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*Dear participants of the First Russian-American Child Welfare Forum,
It is a special honor for the Republic of Buryatia to host the Forum, in the year of the 350th anniversary since it became part of Russia. It is important that participants from different regions of Russia and the United States of America gathered together to discuss child protection-related issues, share their experience and find the most efficient ways to tackle childhood problems.*

The Government of Buryatia and the National Foundation for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children implement a joint program aimed to reorganize the obsolete child protection system. In current situation, the main tasks of child and family welfare institutions are early prevention of family problems and social abandonment prevention. We are establishing a new system of preventive services for families and also developing child adoption and foster care services for the abandoned and/or neglected children and the children without parental care.

Thanks to a massive preventive effort, in the past three years 1,370 children were granted the right to live with natural relatives. In this period in Buryatia 352 children were adopted; 4,300 children currently remain under guardianship. The number of foster families grows annually by 100, and currently amounts to 540. 842 children are raised in foster families. Our aim is to provide every child in Buryatia with a loving and caring family.

The mission of the Government of Buryatia for 2012-2014 is to provide orphans with decent accommodation using both budget and loan funds.

The Government of the Russian Federation praised our child protection efforts.

I believe that the professionalism and commitment of the participants of this Forum will help us discuss and develop important solutions for the sake of our children.

Let this be a fruitful event!

*Vyacheslav V. Nagovitsyn
President of the Republic of Buryatia*

As Director of the Institute for Human Services (IHS) and President of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), I would like to welcome you to the first Russian-American Child Welfare Forum, held on beautiful Lake Baikal.

The Child Welfare Forum evolved out of the Child Protection Subgroup of the Bilateral Presidential Commission's Civil Society Working Group. The goal was to provide child protection professionals from Russia and the United States with an opportunity to share knowledge and to work jointly to resolve common issues related to the protection of maltreated and vulnerable children.

APSAC and IHS are grateful for this opportunity to collaborate with our colleagues in Russia to find solutions to the many pressing problems we experience while trying to protect vulnerable children. We look forward to meeting all of you during the Forum and creating new strategies for collaboration and mutual exchange. We would like to thank the National Foundation for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NFPC) for their work to organize this Forum, and express our gratitude to the President of Buryatia and his staff for making it possible for us to learn and collaborate in such a unique and beautiful environment.

*Ronald C. Hughes, PhD., MScSA
President, the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children*

ABOUT THE FORUM

On August 1-6, 2011, the first Russian-American Child Welfare Forum (RAF) will be held on Lake Baikal in the Republic of Buryatia, Russian Federation. The Forum was initiated by Russian specialists working as part of the Child Protection Subgroup under the Civil Society Working Group of the Bilateral Presidential Commission (Obama-Medvedev) established in October 2010.

The event is supported by the RF Presidential Executive Office and the Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy in the Siberian Federal District.

GOAL AND TASKS OF THE FORUM

The goal

The goal is to boost the development of Russian-American dialogue and partnership in resolving pressing national and international child protection-related issues.

Tasks of the Forum include:

- Facilitating large-scale interdisciplinary discussion among American and Russian child protection and child welfare specialists with the goal of strengthening professional relationships, alliances and contacts between the groups
- Presenting best Russian and American practices in the prevention of child abuse and violence against children
- Comparative analysis and coordination of values and conceptual approaches to aid future joint action in the field of child protection
- Discussion on civil society participation in protecting children's rights

The agenda of the Forum was drawn up by the leading Russian and American experts on child protection. The issues for discussion are relevant for both countries. The agenda includes theoretical and practical child protection-related issues.

The Organizing Committee aimed to make the discussions on the Forum as practical as possible. On August 1, prior to the official opening, the participants will have an opportunity to see how the system of early detection of child abuse works and get acquainted with how the interdisciplinary teams tackle these cases in the Republic of Buryatia. The agenda includes visits to different governmental and administrative bodies, meetings with town and rural experts, municipal administrators and representatives of the Agency for Child and Family Issues of the Republic of Buryatia.

