RUSSIA'S CHAIRMANSHIP **PROGRAM**

FOR THE ARCTIC COUNCIL



THE PROGRAMME OF RUSSIA'S 2021–2023 CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE ARCTIC COUNCIL



I. OFFICIAL MODULE

- Ministerial Sessions of the Arctic Council
- Meetings of Senior Officials in the Arctic
- Venue: Arctic regions of Russia

II. THEMATIC EVENTS

The Programme demonstrates the priorities of Russia's chairmanship

- Human capital
- Ecology
- Sustainable economic growth

III. INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

- Representing the AC at international forums
- Expanding cooperation with the AEC and ACGF
- Engaging the AC's observers



PROGRAMME ARCHITECTURE

- Official Module
- The Development Human Capital in the Arctic
- Indigenous small-numbered peoples of the Arctic
- Climate Change and Ecology of the Arctic
- Preventing Emergencies in the Arctic
- Economic Cooperation
- Development of Infrastructure and Sustainable Shipping in the Arctic
- Arctic Tourism
- Arctic Youth
- International Scientific Cooperation in the Arctic
- Cultural Programme



1. OFFICIAL MODULE

1.	12th Ministerial Session of the AC, handover of the chairmanship to Russia	19–20 May 2021
2.	Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials of the Arctic Council (ACSAO), restricted participation	June 2021
3.	Meeting of the Arctic Economic Council (AEC)	June 2021
4.	International Conference on Presenting the Programme and Goals of Russia's Chairmanship of the AC	June-July 2021
5.	ACSAO meeting and AC plenary meeting	October 2021
6.	Meetings of the AC's Working and Expert Groups: SDWG, PAME, EPPR, CAFF, AMAP, ACAP	2021, 2 times a year (each Working Group)
7.	The international arctic forum The Arctic: Territory of Dialogue	December 2021
8.	ACSAO meeting and AC plenary meeting	March 2022
9.	Meeting of the Arctic Economic Council (AEC)	September 2022
10.	ACSAO meeting and AC plenary meeting	October 2022
11.	Meetings of the AC's Working and Expert Groups: SDWG, PAME, EPPR, CAFF, AMAP, ACAP	2022, 2 times a year (each Working Group)
12.	ACSAO meeting and AC plenary meeting	March 2023
13.	ACSAO meeting, restricted participation	April 2023
14.	Meetings of the AC's Working and Expert Groups: SDWG, PAME, EPPR, CAFF, AMAP, ACAP	2023, 2 times a year (each Working Group)
15.	Meeting of the Arctic Economic Council (AEC)	Q1 2023
16.	13th Ministerial Session of the AC, handover of the chairmanship to Norway	2023
17.	The international arctic forum The Arctic: Territory of Dialogue	April 2023
18.	Summit of AC Member States	April 2023



2. THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN CAPITAL IN THE ARCTIC

1.	Arctic Human Health Conference	2021-2022
2.	Conference on attracting human resources to the Arctic	September– October 2021
3.	Arctic Generations: Looking Back and Looking Forward - the 10th International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences	15–19 June 2021
4.	Northern Sustainable Development Forum, the 4th in a series of research-to-practice conferences	September– November 2021
5.	Conference on the Accessibility of Education in the Arctic (to be held on the sidelines of the UArctic Congress)	2022
6.	International Championship of Professional Skills in Northern Trades	April-June 2022
7.	Conference on Comfortable Urban Environments in the Arctic	June-August 2022
8.	Northern Sustainable Development Forum, the 4th in a series of research-to-practice conferences	September- November 2022
9.	Arctic Telemedicine, the 5th international research-to- practice conference	November 2022





3. INDIGENOUS SMALL-NUMBERED PEOPLES OF THE ARCTIC

1.	7th World Congress of the Association of World Reindeer Herders (AWRH)	September–October 2021
2.	The Russian North, a forum for the youth of indigenous small-numbered peoples	Q3-Q4 2021
3.	Roundtable discussion on implementing the international project Arctic Children	September 2021
4.	International Forum of Public-Private Partnership in the Area of Sustainable Development of Indigenous Peoples	September 2021
5.	The Polar Games, an all-Russian sports contest of the peoples of Russia's north in memory of I L Shpektor	October–November 2021
6.	Summit of the Indigenous Small-Numbered Peoples of the Arctic	H1 2022
7.	The Russian North, a forum for the youth of indigenous small-numbered peoples	Q3-Q4 2022
8.	International seminar on preserving and promoting the languages of the indigenous small-numbered peoples of the Arctic	February 2022
9.	International Traditional Reindeer Husbandry Championship	April 2022
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4. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ECOLOGY OF THE ARCTIC

1.	Conference on Arctic Littoral Bioremediation	2021–2022
2.	Conference on the Prevention and Elimination of Oil Spills in the Arctic	March 2022
3.	Conference on Litter and Microplastics in the Arctic	April 2022
4.	Arctic Meteorological Summit	May–June or September 2022
5.	Conference on Recovering Sunken Radioactive and Hazardous Objects in the Seas of the Arctic Ocean	June 2022
6.	Conference on Adaptation to Climate Change in the Arctic	July 2022
7.	Third Arctic Biodiversity Congress	August 2022
8.	International Forum on Specially Protected Nature Areas (SPNAs) in the Arctic	October 2022
9.	Conference on Bioresources and Fishing in the Arctic	2023
10.	Meeting of Arctic Ministers of the Environment	May 2023
11.	World Summit on Climate Change and the Thawing of Permafrost	September 2023

