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KEY AREAS OF THE «ARCTIC: TODAY AND THE FUTURE» FORUM:

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Significant Arctic Initiatives Reshaping the Region

In what ways can investment be channeled to foster the long-term growth and advancement of the macroregion?

The Arctic's Climate and Environment: Challenges, Responses, and Ethical Obligations

What strategies can be implemented to develop the Arctic region responsibly, considering climate change risks and safeguarding its ecosystems?

Northern Sea Route: Cargo, Routes, Economics

What will serve as the foundation for advancing the Northern Sea Route in its subsequent phase?

Arctic Cities: A Place to Live

What features define an ideal modern Arctic city for both residents and professionals?

Connected North: Supply, Energy, Connectivity

How should Arctic life-support systems develop?

People of the Arctic: Awareness, Education, Career Pathways

How can the Arctic become a choice for professional fulfillment?

Technology and Innovation for the Arctic

How are approaches to solving Arctic challenges changing?

Local Economy: Entrepreneurship and New Opportunities

How can conditions for entrepreneurship development in the Arctic be created?

PUBLIC FOCUS

- ***Indigenous Peoples of the Arctic: Partners Rather Than Objects***
- ***Special Military Operation (SVO) Veterans: New Career Paths***
- ***Health in the Arctic: Healthcare, Accessibility, and Technology***
- ***Family in the Arctic: Conditions for Living and Building the Future***

SPECIAL FORUM TOPIC

Arctic: A New Geography of Cooperation

BEYOND THE HORIZON

Signs of the Future Already Transforming the Arctic

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TRACKS OF THE YOUTH FORUM «ARCTIC, HOLD ON FOR ME!»

DISCOVER THE ARCTIC: *HISTORY, REALITY, PROSPECTS*

How can the Arctic be introduced to the younger generation in all its diversity?

DISCOVER → GET INTERESTED → SEE THE OPPORTUNITIES

FOKUS *History of Arctic exploration, culture and identity, expeditions, science and discoveries, alongside the legacy of Arctic pioneers, the contemporary Arctic landscape, and its future potential.*

CHOOSE THE ARCTIC: *EDUCATION, CAREER, LIFE*

What circumstances drive the conscious decision to reside and labor in the Arctic?

INTEREST → EDUCATION → PROFESSION → DECISION TO LIVE AND WORK IN THE ARCTIC

FOKUS *High-demand roles and skills, academic pathways, internships, professional trajectories, workplace environments, assistance programs, lifestyle quality, urban settings, and firsthand accounts of choosing the Arctic.*

CREATE THE ARCTIC: *IDEAS, PROJECTS, PRACTICE*

How can a young person's concept be transformed into a tangible outcome for the Arctic?

CONCEPT → DEVELOPMENT → PROJECT → IMPLEMENTATION

FOKUS *Engineering and technology solutions, applied research, hackathons and corporate case studies, entrepreneurship and startups, project support programs, pilot initiatives, real-world youth projects, and stories of success.*

TRANSFORMING THE ARCTIC: *INITIATIVES, DIALOGUE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY*

In what ways can youth engage in defining the Arctic's future?

POSITION → PROPOSAL → DEBATE → CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOLUTION

FOKUS *Youth initiatives, participation in the adoption of the Forum's resolution, cooperation with government and business, and follow-up on the Forum's results.*