On **August 2**, those eager will have an opportunity to visit the organizations providing innovative preventive services for children and families. Several venues will exhibit 12 different preventive services for children and

families at risk. The participants will see the examples of effective prevention of social abandonment in medical, educational, social welfare institutions, the Agency for Child and Family Issues. We believe that in these two days the participants will get the general idea of innovative efforts aimed at social abandonment and child abuse prevention in the Republic of Buryatia and see the new child protection methods and technologies for further discussion during the Forum.

The agenda includes three plenary sessions focused on fundamental issues of child protection effectiveness with the lectures by leading experts from Russia and the United States. 13 discussion platforms will be dedicated to plenary and workshop reports and lectures. The agenda includes over 10 Russian and American workshops and presentations on effective approach to practical child protection-related issues that will show 'live' the work of acclaimed Russian and American experts. The Forum also offers free discussions focused on the issues of special interest for the participants.

Thanks to the participation of government officials and experts working in child protection system, it will be possible to discuss the most relevant aspects of Russian and American child protection experience on a professional, interdisciplinary and intersectoral level.

In order to facilitate a professional and detailed discussion of the most relevant issues, every day of the Forum has its own theme.

On **August 3**, the third day of the Forum, the participants will discuss the issues of child abuse prevention. The agenda includes discussions on theoretical and practical issues of child abuse protection. The experts believe that it is crucial to comprehend the nature of this social phenomenon. The plenary session will be focused on historical, cultural and psychological analysis of violence against children. The professional discussion will not only reveal the ways of development of this phenomenon but will also help plan targeted prevention programs, which is especially important now that both in Russia and the USA the civil society's attention is drawn to child abuse prevention but the resources for such efforts remain limited.

The participants will have an opportunity to discuss a wide range of issues: early child abuse prevention, children rights protection culture development, the role of the state and the civil society in child protection, national and regional peculiarities. The most interesting technologies and experience will be presented by the Russian and American experts at the Presentation Fair.

On **August 4**, the participants will discuss the emergency assistance and the rehabilitation of victims of child abuse and their families. The discussion platforms will focus on the efficiency of child assistance as well as on the issues of foster care and adoption of abandoned children and the children without parental care. The participants will also discuss training methods for staff working with children. Apart from that, the experts will discuss training and methodological support, these being the two issues especially important for effective child protection. In the afternoon the best Russian and American practices in the rehabilitation of children victims of violence will be presented in a series of workshops and Russian and American participants will have an opportunity to see and discuss Russian and foreign approach to different professional challenges. The participants will also be offered films and documentaries on best practices in the rehabilitation of children victims of violence.

It is important that the Russian and American experts have an opportunity to share their experience at the highest level and see their colleagues' approach. That is why experience exchange is one of the main tasks of this Forum.

On **August 5**, the participants will discuss national and international problems in child welfare that require international cooperation: child pornography and prostitution, child trafficking, pedophilia. These issues require joint efforts and political decisions. Representatives of the United States Department of Justice, Children Rights Commissioner's for the President of the Russian Federation, regional Child Ombudsmen will share their experience.

The specialists and decision-makers from child protection services responsible for the development of regional systems of child abuse prevention will discuss the most effective national child protection strategies, develop joint approach to the pressing issues and coordinate their plan of actions as well as find allies and associates.

The agenda of **August 6**, includes a plenary session dedicated to the results of the Forum, its Resolution and Russian-American cooperation planning in child protection efforts.

The Forum will also include several events within the framework of international projects and programs implemented by NFPCC.

