

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOODWORKING & ANTHROPOGENIC IMPACT ON FOREST RESOURCES

Dear ladies and gentlemen, representatives of woodworking companies, manufacturers of furniture and lumber, specialists in the field of green energy, forest chemical industry, rational nature management and related spheres of activities!

Forest is one of the foundations of human economic activity, a source of obtaining material resources, a base for the development of woodworking, pulp and paper industry, tourism and another branches economy.

"Mogilev" Free economic zone administration invites you to take part in the two-day **International conference on woodworking and anthropogenic impact on forest resources**, which will be held in the Mogilev city and Gorki city of Mogilev region (The Republic of Belarus) **from 14 to 15 September 2017**.

## WHY IN MOGILEV?

The Mogilev region, located in the east of the Republic of Belarus, is a unique place for the creation and development of woodworking business. Large reserves of various species of wood, its availability on the territory of the Mogilev region and in the bordering regions of the Russian Federation, coupled with availability of highly qualified specialists in the field of woodworking, advantages of a special legal regime and developed engineering and transport infrastructure of "Mogilev" Free economic zone land plots ensures the most favorable conditions for development of woodworking industry.

Within the boundaries of "Mogilev" Free economic zone the large woodworking cluster was formed, represented by such giants of woodworking as the "Kronospan" group of companies, Lithuanian enterprises "VMG-Industry" of "Vakaru medienos grupe" and "Mebelain" of "SBA Concern", "Zavod gazetnoy bumagi" RUE and a number of others.

Investment projects implemented by foreign companies in the sphere of wood processing contribute to implementation of advanced world experience in industrial production, provide deep processing of raw materials, increase the competitiveness of enterprises in a particular territory.

*For reference:*

*The companies working within the wood processing cluster formed in "Mogilev" FEZ for the period from 2010 to June 1, 2017 invested about 430 million euros in the development of the industry, the volume of production amounted to more than 960 million belarusian rubles (over 435 million euros), finished products are exported for more than 550 million US dollars, about 2000 new jobs are created.*

The experience accumulated in the Mogilev region in the sphere of woodworking, furniture production and organization of forestry, as well as the unprecedented potential for further development of the woodworking business in "Mogilev" Free economic zone predetermined the location of the **International conference on woodworking and anthropogenic impact on forest resources**.

## **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE EVENT?**

In the business part of the Conference program will include seminars, consultations and negotiations with the experts, successful businessmen, representatives of governmental organizations and NGOs competent in the field of woodworking and related spheres.

Special attention will be paid to the protection of forest resources, energy and resource saving, green energy, use of wood waste for production of electric and heat energy and forest chemical industry.

Participation in the event will allow managers of companies, technologists, marketing specialists and sales departments representatives to exchange their work experience, gain new knowledges and establish useful contacts with Belarusian and foreign participants of the Conference, as well as to discover the full potential of the Mogilev region and the "Mogilev" Free economic zone for business development and the establishment of new woodworking industries.

The event program provides visiting of the investment sites of "Mogilev" Free economic zone equipped with all necessary objects of engineering and transport infrastructure (transformer substations, water supply pipelines, storm sewers and drainage systems, electrical power and gas supply networks, automobile roads, heating supply networks, freight car parking, etc.) where business circles of different countries could implement their investment projects with maximum economy of capital.

## **WHAT IS PROVIDED BY THE PROGRAM?**

### **1. Seminars and discussions on following topics:**

- 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
- Investments in wood processing business
- Innovative wood materials and their application
- Woodworking industry wastes and energy sector
- Alternative energy, biofuels and biomass
- Rational forest management and distribution of forest resources

**2. Bilateral negotiations with representatives of Belarusian and foreign woodworking companies, manufacturers of furniture, wood-based panels and other woodworking products**

**3. Meetings with representatives of competent government organizations and timber exporters**

**4. Visits to the leading woodworking enterprises of the Mogilev region**

**5. Sightseeing of engineering and transport infrastructure of free land plots within the territory of «Mogilev» FEZ**

**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**

**7. Visit to the botanical garden and arboretum of the «Belarusian Agricultural Academy» (Gorki city)**

**8. Events of ecological orientation (ECO-bike ride, the action «Plant a tree», etc.) in Gorki city**

**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**

**Attention, important information!**

***\* 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.***

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