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

**Karelian Research Centre RAS
(11 Pushkinskaya St., Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia, Russia)
September 15-17, 2026
Second Circular**

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we thank everyone who registered to participate in the Conference. This circular provides additional information about the Conference, as well as travel and accommodation arrangements for participants in Petrozavodsk.

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 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

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REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

To register as a participant please fill out and submit the Registration form and the abstract of your paper (see format guidelines in Annexes 1 and 2) not later than **August 15, 2026** to the Organizing Committee at BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru, oms_karrc@mail.ru.

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.



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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:

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

August 15, 2026 - deadline for submitting applications

August 22-September 9, 2026 - Third Circular and draft program sent out

September 15-16, 2026 - conference sessions

September 17, 2026 - offsite excursions

ACCOMMODATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Please note that Conference participants are responsible for planning and paying for their own travel and accommodation. The Conference will be held from September 15th to 17th, during the peak tourist season in Karelia, so please arrange tickets and accommodation reservations well in advance.

For your convenience, several hotels in Petrozavodsk offer special room reservations for conference participants, **offering discounts with a promo code** (you can enter the promo code in the designated field on the hotel's website or provide it to the manager over the phone).



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ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS*:

1. PITER INN Hotel: Address: 1 Gagarin sq.: www.piterinn.com . Special discounted rates are available for conference participants from September 14-17 using the promo code "NAUKA."
2. Petra Hotel: Address: 24 Anokhin st. (2 nd floor): www.petrahotel.ru . Special discounted rates are available for conference participants from September 14-17 using the promo code "NAUKA."
3. Severnaya Hotel: Address: 21 Lenin ave.: www.severnaya.info . Special discounted rates are available for conference participants from September 14-17 (to receive a discount upon registration, you must indicate your participation in the Conference.).
4. Frigate Hotel: Address: 1A Karl Marx ave.: www.frigatehotel.ru . Special discounted rates are available for conference participants from September 14-17 using the promo code "BRICS."
5. Taivas Apart-hotel: Address: 31A Anokhin st.: https://taivashotel.ru/ . Special discounted rates are available for conference participants from September 14-17 using the promo code "BRICS."
6. Cosmos Petrozavodsk Hotel: Address: 26 Kuibyshev st.: www.petrozavodsk.cosmosgroup.ru . Special discounted rates are available for conference participants from September 14-17 using the promo code "NAUKA2026."
7. Karelia Spa Hotel: Address: 2 Nab. Gyullinga: www.karelia-hotel.ru . Special discounted rates are available for conference participants from September 14-17 using the promo code "NAUKA."
8. Hotel «Lahti»: Address: 7A Rigachina st.: www.lahtitur.ru . Special discounted rates are available for conference participants from September 14-17 using the promo code "NAUKA."
9. Sakvoyazh Vpechatleniy Hotel: Address: 10 Sverdlov st.: https://sacvoyage.ru/ . Special discounted rates are available for conference participants from September 14-17 using the promo code "AKADEMIA."

* Other accommodation options are also available to city guests without special conditions for the Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

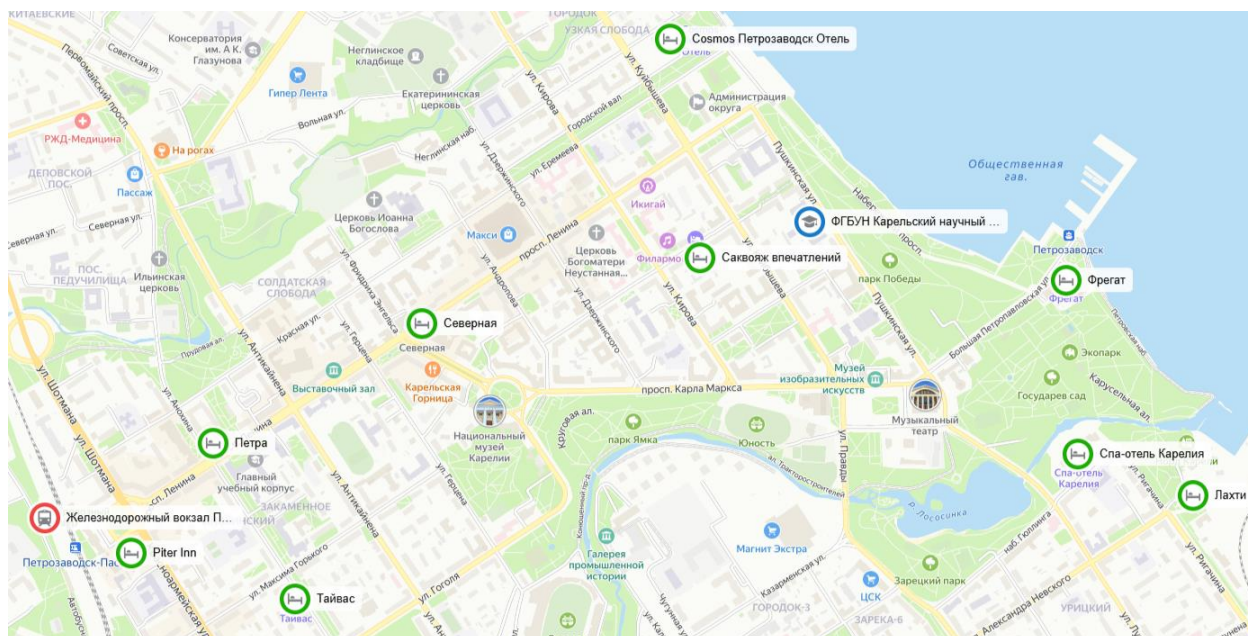


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HOTEL LOCATION MAP



STAY IN PETROZAVODSK AND CULTURAL PROGRAM

After the section work concludes on September 16th, we invite all participants to visit the museums and exhibitions of the Karelian Research Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences (optional):

- Museum of Precambrian Geology
- Educational Center "Museum of Applied Environmental Research"
- "Collection of Anomalous Wood"
- Archaeological Museum

Tours are led by Karelian Research Center RAS researchers, and admission is free. Preliminary opening times for visiting the Karelian Research Center RAS exhibitions are 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

OUTDOOR TOURS:

On September 17, excursions to natural sites in the Republic of Karelia are planned in three destinations:

- Kivach State Nature Reserve and Girvas Paleovolcano;



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- Petrozavodsk Bay of Lake Onega, Kizhi Museum-Reserve;
- Ruskeala Mountain Park.

Excursions will be conducted with the participation of research staff from the Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Participants are responsible for covering their own meals outside of Petrozavodsk. Conference participants are responsible for covering travel expenses to the Kizhi Museum-Reserve and excursions.

We ask that participants notify the Organizing Committee of their intention to visit the Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences museums and participate in excursions in Karelia by September 6th by email at BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru or oms_karrrc@mail.ru.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACTS:

Email: BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru, oms_karrrc@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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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).