The First Russian-American Child Welfare Forum Website: www.rus-us.org

'A COMPASS FOR CHILDHOOD' PROGRAM

КОМПАС ДЛЯ ДЕТСТВА



The main goal of 'A Compass for Childhood' Program (2010-2014) is expert and methodological support for the development of services for children and families at-risk. It includes: study and promotion of the best practices of social abandonment prevention and foster care and/or adoption of children without parental care; developing a Toolkit for Regional Planning, implementation and evaluation of regional programs; establishment of Centers of Excellence for the advanced training of the staff working with children.

The Forum includes a roundtable 'Components of an Effective Child Welfare System (Standards, Infrastructure and Financing)' and the presentation of the Center of Excellence established under the 'A Compass for Childhood' Program in the Republic of Buryatia.

'PROTECTED CHILDHOOD' PROJECT



NATIONAL FOUNDATION
FOR THE PREVENTION
OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN



The aim of the 'Protected Childhood' Project is to create conditions for detailed analysis and study of major problems of child protection system development and to find the ways to tackle these problems; develop coordinated approach to current issues of social policy in child protection during the open discussions with governmental bodies' representatives and the professional community. The Project is implemented jointly by the National Foundation for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the International Foundation for Socio-Economic and Political Studies (The Gorbachev Foundation) and includes a series of roundtable and the development of a website to promote wide discussion of child protection issues.

Under the 'Protected Childhood' Project the Forum will host an interregional meeting 'Governmental Social Policies and Demographics of Child Protection' and the 'Protected Childhood: Threats of Contemporary World and Counteractions' roundtable.

Given the level of the Forum, the organizers believe that all the decisions and recommendations drawn up by the participants will give an impetus to child protection development in both countries.

ABOUT THE CHILD PROTECTION SUBGROUP UNDER THE CIVIL SOCIETY WORKING GROUP OF THE BILATERAL PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION (OBAMA-MEDVEDEV)

The Bilateral Russian-American Presidential Commission (Obama-Medvedev) was established in 2009. Its activities are coordinated by the Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and the US State Secretary Hillary Clinton. The Commission consists of 16 working groups including the Civil Society Working Group supervised by the First Deputy Chief of Staff of the RF Presidential Executive Office, Vladislav Surkov, and the Special Assistant to the President within the US Security Council, Michael McFaul.

The Child Protection Subgroup is headed by the Children Rights Commissioner for the President of the Russian Federation, Pavel Astakhov, and the chief of Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the United States Department of Justice, Andrew G. Oosterbaan.

The first session of the Civil Society Working Group was held on January 27, 2010 in Washington and attended by the representatives of Russian and American governmental bodies and NGOs. The session was focused on anti-corruption efforts and child protection against different forms of violence and exploitation.

In June, 2010, during Obama-Medvedev Summit, the U.S.-Russian Civil Society Summit took place. Within the framework of the Summit the experts on child protection held a meeting dedicated to the cooperation of the two countries in child protection-related issues.

On October 6, 2010 Russian and American members of the Child Protection Subgroup held respective meetings in their countries to discuss possible joint bilateral projects on child protection. In Russia the meeting was supported by the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) and hosted by the National Foundation for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the International Foundation for Socio-Economic and Political Studies (The Gorbachev Foundation). Over 30 experts and managers from 15 regions of Russia formed a package of project offers including the Russian-American Child Welfare Forum on Lake Baikal, regular on-line consultations, case studies, and joint scientific research.

On December 24, 2010 Pavel Astakhov, Children Rights Commissioner for the President of the Russian Federation, held a meeting with NGOs representatives to draw up the proposals of further cooperation between Russian and American NGOs, foundations and non-profit organizations.

On February 16, 2011 another meeting of the subgroup took place in Moscow. The participants discussed the issues of the fight against child pornography and child abuse in the Internet, establishment of a Help Center for Missing Children and Children Victims of Violence and Abuse in Russia.

Another meeting of the Subgroup, held on June 7, 2011 in Washington, was focused on the role of the civil society in fight against child exploitation and pornography. The participants decided to study the ways for expanding the activities of the Subgroup and discuss a wider range of child protection-related issues. Marina Egorova, President of the National Foundation for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, informed the participants of the forthcoming First Russian-American Child Welfare Forum on Lake Baikal.



