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Russia

Dear colleagues,
you are invited to take part in the Third International Conference

REGIONAL-LEVEL COOPERATION WITHIN BRICS: MODERN ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The Conference is devoted to the 80th anniversary of founding the Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences and aims to discuss scientific issues related to nature management and environmental security in the framework of regional-level cooperation within BRICS and other international alliances, including the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The Conference will take place at the Karelian Research Centre RAS
11 Pushkinskaya St., Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia, Russia
September 15-17, 2026

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

- Global and regional environmental issues in the focus of interdisciplinary research
- Sustainable nature management in BRICS and CIS countries: regional and international cooperation experiences
- Science/Business/Government collaboration in tackling global challenges for sustainable territorial development

A side event of the conference will be a special session for young scientists and doctoral students.

ORGANIZERS:

- Karelian Research Centre RAS, Russia
- National Committee on BRICS Research, Russia

REGISTRATION

To register as a participant please fill out and submit the Registration form and the abstract of your paper (see format guidelines in Annex # 2) not later than August 15, 2026 to the Organizing Committee at BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru, oms_karrc@mail.ru.



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The number of participants is limited. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to select applications for participation in the conference sessions.

FORMAL INVITATION

Please inform the Organizing Committee if you need a formal invitation letter for coming to the Conference and obtaining visas.

PRESENTATIONS

Provisional time allocated per 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 permits both online and offline formats for speakers and offline format (including poster session) for non-presenting participants.

The Conference languages are Russian and English.

Participants are expected to pay for their own accommodation, as well as travel to and from the conference venue. Some travel grants (full or partial) may be offered to leading international experts and young scientists.

An **electronic book of abstracts** will be published after the Conference. **The best papers will be recommended for publication in the journal Transactions of the Karelian Research Centre RAS (Q1 of the White List of Russian Scientific Journals).**

KEY DATES AND DEADLINES:

June 5, 2026 - First Circular is sent out; start of application and abstract submission

July 1-31, 2026 - Second Circular is sent out

August 15, 2026 - deadline for submitting applications

August 15-September 9, 2026 - Third Circular and draft program sent out

September 15-16, 2026 - conference sessions

September 17, 2026 - offsite excursions



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EXCURSIONS:

On September 17th, tours will be arranged to national destinations of Karelia with three options to choose from:

- Kivach Nature Reserve and Girvas Paleovolcano;
- Petrozavodsk Bay of Lake Onego, Kizhi Open-air Museum;
- Ruskeala Mining Park.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACTS:

Email: BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru, oms_karrc@mail.ru.

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



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Annex #1

**REGISTRATION FORM OF THE CONFERENCE
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Surname	
Given name(s)	
Patronymic (if any)	
Country	
Academic degree, title, position	
Affiliation	
Phone number	
E-mail (required)	
Participation format (offline / online)	
Period of stay in Petrozavodsk	
Language of presentation	
Paper title and authors	

I hereby give my consent to the processing and use of personal data pursuant to Federal Act FZ #152 "On Personal Data" for the specified purposes (registration for the event).

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I give my consent to being photographed and filmed and to subsequent use of the images and footage for informational purposes (not for advertising).

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Annex #2

ABSTRACT FORMAT GUIDELINES FOR THE CONFERENCE REGIONAL-LEVEL COOPERATION WITHIN BRICS: MODERN ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The abstract must not exceed 1 page (page format A4). 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 and positioned in the page 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, authors' names separated 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 several 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 as the "List of References:".

Abstracts are to be e-mailed not later than September 9, 2026 at BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru or oms_karrc@mail.ru with an MS 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).