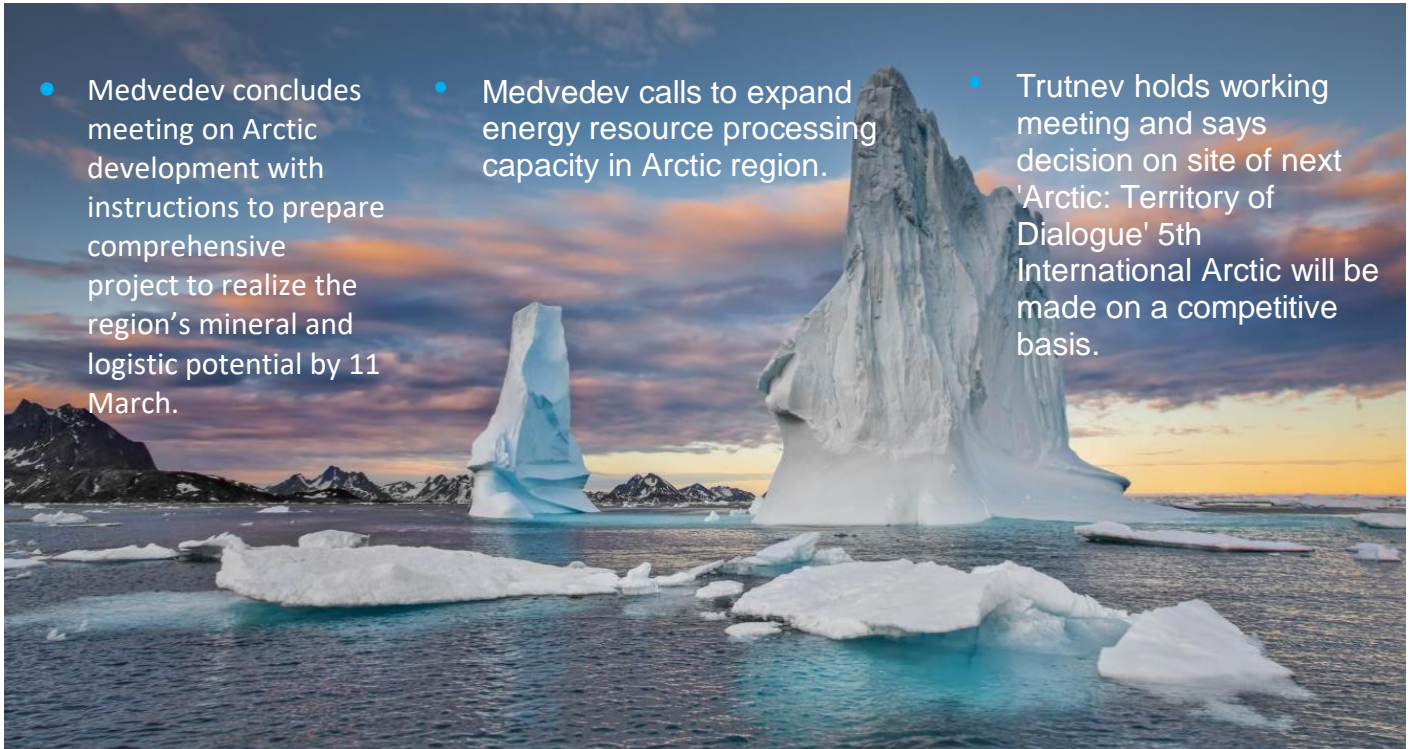


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARCTIC

KEY THEMES

December 2018



- Medvedev concludes meeting on Arctic development with instructions to prepare comprehensive project to realize the region's mineral and logistic potential by 11 March.
- Medvedev calls to expand energy resource processing capacity in Arctic region.
- Trutnev holds working meeting and says decision on site of next 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' 5th International Arctic will be made on a competitive basis.

INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC FORUM NEWS

12 December 2018, Interfax

Decision on site of next Arctic Forum should be made on a competitive basis

Russian Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Forum Organizing Committee Yury Trutnev said the decision on where the next 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' 5th International Arctic Forum will take place should be made on a competitive basis: "There are numerous regions that are ready to host the guests of the Arctic Forum. There's no permanent [site], and I don't see anything wrong here. You have to fight for any important event", Trutnev told reporters in Arkhangelsk.

He noted that Arkhangelsk is developing as part of preparations for the Forum. "Buildings and the airport are being put in order here, so the Forum evidently benefits the city".

<http://www.interfax-russia.ru/NorthWest/main.asp?id=990362>

7 December 2018, Izvestiya

Organizing Committee for the 'Arctic: Territory of Dialogue' 5th International Arctic Forum holds meeting in Moscow

The meeting was chaired by Yury Trutnev and included discussions about preparations for the event, its business programme as well as details concerning the technical operation of the Forum sites.

“We must create an effective platform to discuss the development of international business projects, improvements to the environmental situation, and the economic development of the region. Such issues as improving transport infrastructure and technical support are extremely important. But the number one objective is to clearly articulate what benefits the Forum will produce to improve life in the region and the Arctic as a whole”, Trutnev said.