FORUM ORGANIZERS AND PARTNERS

CHILDREN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



One of the main objectives of the Children Rights Commissioner for the President of the Russian Federation is to guarantee child protection and restore violated rights of children.

Thus, the Children Rights Commissioner is granted a number of rights including the right to request and receive data and materials from governmental bodies, visit the headquarters of federal administrative bodies, audit (by himself or jointly with the authorized bodies) the work of executive authorities and officials, submit recommendations regarding possible and necessary actions to restore violated rights and interests of the child to the federal executive bodies.

The Children Rights Commissioner for the President of the Russian Federation supports the activities of the Association of Ombudsmen for Children in the regions of the Russian Federation.

In December, 2009, the President of Russia, Dmitry Medvedev, appointed Pavel Astakhov as the Children Rights Commissioner for the President of the Russian Federation.

Official website: www.rfdeti.ru



THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURYATIA



The Government of the Republic of Buryatia is the highest executive body of the Republic.

The Republic of Buryatia is part of the Siberian Federal District. The capital is Ulan-Ude.

About 60 percent of Lake Baikal's coastline belongs to Buryatia.

Population as of 2011: 972.2 thousand inhabitants

Child population as of 2011: 225.1 thousand children

The Republic includes 2 city districts, 21 municipal areas, 273 urban and rural localities.

In 2007 the Republic founded the Agency for Child and Family Issues.

The tasks of the Agency are as follows:

- To implement measures in order to observe and restore the rights and interests of minors, reveal and eliminate causes and conditions for child neglect, abandonment and criminal offenses by minors
- To implement measures and coordinate the activities of organizations providing prevention of neglect and criminal offenses by minors
- To provide state support for children and families at-risk
- To develop an optimal complex social support system and services for families and children at-risk
- Optimize social infrastructure providing preventive efforts for families and promote family-based care for abandoned and neglected children and children without parental care.

Official website: www.egov-buryatia.ru



FORUM ORGANIZERS AND PARTNERS

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN



The National Foundation for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is a Russian non-profit organization established in 2004 by the leading experts with over 15 years of experience of work with children facing medical and social risks.

The mission of the Foundation is to protect children through better assistance and services for children and families, to provide normal development conditions for every child.

The Foundation carries out projects and provides services designed to optimize the management and promote training for the staff working in child protection; to develop assistance technologies for children and families.

One of the Foundation's priorities is to contribute, in cooperation with governmental bodies, to the decrease in the number of abandoned children in Russia.

Official website: www.sirotstvo.ru

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



The U.S. Department of Justice is a structure within the federal government of the United States. Its mission is to enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law; to ensure public safety against threats foreign and domestic; to provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.

Child Protection Division, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention of the U.S. Department of Justice. Its mission is to support state and regional organizations in their efforts to develop and implement effective minor-oriented programs. The section also enforces the juvenile justice in order to guarantee social security and provides youth- and family-oriented services.

Official website: www.justice.gov



FORUM ORGANIZERS AND PARTNERS

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID)



USAID is the primary federal government agency responsible for carrying out U.S. foreign assistance programs. Since 1992, USAID has contributed over \$2.6 billion to development programs in Russia. USAID/Russia cooperates closely with non-profit organizations, with private businesses, and with the Russian government at all levels, in order to develop a healthy, inclusive, and well-governed society. It currently supports projects in healthcare, civil society development, rule of law, local governance, and conflict mitigation. USAID also builds alliances with the Russian authorities and the private sector, mobilizing new resources and expanding the reach of successful development models.

