RUSSIA’S CHAIRMANSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE ARCTIC COUNCIL 2021-2023
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. **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**  
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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

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   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

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      September–November 2022

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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


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. Development of Infrastructure and Sustainable Shipping in the Arctic

1. **Conference on Green Energy in the Arctic**
   - October 2021

2. **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

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   - 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

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    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

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   2023

8. The international research-to-practice conference Euroarctic
   April 2023
11. Cultural Programme

1. The arctic festival Teriberka
   July 2021
2. The cultural festival Barents Bird
   September 2021
3. The international festival of social and environmental films
   Northern Character: Green Screen
   September 2021
4. The 5th Golden Raven International Arctic Film Festival
   13–26 September 2021
5. The film festival Northern Character
   November 2021
6. Gastronomic Festival of Northern Cuisine
   November–December 2021
7. 4th Northern Cultural Forum
   2–4 December 2021
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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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