<https://iz.ru/821483/2018-12-07/zasedanie-po-podgotovke-mezhdunarodnogo-arkticheskogo-foruma-proshlo-v-moskve>

STATE POLICY IN THE ARCTIC REGION

19 December 2018, Rossiyskaya Gazeta

Medvedev gives instructions to develop plan to realize Arctic’s potential

Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev ended a meeting concerning the development of the Arctic in Yamal on 11 December by giving instructions to prepare a comprehensive project by 11 March 2019 on the realization of the Arctic’s mineral and logistic potential.

The Ministry of Energy, along with the Government of the Kamchatka Territory, was also instructed to complete a study by 30 March on gas supplies to the Kamchatka Territory, including the construction of gas transmission infrastructure, taking into account the construction of a marine liquefied natural gas (LNG) transshipment complex. In an effort to provide a boost to domestic LNG technologies, the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Energy, and the authorities of Russia’s Arctic regions will consider providing property tax incentives for the fixed assets of organizations that produce equipment for natural gas liquefaction plants by 15 February. The ministries will also work on preparing a system of preferences for new projects being implemented in the Arctic.

<https://rg.ru/2018/12/19/medvedev-poruchil-razrabotat-plan-po-realizacii-potenciala-arktiki.html>

11 December 2018, Kommersant

Trutnev to head State Commission for Arctic Development

Dmitry Medvedev has appointed Yury Trutnev chairman of the State Commission for Arctic Development. He announced his decision at a meeting with members of the State Commission in Sabetta (Yamal-Nenets Autonomous District). “I have made the decision to modify the composition of the state commission. It will be more compact, should be business-like, and its work should be more substantive”, Medvedev said. The prime minister called for direct efforts to implement anchor projects, including infrastructure-related projects: “The launch [of these projects] will create entirely different conditions for the development of the Northern Sea Route altogether and that it be utilized year-round”. The projects will also result in long-term orders for a tanker and icebreaking fleet.

<https://www.kommersant.ru/doc/3827666>

11 December 2018, Rossiyskaya Gazeta

Approach to the Arctic. Medvedev calls for expanding energy resource processing capacity

Large projects should be the focus for the development of the country’s Arctic region. The successful realization of such projects could ensure 130-160 million tonnes of cargo are transported via the Northern Sea Route by 2035, according to calculations by the Ministry of Energy.

Dmitry Medvedev flew to the Yamal Peninsula, where the domestic liquefied natural gas industry is developing at a rapid pace. In November, the Yamal LNG project, which is being implemented by NOVATEK together with partners from France and China, launched its third production line, and Medvedev took part in a ceremony to mark the plant reaching its full capacity of 16.5 million tonnes.

<https://rg.ru/2018/12/11/reg-urfo/medvedev-prizval-rasshirit-moshchnosti-po-pererabotke-energoresursov.html>

NEW MECHANISMS FOR ARCTIC DEVELOPMENT: SUCCESS STORIES

7 December 2018, RT

Chilingarov: Arctic and Antarctic research will help in space exploration

Artur Chilingarov, an oceanologist and Vice President of the Russian Geographical Society, has provided some insight into some of the success stories in Arctic exploration. He noted that the government is funding a number of major projects in this area. Chilingarov shared some details about work that is being carried out on a bill on the Arctic zone and supported the idea of building eight new ships for the Russian icebreaking fleet, which he believes is the foundation for the country's leadership in the Arctic.

<https://doc.rt.com/filmy/artur-chilingarov-issledovaniya-v-arktike/>

PRESERVATION OF THE ARCTIC REGION'S ECOLOGY

24 December 2018, Izvestiya

Shoigu promises to clear Arctic Islands of scrap metal in 2019

The Russian Ministry of Defence will completely clear the Arctic islands of scrap metal in 2019, Minister of Defence Sergey Shoigu said at a meeting of the public council on 24 December. He noted that 9,000 square km of Arctic territories where Russian military facilities are located still need to be cleared: "Next year we will fully complete this work. We consider it extremely important because the condition in which we found the Arctic, of course, left an indelible impression".

<https://iz.ru/827419/2018-12-24/shoigu-poobeshchal-ochistit-arkticheskie-ostrova-ot-metalloloma-v-2019-godu>

18 December 2018, Kommersant

Eco-technopark to be built in Arkhangelsk Region for RUB 10.5 bln

The Government of the Arkhangelsk Region has endorsed and prioritized a project to build the Shies eco-technopark in the Lensky District of Pomorye. The regional authorities, Moscow-based Technopark LLC, and the Moscow Government will be the main participants in the investment project. Building the facility will make it possible to attract more than RUB 10.5 billion in investments to the region. Tax revenue will be as high as RUB 1 billion over the first six years of the eco-technopark's operation.

The new investment project aims to eliminate landfills by creating modern innovative infrastructure for the removal and disposal of household waste from Moscow and Arkhangelsk with maximum guarantees that no harm is caused to the environment.

<https://www.kommersant.ru/doc/3773513>

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