

**DRAFT PROGRAM OF THE INTERNATIONAL 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 (including invited foreign experts and guests)	About 200 people

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

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

INFORMATION ON ACCOMMODATION:

Mogilev city	«Metropol» Hotel «Gubernsky» 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 («City of masters», «Zoosad»)

14 September 2017, Thursday

08:00 – 09:30	Breakfast at the «Metropol» Hotel and the «Gubernsky» Hotel
09:30 – 10:00	Transfer to the venue of the Conference sections
10:00 – 10.30	Registration of the Conference participants
10:30 – 11:30	The opening event and plenary session
11:30 – 13:00	The section «WOODWORKING AS A BUSINESS» <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Woodworking and development of furniture production (sawn timber, wood plates, cabinet furniture, upholstered furniture, natural wood furniture etc.)</i> • <i>Certification and technical barriers for the export of woodworking industry products</i> • <i>Investments in wood processing business</i> The section «WASTE MANAGEMENT & PROTECTION OF FOREST RESOURCES» <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Woodworking industry wastes and energy sector</i> • <i>Alternative energy, biofuels and biomass</i>
13:00 – 13:30	Coffee break
13:30 – 14:30	The section «WOODWORKING AS A BUSINESS» <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Innovative wood materials and their application</i> The section «WASTE MANAGEMENT & PROTECTION OF FOREST RESOURCES» <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rational forest management and distribution of forest resources</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Transfer to the dinner
15:00 – 16:00	Dinner
16:00 – 16:30	Transfer to the site No. 4 of «Mogilev» Free economic zone
16:30 – 17:00	Sightseeing of engineering and transport infrastructure of free land plots within the territory of «Mogilev» Free economic zone

17:00 – 20:00	Visits to the leading woodworking enterprises of the Mogilev region – residents of «Mogilev» Free economic zone
20:00 – 20:30	Transfer to hotels
20:30	Evening meal
15 September 2017, Friday	
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast at the «Metropol» Hotel and the «Gubernsky» Hotel
09:00 – 10:30	Transfer to the «Belarusian Agricultural Academy» (Gorki city)
10:30 – 12:00	Meeting in the «Belarusian Agricultural Academy», exchange of scientific and practical experience accumulated in the sphere of modern approaches to environmental protection and rational nature management. Acquaintance with the exposition of achievements of the «Belarusian Agricultural Academy»
12:00 – 12:30	Coffee break
12:30 – 13:30	Visit to the botanical garden and arboretum of the «Belarusian Agricultural Academy» and «Plant a tree» action
13:30 – 14:30	Dinner
14:30 – 15:30	«ECO-bike ride» action (Amphitheater at the Lower Academic Pond, Gorki city)
15:30 – 16:00	Transfer to the suburban location of the Mini-session of the Conference in the picturesque place of the Mogilev region (Countryside recreation center «Mereya», Lenino village, Goretsky district of Mogilev region)
16:00 – 16:15	Opening of the Mini-session of the Conference
16:15 – 17:30	Mini-session of the Conference: B2B talks, presentations and speeches of the Conference participants in the «Open microphone» format
17:30 – 19:00	Cultural events representing the Belarusian ethnic identity and national character (Performances of folk music bands and dance groups)
19.00 – 20:00	Transfer to hotels
16 September 2017, Saturday	
During the day	Hotels check out Transfer of organized groups from Mogilev city to the National airport «Minsk»

*** 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.**