas of cooperation. Continue collaboration with EPPR and consider expanding activities into natural disasters such as wildfires
Northern Zoos Cooperation	Under the leadership of Sakha, convene a meeting of the Association in August in Sweden. Report to the RCC meeting in 2012 on the progress on developing the photo album and the website.
Protected Areas Management Cooperation	Under the leadership of Sakha, establish a Working Group to share experience on Protected Area management and identify opportunities for cooperation
Bison Management Working Group	Under the leadership of Sakha, identify opportunities for collaboration in bison population management.
Permafrost Degradation	Under the leadership of Quebec, hold a workshop on best practices in adaptation.
<b>Secretariat Activities</b>	
Sister School Partnerships	Continue collaboration between schools in Anchorage Alaska and the Sakha Republic. Explore opportunities to expand similar cooperation between other regions.
<b>Endorsed Activities</b>	
	<p>The following activities have received the recognition and support of the Northern Forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harbin International Economic and Trade Fair (Heilongjiang), June 10-20, 2011, Harbin.</li> <li>• Northeast Russia Infrastructure Development Conference (Sakha), August 17-19, 2011, Yakutsk.</li> <li>• Arctic Winter Games (Yukon) March 4-10, 2012 Whitehorse</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> International Children of Asia Games (Sakha), July 4-16, 2012</li> <li>• Ecological Action "Save &amp; Protect"(KHMAO)</li> </ul> <p>In addition to the above activities, the Board requested that the Secretariat work with regions to identify opportunities to engage youth in Northern Forum activities.</p>

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors of the Northern Forum adopt the above list of projects in accordance with the attached recommendations.

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