



# СЕВЕРНЫЙ ФОРУМ ПО УСТОЙЧИВОМУ РАЗВИТИЮ 27-30 СЕНТЯБРЯ 2020

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## CONCEPTION NORTHERN YOUTH FORUM

### PREREQUISITES

The North and the Arctic form a unique region of the planet; its potentiality has not yet been fully explored. More and more states, regardless of their geographical location, demonstrate interest in participating in the active development of the North and the Arctic. The growing interest in the northern and Arctic topics is associated with a change in the global climate, which opens up new opportunities for development of the Northern Sea Route and access to mineral resources of this understudied region.

In 2021, the Northern Forum Non-Profit Organization (hereinafter - the Northern Forum) will celebrate its 30th anniversary, and the Arctic Council will celebrate its 25th anniversary.

Over its almost 30-year history, the Northern Forum has implemented many projects that have made a significant contribution to the socio-economic development of the Northern regions and the extension of interregional cooperation throughout the circumpolar Arctic.

One of the long-term instruments for further development of the Northern Forum and the achievement of sustainable development goals in the North and the Arctic can be the use of the potential of international youth cooperation through the creation of the Northern Youth Forum (hereinafter referred to as the NYF). In the foreseeable future, it will be impossible to implement large-scale projects in the North and the Arctic without the participation of young people. The NYF will bring together the youth of the Northern and Arctic regions of the world under the auspices of the Northern Forum to promote peaceful and productive international cooperation. It will become a platform for uniting like-minded people, training and educating young professionals who will make decisions on important agendas of the North and the Arctic tomorrow.



## GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Conception defines a mission, goals and objectives of the Youth Northern Forum. The Conception also determines the main areas, conditions for participation, basic structure and expected results of the NYF.

The Youth Northern Forum is held in accordance with priority areas of the Northern Forum.

Frequency of the NYF: once a year.

Location and format of the NYF are determined annually by the NYF Regulations.

## MISSION, GOALS, OBJECTIVES OF NYF

THE MISSION OF THE NYF is to strengthen the spirit of trust and cooperation between young representatives of Northern regions and countries at the stage of personal and professional views' formation.

THE GOAL OF THE NYF is to promote the interests and views of young people in solving the problems facing the Northern Forum by using the potential of international youth cooperation.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NYF:

- Creation of a platform for international youth cooperation;
- Involvement of active youth in the processes of solving the most urgent and promising socio-economic, political, ecological, cultural and other tasks facing the North and the Arctic;
- Formation of youth professional communities, communities by interest and working groups for initiatives in the areas of the NYF;
- Assistance to social, scientific, educational and creative self-realization of youth;
- Teaching young people to create and promote various projects that correspond to the activities of the Northern Forum.

## AREAS OF NYF

The main areas of the NYF are:

Human capital: Young talents of the North and the Arctic:

- Educational and scientific projects;
- Science for sustainable development of the North and the Arctic;
- Support of young talents;
- Transfer of traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples to the new generation;
- Cooperation of public organizations;
- School partnership.

Ecology and environmental protection

- Environmental activities of the Northern youth for sustainable development;
- Ecology and climate change.

Economy, investment and entrepreneurship of the North and the Arctic

- Development of youth entrepreneurship;
- Digitalization of the economy;
- Technology and innovation;
- Sustainable energy;
- Industrial projects in the North and in the Arctic.



#### Volunteering and Internship Programs

- International volunteering and internship for Northern and Arctic youth;
- Development of volunteer programs in the North and the Arctic.

#### Culture, tourism and territory promotion

- Cultural cooperation;
- Preservation of indigenous traditions in the North and the Arctic;
- Development of Infrastructure in the North and the Arctic;
- Territorial branding of Northern and Arctic regions and states;
- Post-pandemic tourism.

### **FORMAT AND STRUCTURE OF NYF**

The NYF program consists of the following activities:

- Opening;
- Panel discussion (on the main topic of the NYF);
- Meetings with leading experts in the Arctic and the North, well-known state and public figures;
- Networking session;
- Work in areas;
- Lectures, master classes, seminars;
- Closing.

NYF events can be held in person, in absentia and online.

### **EXPECTED RESULTS**

Results of the NYF in the nearest future:

- Submission of the resolution and other materials of the NYF to the Northern Forum;
- Publication of materials of the NYF (resolution, reports, presentations, recommendations, final reports, etc.) on the official website of the Northern Forum;
- Publication of individual materials of the NYF in an indexed journal;
- Formation of working groups in priority areas;
- Formation of project teams.

Results of the NYF in the medium and long term horizon:

- Bringing the youth's views to the public, government and international organizations on solving Northern and Arctic issues;
- Active participation of youth in shaping the agenda of the North and the Arctic;
- Formation of a community of the NYF participants who will deal with various issues on Northern and Arctic topics in different regions and countries at the local, national and international levels, and effective interaction of members of this community in implementation of projects within the NYF and beyond;
- Implementation of projects according to the NYF areas.



## **PARTICIPANTS OF NYF**

Participants of the NYF can be representatives from member-regions of the Northern Forum and members (countries and organizations) of the Arctic Council aged 16 to 40:

- Students, graduate students and faculty members of educational institutions;
- Students and school staff;
- Members and leaders of public organizations;
- Professionals employed in the areas presented in paragraph 4 of this Conception;
- Specialists and heads of executive authorities of regions and countries;
- Specialists and heads of diplomatic missions of countries;
- Representatives of the Northern Forum and the Arctic Council;
- Bloggers, journalists.

The NYF welcomes representatives from other regions of the world interested in cooperation with the youth of the North and the Arctic.

## **OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF NYF**

Official languages of the NYF are English and Russian.

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