Official website: www.usaid.gov

AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY ON THE ABUSE OF CHILDREN (APSAC)



APSAC was founded in 1985 by a group of concerned child maltreatment professionals and has evolved into one of the most influential multidisciplinary advocacy and training organizations in North America. APSAC's members include child maltreatment professionals from the fields of psychology, social work, medicine, law, education, law enforcement, mental health, and juvenile justice. APSAC is committed to evidence-based practice and the application of sound research to solve practice problems and to provide the most effective treatments to children and their families. APSAC publishes resource textbooks, two professional journals, practice guidelines, and policy briefs and also sponsors one of the largest annual child maltreatment conferences in North America.

Official website: www.apsac.org

INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES (IHS)



IHS was founded in 1977 with a mission of strengthening the capacity of professionals and organizations that serve abused and neglected children. For 35 years, IHS has worked throughout North America to stimulate change in large child protection systems through training, consultation, program evaluation, and strategic planning. IHS specialists have developed standards to guide direct practice and competencies to guide training, and competency-based in-service training systems for state, provincial, and national child welfare organizations, and have written and disseminated a library of training curricula, resource textbooks, and policy white papers for use by child maltreatment organizations. Many IHS resources have been translated into French and Russian for use in Canada and in many countries in Eastern Europe. IHS's four-volume resource textbook, the Field Guide to Child Welfare, is used by child welfare organizations and university social work programs throughout the world.

Official website: www.ihs-trainet.com

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

RUSSIAN MEMBERS	AMERICAN MEMBERS
<p><i>Vyacheslav Nagovitsyn</i> President of the Republic of Buryatia, Chairman, Organizing Committee</p>	<p><i>Lou Ann Holland</i> Program Manager, Child Protection Division Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention of the United States Department of Justice</p>
<p><i>Baier Balzhirov</i> Vice Chairman of the Republic of Buryatia for Social Development, Vice-Chair of the Organizing Committee</p>	<p><i>Ronald Hughes</i> President of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children</p>
<p><i>Marina Egorova</i> President of the National Foundation for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Vice-Chair of the Organizing Committee</p>	<p><i>Judith Rycus</i> PhD, MSW, Program Director of the Institute for Human Services</p>
<p><i>Olga Pristanskaya</i> Advisor to the Children's Rights Commissioner for the President of the Russian Federation</p>	<p><i>Sandra Marchenko</i> Director of the Koons Family Institute, International Law & Policy of the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children</p>
<p><i>Tatiana Alexeeva</i> Head of the Department of Regional Communications on Children's Rights for the President of the Russian Federation</p>	<p><i>Olga Kulikova,</i> Project Management Specialist on Assistance to Vulnerable Children Programs, Office of Health, U.S. Agency for International Development/Russia</p>
<p><i>Svetlana Khabarkova</i> Director of the Agency on Family and Child Issues of the Republic of Buryatia</p>	
<p><i>Gennady Orlov</i> Head of Municipality of Kabansky Region of the Republic of Buryatia</p>	
<p><i>Sergey Georgievskiy</i> Development Director, the National Foundation for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Director of the Working Group from the National Foundation for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children</p>	
<p><i>Alexander Spivak</i> Director for Analytical and Regional Programs, the National Foundation for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children</p>	

PARTNER

METROPOL INVESTMENT FINANCIAL COMPANY



METROPOL Group is an international investment and industrial group with Russian capital working in different spheres, including stock operations, asset management and consulting, banking and investment in real sector of economy, field exploration and development, real estate and tourism.

Founded in 1995, METROPOL Investment Financial Company is the key enterprise in the GROUP with presence on Russian and international stock markets. It provides consulting and investment services in different sectors of the economy and holds the AAA security rating (maximum security) of the National Rating Agency.

METROPOL Group strongly recognizes its social responsibility and implements major projects in culture, arts and sports. In 2008 the Group initiated the Lake Baikal Protection Fund Establishment. In 2008-2010 the Fund supported the unique international expedition 'Mirs on Baikal', complex scientific research of the lake's ecosystem by Russian 'Mir' mini-submarines.

