



**INTERNATIONAL  
ARCTIC FORUM**

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Vladimir Putin  
President of the Russian Federation

“Without doubt, the Arctic must become a space for open and equitable dialogue based on the principles of universal and indivisible security. <...> Russia remains committed to the peaceful development of the region with full consideration for its own national interests and unconditional respect for the interests of other countries.”

The Forum offers a leading global platform from which to address issues relating to the social and economic development of the Arctic territories, sustainable and efficient realization of the region's potential, and advancement of international cooperation in the Arctic



\*In 2010, 2011, and 2013 the Forum was organized by the Russian Geographical Society, a national public organization. From 2017, the Forum will take place with the support of the State Commission for Arctic Development.



Dmitry Rogozin  
Deputy Prime Minister  
of the Russian Federation

“Undoubtedly, the highest priority must be given to safeguarding the life and health of people in the Arctic. A skilfully organized and properly functioning security system for the Arctic zone is an important factor in improving investment attractiveness.”





## 'ARCTIC: TERRITORY OF DIALOGUE' 4TH INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC FORUM: KEY ISSUES

The theme of this year's Forum – 'People and the Arctic' – will bring together international organizations, Russian and international government representatives, and business communities to consolidate efforts to promote the sustainable development of the Arctic and the improvement of living standards in the region.



Implementation of international investment projects



Expansion of international and interregional cooperation in the Arctic



Effective approaches to the territorial development of the Arctic regions



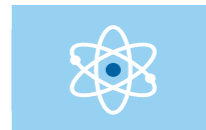
Professional training to support the development of the Arctic



Expansion of tourism potential



Creation and modernization of the transport infrastructure in the Arctic



Science and technology in support of Arctic development



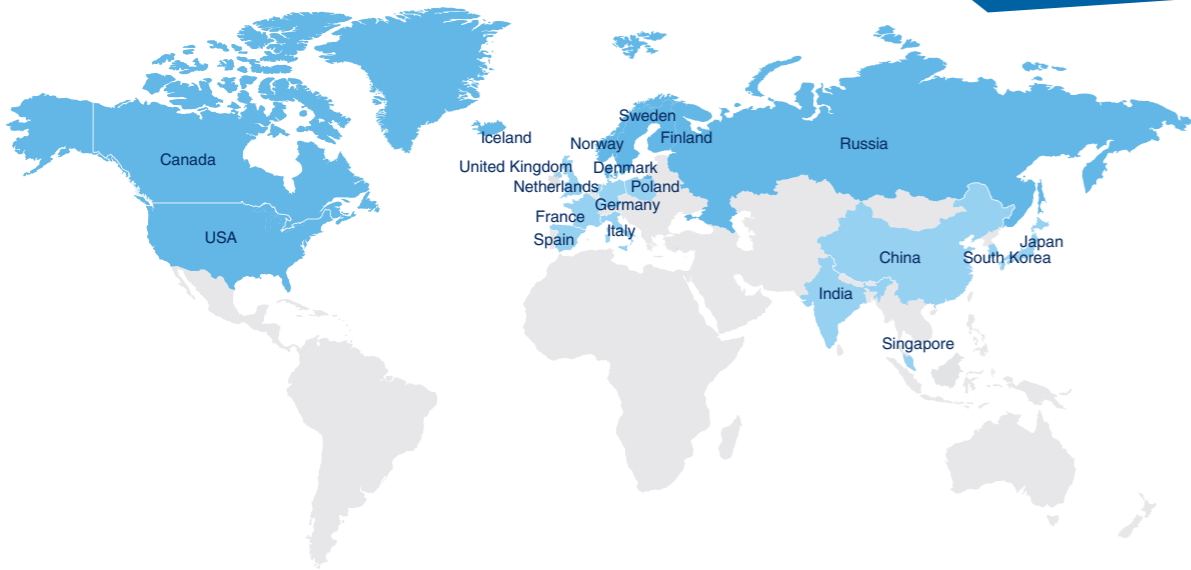
Nature conservation and environmental protection of the Arctic



Development of the Arctic's energy potential



## FORUM PARTICIPANTS



### Arctic countries

- Russia
- Canada
- Denmark
- Finland
- Iceland
- Norway
- Sweden
- USA

### Countries with Arctic Council observer status

- France
- Germany
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Spain
- United Kingdom
- China
- Italy
- Japan
- South Korea
- Singapore
- India

Government representatives from Arctic and non-Arctic countries, ministers and heads of relevant government departments, heads of Russian regions, and heads of the Arctic regions of Arctic countries

Representatives of international organizations and the scientific community contributing to the development of the Arctic region

Public figures and experts involved in Arctic research

Heads of Russian and international companies active in the following sectors:



Geological exploration and mineral extraction



Transportation (rail, sea, air)



