

XVI INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**«BALTIC SEA DAY»**

Place of Meeting: Hotel Park Inn Pribaltiyskaya, St. Petersburg, Korablestroiteley str. 14

18 MARCH 2015, WEDNESDAY

Press - Conference

19 MARCH 2015, THURSDAY

- 8.00-9.30** **Registration of participants of the Baltic week**
- 9.30 - 10.00** **Greeting by youth «Education Center of the Vodokanal of St. Petersburg»**
Formal greetings:
- *Government of St. Petersburg*
 - *Government of the Leningrad region*
 - *Apparat of Plenipotentiary Representative of the President in the North-Western Federal District*
 - *Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation*
 - *Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (t.b.c)*
- 10.00 -11.50** **PLENARY SESSION**
- 10.00-10.15** **HELCOM priorities during the presidency of Estonia (2014 – 2016 biennium)**
Mr. Harry Liiv, Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of the Environment Estonia (t.b.c)
- 10.15-10.30** **Government of St. Petersburg**
Mr. I.N. Albin, vice-governor (t.b.c)
- 10.30-10.40** **The role and place of the CBSS in developing of a common space of cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region**
Mr. Jan Lundin, Director General of the CBSS Secretariat (t.b.c)
- 10.40-10.50** **Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Megaregion**
Mr. A.V. Tsybulsky, Ministry of Economic Development (t.b.c)
- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS IN THE REGION – 2014**
- 10.50-11.00** **The Gulf of Finland Year 2014: results**
Mr. Kai Myrberg, SYKE Marine Research Center (t.b.c)
- 11.00-11.10** **Saint-Petersburg Initiative: results**
Mr. Nuritdin Inamov, Director, International Department, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Russia
- 11.10-11.20** **Global Water Partnership: Water security – project results**
Ms. Natalia Alexeeva, Global Water Partnership

- 11.20-11.30** *Dispelling Environmental Concerns - Results of the Environmental Monitoring of the Nord Stream Pipeline through the Baltic Sea*
Marine and coastal protected areas of Russia: Status and Prospects
Mr. Bruno Haelg, Head of Health, Safety, Environmental & Social Management, Mrs. Samira Andersson, Permitting & Environmental Manager Finland, Sweden & Denmark, Nord Stream AG
- 11.30-11.40** *Mr. V.A. Spiridonov, UNDP / GEF / Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation “Strengthening the Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of Russia”*
- 11.40-11.50** *Presentation of RusNIP II Conclusions and Recommendation (SEPA)*
- 11.50 -12.00** *Results of the international project VILA (Vistula lagoon) (t.b.c)*
- 12. 00 -12.10** *Results of the CITYWATER Project*
- 12.10-12.30** **Coffee break**
- 12.30 – 13.20** **PLENARY SESSION: REGIONAL INITIATIVES**
- 12.30-12.40** *Project «Energy Efficiency and Cleantech in North–West Russia»*
The project representative from the office of the Nordic Council of Ministers
- 12.40-12.50** *Goals and objectives of the international project «Soil2 Sea»*
The project representative (t.b.c)
- 12.50-13.00** *Inter-University Center for Continuing Environmental Education – «Ecoglobus»*
Mr. D.R. Kryukov, Executive Director of «Ecoglobus»
Mr. A.A. Avramenko, Assistant Professor of the department of international complex problems of nature management and ecology of MGIMO (U) of the MFA
- 13.00 - 13.10** *Solemn ceremony of awarding for the personal contribution to the development of cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region (Non –governmental ecological Fond n.a.V.I. Vernadskiy)*
- 13.10-14.30** **Lunch**
- 14.30-18.30** **SECTION SESSIONS – roundtable discussion**
- 1. Project «Energy Efficiency and Cleantech in North–West Russia»** (Moderators: XX, The Nordic Council of Ministers representative)
- 2. Workshop for journalists in the ecology sphere «Myths of the Baltic Sea»** (with the participation of HELCOM and Nord Stream AG)
- 3. Environmentally friendly farming and sustainably developing rural areas: the experience of the Baltic region countries and Russia** (Moderators: Mr. Vladislav Minin, Institute of agro-engineering and environmental problems of agricultural production/ Mr. Harri Huhta, The Natural Resources Institute Finland)

4. Marine litter (XX, HELCOM/XX, representative of the Russian side)

5. Seminar concerning the treatment of sewage sludge (Moderators: XX, HELCOM/ Ms. O.N.Rublevskaya, SUE «Vodokanal St. – Petersburg»)

6. The results of the project «Strengthening the Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of Russia» (Moderators: Mr. V.A. Spiridonov, Ms. M.V. Gavrilov the «Strengthening the Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of Russia» project conducted by UNDP / GEF / Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation)

7. Protecting biodiversity and habitats of the Gulf of Finland (Moderator: Markku Viitasalo, SYKE)

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30–18.30 Continuation of the section sessions work

18.30–21.00 Official dinner (by invitations)

20 MARCH 2015, FRIDAY

SECTION SESSIONS – continuation of work of the roundtables discussions

1. **Best practices of the Environmental Education - The Gulf of Finland Year** (Moderators: Liudmila Vesikko, SYKE, Organising Committee of the Gulf of Finland -2014, Senova O.N., NGO "Friends of the Baltic", Coalition Clean Baltic)
2. **Project «Energy Efficiency and Cleantech in North–West Russia»** (Moderators: XX, The Nordic Council of Ministers representative)
3. **Implementation of the Scheme of complex usage of water bodies and Admissible Impact on the water body to practice of water users** (Moderators: XX, North-West Water Basin Administration)
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11.30-12.00 Coffee break

PLENARY SESSION

13.00-14.30 **Outcome by moderators – main conclusions of the roundtables discussions**

14.30-15.00 **CLOSING THE FORUM**