FORUM VENUES

The events of the First Russian-American Child Welfare Forum will take place in the capital of Buryatia, Ulan-Ude, and on Lake Baikal (Kabansky District).

Main venue: building of the Government of the Republic of Buryatia (Ulan-Ude).

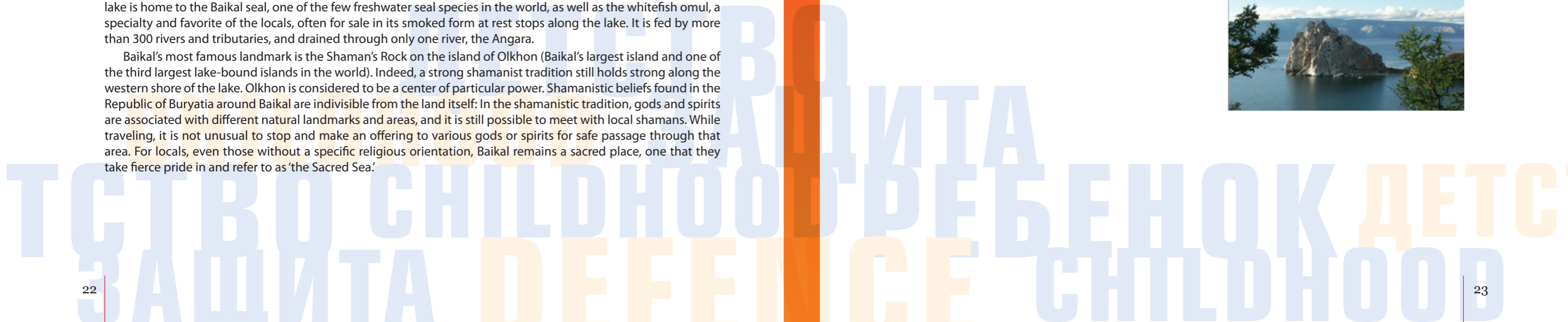
Main venue on Lake Baikal: school in the Sukhaya village built under the 'Education' National Priority Project. Discussion platforms will be held in guest houses' conference rooms.

LAKE BAIKAL, THE 'SACRED SEA'

Lake Baikal is one of the world's greatest natural wonders, and is unique in the world for its pristine beauty. In 1996, it was designated as a UNESCO world heritage site. Located in Siberia, between the region of Irkutsk and the Republic of Buryatia, it has the distinction of being not only the oldest lake in the world (at an estimated 25-30 million years old) but also the deepest, at a depth of nearly 1.7 miles. The lake is a truly stunning ecological study: it holds nearly twenty percent of the world's fresh water, which also happens to be one of the purest water sources in the world. Baikal has special self-cleaning microorganisms responsible for keeping the lake clean, and its ecological environment have remained largely untouched by pollution. Visitors are remarkably surprised at the clarity of the water, which allows one to see far into its depths on a sunny day.

Baikal contains over 2,000 species of flora and fauna, two-thirds of which are unique to the lake. Its natural attractions and beauty include: spanning breathtaking mountains, hot springs, pebbled beaches and islands. The lake is home to the Baikal seal, one of the few freshwater seal species in the world, as well as the whitefish omul, a specialty and favorite of the locals, often for sale in its smoked form at rest stops along the lake. It is fed by more than 300 rivers and tributaries, and drained through only one river, the Angara.

Baikal's most famous landmark is the Shaman's Rock on the island of Olkhon (Baikal's largest island and one of the third largest lake-bound islands in the world). Indeed, a strong shamanist tradition still holds strong along the western shore of the lake. Olkhon is considered to be a center of particular power. Shamanistic beliefs found in the Republic of Buryatia around Baikal are indivisible from the land itself: In the shamanistic tradition, gods and spirits are associated with different natural landmarks and areas, and it is still possible to meet with local shamans. While traveling, it is not unusual to stop and make an offering to various gods or spirits for safe passage through that area. For locals, even those without a specific religious orientation, Baikal remains a sacred place, one that they take fierce pride in and refer to as 'the Sacred Sea.'



