

**DRAFT PROGRAM OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL
CONFERENCE ON WOODWORKING & ANTHROPOGENIC
IMPACT ON FOREST RESOURCES**

Venue of the Conference	The Republic of Belarus, Mogilev city, Gorki city, Lenino town of Gorki district
Dates of the event	14 - 15 September 2017
Organizers of the event	Governmental institution «Mogilev» Free Economic Zone administration Institution of education «Belarusian Agricultural Academy»
Main events of the Conference	<p>1. Seminars and discussions on following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Woodworking and development of furniture production (sawn timber, wood plates, cabinet furniture, upholstered furniture, natural wood furniture etc.) - Certification and technical barriers for the export of woodworking industry products - Innovative wood materials and their application - Investments in wood processing business - Woodworking industry wastes and energy sector - Rational forest management and distribution of forest resources <p>2. Bilateral negotiations with representatives of Belarusian and foreign woodworking companies, manufacturers of furniture, wood-based panels and other woodworking products</p> <p>3. Meetings with representatives of competent government organizations and timber exporters</p> <p>4. Visits to the leading woodworking enterprises of the Mogilev region</p> <p>5. Sightseeing of engineering and transport infrastructure of free land plots within the territory of «Mogilev» FEZ</p> <p>6. The exposition of the achievements of the «Belarusian Agricultural Academy» (Gorki city). Exchange of scientific and practical experience accumulated in the sphere of modern approaches to environmental protection and rational nature management</p> <p>7. Visit to the botanical garden and arboretum of the «Belarusian Agricultural Academy» (Gorki city)</p> <p>8. Events of ecological orientation (ECO-bike ride, the action «Plant a tree», etc.) in Gorki city</p> <p>9. Mini-session of the Conference in the picturesque place of the Mogilev region (Gorki district of Mogilev region): B2B talks, presentations and speeches of the Conference participants in the «Open microphone» format</p>
International participants	The Republic of Belarus, Russian Federation, The Republic of Poland, The Republic of Lithuania, The Republic of Latvia, The Republic of Turkey, Germany, PRC
Expected number of participants	About 150 people

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Arrival	13 September 2017 <i>(during the day)</i> Transfer of organized groups from the National airport «Minsk» to Mogilev city
Departure	16 September 2017 <i>(depending on flights)</i> Transfer of organized groups from Mogilev city to the National airport «Minsk»

INFORMATION ON ACCOMMODATION:

Mogilev city	«Metropol» Hotel «Gubernsky» Hotel «Tourist» Hotel
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13 September 2017, Wednesday

During the day	Arrival and accommodation of the conference participants
17.00 – 20.00	Excursion program in the city of Mogilev (<i>«City of masters», «Zoosad»</i>)

14 September 2017, Thursday

07:30 – 08:30	Breakfast at the «Metropol» Hotel and the «Gubernsky» Hotel
8:30 – 9:00	Transfer to the venue of the Grand opening of the Conference (<i>"Mogilev FEZ Site number 4"</i>)
9:00 – 9:30	Grand Opening of the Conference
9:30 – 11:30	Visits to the leading woodworking enterprises of the Mogilev region – residents of «Mogilev» Free economic zone Sightseeing of engineering and transport infrastructure of free land plots within the territory of «Mogilev» Free economic zone
11:30 – 13:00	Transfer from Mogilev to the «Belarusian Agricultural Academy» (<i>Gorki city</i>)
13:00 – 14:00	Dinner (<i>expenses covered by organizers of Conference</i>)
14:00 – 14:30	Registration of the Conference participants
14:30 – 15:00	Plenary session
15:00 – 16:15	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Session 1: «Forestry Development Strategy in the Republic of Belarus»</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resource potential of forests of the Republic of Belarus up to 2030 year and prospects of providing raw materials for woodworking industries of all forms of ownership - Prospects of reforestation and afforestation in the Republic of Belarus. Measures to improve species composition and quality of forests, control of pests and forest diseases - Current state and prospects for the development of woodworking, pulp and paper and furniture industries in the Republic of Belarus - Advantages and potential of «Mogilev» Free Economic Zone for implementation and development of investment projects in the sphere of woodworking - Financing of investment projects in the sphere of woodworking industry and furniture production

16:15 – 16:40	Coffee break
16:40 – 17:30	<p><i>Session 2: «Practical aspects of economic and investment activity in forest complex»</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development strategy of «Kronospan» and actual issues of its implementation in the Republic of Belarus - Activities of LLC «Vakarų medienos grupė» in the Republic of Belarus, corporate policies and prospects for further development of business - World tendencies of development of woodworking (production of veneered furniture) resource-saving technologies and minimization of environmental impact - Certification and technical requirements for the export of wood products to the EU countries - Rules for the sale of timber. Sale of timber on the stump and in harvested form - Insurance of property interests of the enterprise
17:30 – 20:00	<p>Mini-session of the Conference: B2B talks, presentations and speeches of the Conference participants in the «Open microphone» format</p> <p>Dinner on behalf of the organizers of the Conference</p>
20:00 – 21:30	Back transfer from Gorki to Mogilev
15 September 2017, Friday	
07:30 – 08:30	Breakfast at the «Metropol» Hotel, «Gubernsky» Hotel and «Tourist» Hotel
08:30 – 10:00	Transfer to the «Belarusian Agricultural Academy» (Gorki city)
10:00 – 12:00	Visit to the botanical garden and arboretum of the «Belarusian Agricultural Academy» and «Plant a tree» action
12:00 – 12:15	Coffee break
12:15 – 13:45	<i>Session 3: «Forest and Woodworking - Environmental Aspects»</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Dinner (<i>expenses covered by organizers of Conference</i>)
15:10 – 16:30	«ECO-bike ride» action
15:20 – 16:20	Cultural events representing the Belarusian ethnic identity and national character (<i>Performances of folk music bands and dance groups</i>)
16:30 – 17:00	Summing up and closing the Conference
17:00 – 18:00	Visiting the museum of the Soviet-Polish military community in the village of Lenino (<i>optional</i>)
17:00 – 18:30	Back transfer from Gorki to Mogilev
16 September 2017, Saturday	
During the day	<p>Hotels check out</p> <p>Transfer of organized groups from Mogilev city to the National airport «Minsk»</p>

**** According to the Presidential Decree “On establishment of visa-free entry and exit of foreign nationals”, foreign citizens of 80 countries* can enter Belarus for up to 5 days and exit from the territory of Belarus only through the State border checkpoint of the Republic of Belarus “Minsk National Airport”***

To enter the Republic of Belarus in the visa-free regime via the checkpoint “Minsk National Airport”, foreign nationals must have the following documents:

- a valid passport or another substituting document for traveling abroad;
- financial means: at least 25 Euro (or equal amount in dollars or Belarusian rubles) for each day of stay;
- medical insurance with coverage for at least 10,000 Euros that covers the territory of Belarus.

Details on <http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/visafreetravel/e0ced19bb1f9bf2c.html>

***** "Mogilev" Free economic zone administration will provide transfer of groups on the route "Minsk" National Airport – Mogilev city" on September 13, 2017 and back transfer on the route "Mogilev city – National Airport "Minsk" on September 16, 2017***

****** Participation in the Conference is free of charge. Transportation costs (arrival in the Republic of Belarus / return departure) and accommodation are paid by the Conference participants.***