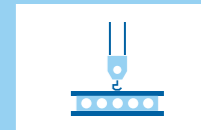
Shipbuilding



Polar aviation



Energy



Specialized construction



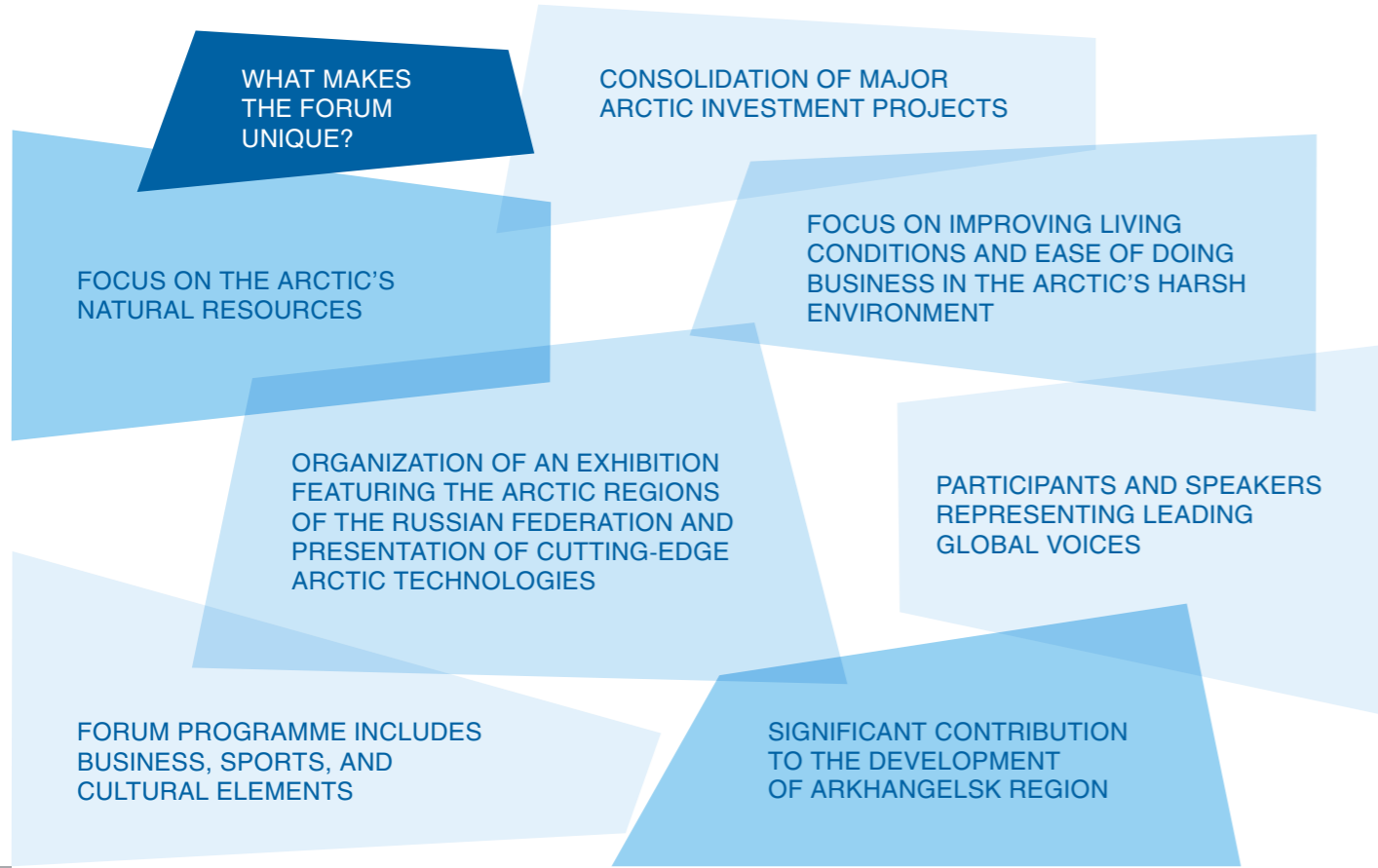
Communications



Tourism



Environment



## FORUM FORMATS





## THE ARCTIC OCCUPIES A UNIQUE GEOPOLITICAL POSITION AND HOLDS ENORMOUS POTENTIAL FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY AND TRADE

Russia has the longest Arctic border  
at 22,600 kilometres, and hosts 43%  
of the Arctic region

More than 22% of all Russian exports, representing  
11% of national income, originate in the Russian  
Federation's Arctic zone



The Northern Sea Route is the most important  
route for Russian and international shipping in the  
Arctic. More than 5 million tonnes of cargo are  
delivered via this route annually

More than 700 oil and gas fields, as well as  
non-ferrous and precious metal deposits,  
including over 350 gold deposits, are located  
in Arctic territory



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