5. Prevention OF EMERGENCIES IN THE ARCTIC

1.	A roundtable discussion on global climate change and the degradation of permafrost	May 2021
2.	The thematic cluster Ensuring Security in the Arctic, to be held on the sidelines of the International Safety & Security Exhibition 2021, an international salon for security services	May 2021
3.	Comprehensive interdepartmental experimental and research exercises on measures to protect the territories within the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation against emergencies	September 2021
4.	The international exercises Barents Rescue 2022	September 2022
5.	The international research-to-practice conference Security and Safety Service in Russia: Experience, Problems, Prospects. The Arctic as a Region of Strategic Interests: Legal Policy and Today's Security and Safety Technologies in the Arctic Region	October 2022
6.	The international research-to-practice conference Monitoring Systems in the Arctic Zone	May 2023
7.	Comprehensive exercises on responding to and resolving an emergency in the Arctic Zone by the Main Department of EMERCOM of Russia in the Murmansk Region with the participation of representatives from emergency operations agencies of the Arctic Council's member states, foreign observers and international organisations	2023

6. ECONOMIC COOPERATION

1.	Conference on the Development of the Arctic Ocean Shelf	21–24 September 2021
2.	Conference of Regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry	October- November 2021
3.	International Seminar on Shipbuilding and Ship Repair in the Arctic	March 2022
4.	Conference on Investment and Trade in the Arctic	Stage 1: June 2022 Stage 2: September- October 2022
5.	International Seminar on Cross-Border Cooperation in the Arctic	October 2022
6.	The conference The Role of the Arctic in Ensuring Global Energy Balance	24-27 October 2022
7.	International Seminar on the Development of Aquaculture in the Arctic	January–February 2023



7. DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING IN THE ARCTIC

1. Conference on Green Energy in the Arctic October 2021

 International Seminar on the Development of Small Aircraft Transportation in the Arctic December 2021

3. Conference on the Development of the Northern Seas Route and Sustainable Shipping in the Arctic

July 2022

4. Conference on the Development of Telecommunications and Digitalisation in the Arctic

August 2022





8. ARCTIC TOURISM

1.	The forum Accessible Arctic, including the International Arctic Tourism Media Congress to be held in one of the constituent subjects of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation (AZRF)	September 2021
2.	Conference on Sustainable Cruise Tourism in the Arctic	September 2021
3.	The international festival Bering Strait	August 2022
4.	The forum Accessible Arctic, including the International Arctic Tourism Media Congress to be held in one of the constituent subjects of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation (AZRF)	September 2022
5.	The exhibition 100 Arctic Crafts and Products	September 2022
6.	The forum Accessible Arctic, including the International Arctic Tourism Media Congress to be held in one of the constituent subjects of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation (AZRF)	2023
7.	An international tourism forum, including a conference on minimising the human-induced impact from tourism activities on Arctic ecosystems	2023



9. ARCTIC YOUTH

1.	International Youth Programmes of Arctic Volunteers	Stage 1: May– June 2021, Stage 2: July– August 2021, Stage 3: September– November 2021
2.	AC Young Leaders Forum	Q3, Q4 2021
3.	International marine Training-through-research expeditions on research vessels in the Arctic	July–September 2021
4.	International Youth AC Model	March 2022
5.	The professional skills championship World Skills Arctic	Q2-Q3 2022
6.	The international scientific conference for students and postgraduates Problems of the Arctic Region	16–17 May 2022
7.	The forum of young scientists Russia in the Arctic Dialogue: Global and Local Contexts	May 2022
8.	A Student Summit on the Conservation and Maintenance of Ecology in the Arctic Region	June 2022
9.	International marine Training-through-research expeditions on research vessels in the Arctic	July–September 2022
10.	Arctic Council Youth Creativity Festival	November 2022
11.	The youth forum Innovations and Technologies in the Arctic	March 2023
12.	AC Young Leaders Forum	Q3, Q4 2023
13.	International marine Training-through-research expeditions on research vessels in the Arctic	July–September 2023

10. INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IN THE ARCTIC

1.	Conference of the Ministers of Science	8–9 September 2021
2.	The international research-to-practice conference Universe of the Polar Bear	Q2-Q4 2021
3.	1st International Conference on Communication Mechanisms of the Peoples of the Arctic Zone	15–16 February 2022
4.	The international research-to-practice conference Universe of the Polar Bear	2022
5.	The UArctic Congress	September– November 2022
6.	A comprehensive expedition with the participation of scientists from Russian and international research centres to explore the high latitudes of the Arctic Ocean on the ice-resistant self-propelled platform North Pole	2022-2023
7.	The international research-to-practice conference Universe of the Polar Bear	2023
8.	The international research-to-practice conference Euroarctic	April 2023



11. CULTURAL PROGRAMME

1. The arctic festival Teribe	rka	July 2021
2. The cultural festival Bare	ents Bird	September 2021
3. The international festiva Northern Character: Green Screen	l of social and environmental films	September 2021
4. The 5th Golden Raven Int	ternational Arctic Film Festival	13–26 September 2021
5. The film festival Norther	n Character	November 2021
6. Gastronomic Festival of I	Northern Cuisine	November– December 2021
7. 4th Northern Cultural Fo	rum	2–4 December 2021
8. The cultural festival Bare	ents Bird	April 2022
9. The arctic festival Teribe	rka	July 2022
10. The international festiva Northern Character: Green	l of social and environmental films en Screen	September 2022
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For more details about the events, their venues and the contact details of the organisers, please visit the website of Russia's chairmanship at https://arctic-council-russia.ru/



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RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE FOR A SUSTAINABLE ARCTIC