PROGRAM OF EVENTS

The First Russian-American Child Welfare Forum (RAF)

DATE	EVENTS	VENUE
AUGUST 1 ULAN-UDE, THE CAPITAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURYATIA		
06:40 – 09:10 a.m.	Arrival in Ulan-Ude	International Airport Baikal
07:10 – 11:30 a.m.	Hotel check-in and participant registration	Hotels Geser Hotel (11 Ranzhouroova Str) Baikal Plaza Hotel (12 Yerbanova Str) Hotel Buryatia (47A Kommounisticheskaya Str) Sagaan Morin Hotel (25 Gagarina Str)
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Social and cultural events of the Program of the Forum Visit to the Buddhist temple Ivolginsky datsan, the center of Buddhist spirituality in the Russian Federation "Khambyn Sume"	Departure from Sovetov Sq, Ivolginskiy Region, datsan
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	PRESS CONFERENCE	State Building of the Republic of Buryatia (54 Lenina Str) Press-center (Room 301)
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	LUNCH	
3:30 – 7:00 p.m.	SIMULTANEOUS EVENTS	
3:30 – 5:15 p.m.	Roundtable, hosted by the National Foundation for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the International Foundation for Socio-Economic and Political Studies (The Gorbachev Foundation) on their joint project, "Protected Childhood"	State Building of the Republic of Buryatia (54 Lenina Str) Meeting Room 318

DATE	EVENTS	VENUE
3:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Presentation on the activities of the child protection specialists in Buryatia on the basis of 'Early Detection of Children's Rights Violations' and 'Organizing Work for Interdisciplinary Teams with Work in Cases of Children's Rights Violation' technologies	Administration of Zhheleznodorozhny District of Ulan-Ude (2 Oktyabrskaya Str)
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Social and cultural events of the Program of the Forum Tour of Ulan-Ude	Departure from Sovetov Sq
8:00 – 9:45 p.m.	Dinner	Hotels
10:00 – 10:30 p.m.	Tour of Ulan-Ude (continuation)	Departure from Sovetov Sq
AUGUST 2 ULAN UDE – LAKE BAIKAL		
07:00 – 09:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Hotels
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	PLENARY SESSION Opening remarks	State Building of the Republic of Buryatia (54 Lenina Str) Meeting Room 318
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch	"Tengis" Restaurant (12 Yerbanova Str)
2:30 – 5:00 p.m.	SIMULTANEOUS EVENTS:	
2:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Meeting of the Child Protection Sub-working Group of the Civil Society Working Group of Bilateral Presidential Commission Obama-Medvedev "Rights Protection and Support to Lost and Abused Children"	State Building of the Republic of Buryatia (54 Lenina Str) Meeting Room 301
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Inter-regional meeting 'Child Protection in the context of Governmental Social and Demographic Policies'	State Building of the Republic of Buryatia (54 Lenina Str) Meeting Room 318

