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THE BAIKAL  
ECOLOGICAL  
WATER FORUM

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Today, the conversation on environmental problems must be conducted in an offensive and practical manner and to dedicate environmental work to the level of the systemic daily responsibility of state authorities at all levels.

Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation

## ABOUT THE FORUM

Within the framework of the Year of Ecology and the Year of Specially Protected Natural Territories, announced in 2017, the international Baikal ecological water forum (hereinafter - the Forum) will be held in Irkutsk by the initiative of the Governor of the Irkutsk Region.

The Forum - an effective communicative platform for dialogue between representatives of the government, business and society in the field of solving ecological problems of water resources of Lake Baikal. This unique site, included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1996, is an example of an outstanding freshwater ecosystem that meets the four main criteria of the Convention on Natural and Cultural Heritage.



**The ecological development of Russia in the interests of future generations is the main trend of the Baikal Ecological Water Forum. Participants will have to contribute to changing the attitudes of youth to the problems of nature for more conscious and responsible.**

## EVENTS OF THE FORUM

- Business program (plenary sessions, panel discussions, round tables, presentations,
- Business meetings, negotiations)
- Protocol Activities (Signing of a memorandum on the establishment of the Association of Lake Regions)
- Videoconferences, video meetings, online broadcasts
- Interactive exhibitions
- Competitive program (Technology Contest "World Standard of Wastewater Treatment - Water of Baikal" and a photo contest)
- Cultural and excursion programs
- Exhibition exposition (innovative developments of leading Russian and foreign universities, scientific organizations, business leaders, manufacturers of technological equipment in the field of eco-technologies)
- The program "Ecological outlook. Generation-ECO »

## THEMATIC SECTIONS OF THE FORUM

- Preservation of the unique ecosystem of Lake Baikal. Ecological challenges of our time. Systemic approaches to the improvement of Lake Baikal and the Baikal natural territory.
- State policy of preserving the unique ecosystem of Lake Baikal.
- International experience in the protection of water resources. The role of Russia in the development of international cooperation in the protection of water resources.
- Innovative and energy-efficient technologies in water management, water supply and sanitation.
- Specialization of the Baikal natural territory as a zone of ecological tourism, taking into account environmental restrictions.

## EXPOSITION

(Main thematic sections)

- Restoration and protection of water resources
- Construction of treatment plants with technologies that allow to purify wastewater and sewage water to a level that is safe for the eco-and bio-system of Lake Baikal
- Wastewater treatment and sediment management
- Automation of water quality control processes

## PARTICIPANTS

- Representatives of federal and regional executive offices of the Russian Federation
- International environmental organizations active in the field of water protection (UNESCO, HELCOM and others)
- Mayors of "lake cities" (Croatia, Mongolia, Japan, France, Italy, Finland, Switzerland)
- The Eurasian Economic Commission
- Foreign and domestic companies - Leaders in the development of technology and production of equipment for wastewater treatment.