Dear colleagues,

you are invited to take part in the international conference **“Regional cooperation within BRICS: sustainable nature management – environment, education, tourism”**

The Conference will discuss regional cooperation within BRICS, in particular identifying common challenges and opportunities, and paving avenues for joint regional projects in science, nature management, environmental security, and tourism.

**The Conference will take place at the Karelian Research Centre RAS in Petrozavodsk (Republic of Karelia, Russia) on September 14-15, 2023.**

The following topics are suggested for the plenary and thematic sessions:

• Global and regional climate change and environmental transformation: BRICS’s stance

• Sustainable nature management in BRICS member countries: regional specifics

• Raising public awareness in BRICS countries regarding environmental security

• Contributions of regions in BRICS countries to the development of “green” tourism

**ORGANIZERS:**

• National Committee on BRICS Research, Russia

• Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

**REGISTRATION**

To register as a participant please fill out and submit the Registration form **(Registration form – in Annex #1) not later than August 10, 2023** to the Organizing Committee at BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru, as well as the **abstract of your paper (see format guidelines in Annex #2).**

Participation is free of charge.

**Since the number of participants is limited, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to select applications for participation in the Conference.**

**OFFICIAL INVITATION AND VISAS**

Please inform the Organizing Committee if you need an official invitation for coming to the Conference and obtaining visas.

**Please note the following:**

• Citizens of China and India can apply for an electronic visa (which does not require an invitation). For more information, please follow the link: <https://electronic-visa.kdmid.ru/index_en.html>

• Citizens of Brazil and South Africa do not need visas for entering Russia.

**MAKING A PRESENTATION**

Provisional time allocated for one presentation is 20 minutes (15 min for presentation, 5 min for Q&A). The presentation is to be made as a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation (\*.ppt) or a Portable Document Format file (\*.pdf) to be demonstrated using a slide projector.

**The Conference will work in both offline and online formats.**

**The Conference languages are Russian and English.**

Participants shall cover their own costs of accommodation, travel to the conference venue and back, as well as excursion programs.

An **electronic book of abstracts** will be published after the Conference. **Since the number of participants is limited, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to select the abstracts to publish.**

**KEY DATES AND DEADLINES:**

June 27 – July 10, 2023 – First Circular, start of application and abstract submission

August 10, 2023 – deadline for submitting applications and abstracts

August 14 – 16, 2023 – Second Circular and draft program sent out

September 14 – 15, 2023 – conference sessions

September 16, 2023 – excursions

**ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACTS:**

E-mail: BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru

Phone: +78142780109 – regarding invitations, program, accommodation, excursions

E-mail: bedorev@krc.karelia.ru – regarding online connection to the Conference

**!! Please book your accommodation in advance.**

Annex #1

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**OF THE CONFERENCE “REGIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN BRICS: SUSTAINABLE NATURE MANAGEMENT -–ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION, TOURISM”**

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| Given name(s) |  |
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| Academic degree, title, position |  |
| Affiliation |  |
| Phone number |  |
| E-mail **(required)** |  |
| Participation format (offline / online) |  |
| Paper title and authors |  |
| Period of stay in Petrozavodsk |  |

Annex #2

**ABSTRACT FORMAT GUIDELINES**

**FOR THE CONFERENCE “REGIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN BRICS: SUSTAINABLE NATURE MANAGEMENT -–ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION, TOURISM”**

The abstract must not exceed 1 page (page format А4). Font Times New Roman (no styles or macros), font size 12. Paragraph indent 1 cm. Single line spacing. Margins 2 cm on all sides. Auto hyphenation. Figures and tables are to be numbered consecutively, supplied with thematic captions, positioned in the page with text directly after the mention in the text. The text should be supplied with the following information: paper title (capital letters, 12 pt, center-aligned, bold, no hyphenation); next line – authors’ names (12 pt, italicized, center-aligned, separate authors’ names by commas if there are two or more authors); next line – affiliation, city, country (12 pt, center-aligned); next line – speaker’s e-mail. Authors with different affiliations should be marked by numerical indexes in uppercase. If the authors are affiliated with different organizations, each organization is indicated in a separate line. The text may contain references to the literature. A reference states the surname of the first author or the first word in the title, and the year of publication, e.g. (Smith, 2015). The literature used is given at the end of the text under the "List of References:" caption.

Abstracts are to be e-mailed not later than **August 10, 2023** at BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru with a Word document (\*.docx) or a Word 97–2003 document (\*.doc) file in the attachment. Use the first author’s surname as the file name (e.g., Smith.docx).