DATE	EVENTS	VENUE
2.30 – 5.00 p.m.	<p>Visits to local institutions providing innovative preventive services to families and children at-risk for social abandonment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychological and training support to families at risk of newborns children abandonment Family social / welfare patronage (home helper) “Alcoholics Anonymous” self-help group Family short-term crisis counseling “Home instructor” Psychological and training support to at-risk children in the educational environment (“social room” at school) 	<p>National Center for Social, Informational and Methodological Assistance and Shelter for Orphans and Children Left Without Parental Care</p> <p>Republican Perinatal Center (4a Solnechnaya Str)</p> <p>Center for Diagnosis and Counseling (8 Khalalova Str.)</p> <p>Kids (Teen) Center “Baikal” (6A chertenkova Str)</p> <p>Teen Club “Rainbow”</p> <p>City Hospital No 4 (2 Raskovoy Str)</p>
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.	<p>Group transfer to Lake Baikal</p> <p>Social and cultural events of the Program of the Forum</p> <p>Buryat traditional welcome</p>	<p>Ulan-Ude (from hotels) – Enkhaluk Vil – Sukhaya Vil</p> <p>“Usat Lopsun” (The Watermaster) Cultural and Historical Center</p>
7:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Hotel check-in	<p>Guest houses/hotels</p> <p>Sagaan Morin (Baikal Lake, Sukhaya Vil)</p> <p>Enkhaluk (Lesnaya Str., Enkhaluk Vil., Kabansky Region)</p> <p>Baikal Courtyard (7 Lesnaya Str., Enkhaluk Vil., Kabansky Region)</p> <p>Podlemorye (Maksimikha Vil., Barguzinsky Region)</p> <p>Tengeri (106b Baikalskaya Str., Enkhaluk Vil., Kabansky Region)</p>
8:00 – 9:45 p.m.	Inaugural dinner and cultural program	Sagaan Morin (Baikal Lake, Sukhaya Vil)

DATE	EVENTS	VENUE
AUGUST 3 THEME: CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION		
07:30 – 07:45 a.m.	Early morning exercises	Hotels; in the open air
08:30 – 09:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Hotels
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	PLENARY SESSION: Goal setting and discussing desired results	Sukhaya Middle School Assembly Hall (67 Baikalskaya Str., Enkhaluk Vil.)
11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	LECTURE Child Abuse and Neglect: A Historical and Cultural Analysis. Categories and Types of Child Abuse and Neglect. Child protection services history in the USA	Sukhaya Middle School Assembly Hall
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Coffee Break	Sukhaya Middle School Cafeteria
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	SIMULTANEOUS DISCUSSION PLATFORMS Discussion Platform: Early prevention of child abuse and neglect: Creating a culture of respect for children’s rights Discussion Platform: Civil society and governmental roles in the protection of children’s rights: comparative analysis of Russian and American approaches, and the possibilities of cooperation Discussion Platform: Comparative analysis of national (regional) approaches and mechanisms for the effective detection and prevention of violence against children: what works and why	Sukhaya Middle School Classrooms
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Lunch	Guest houses/hotels Sagaan Morin, Tengeri
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	PRESENTATION FAIR Effective Approaches in Child Abuse Prevention	Sukhaya Middle School cafeteria, recreation premises
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Social and cultural events of the Program of the Forum Excursion to a local children’s summer camp; national sports and traditions	“Enkhaluk” Children’s Sports Summer Camp (Lesnaya Str., Enkhaluk Vil., Kabansky Region)
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner	Hotels
9:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Free time. Thematic Film/Documentary Viewing and Discussion	Hotel Conference-rooms

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AUGUST 4 THEME: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND THE REHABILITATION OF VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE AND THEIR FAMILIES		
07:30 – 07:45 a.m.	Early morning exercises	Hotels; in the open air
08:30 – 09:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Hotels
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	<p>SIMULTANEOUS DISCUSSION PLATFORMS</p> <p>Discussion Platform: Rehabilitation of Child Abuse Victims and Conflict Resolution where Violence is Involved: Disseminating and Exchanging Successful Experiences, Knowledge and Views from the Perspective of International Cooperation</p> <p>Discussion Platform: Family-Based Forms of Care for Orphaned and Abandoned Children: Providing Permanence and Social Adaptation. Implications and Perspectives of International Cooperation</p> <p>Discussion Platform: Training Specialists Working with Victims of Child Abuse and Their Families: Values and the Perspective of International Cooperation</p> <p>Discussion Platform - Roundtable: The 'A Compass for Childhood' Program: 'Components of an Effective Child Welfare System (Standards, infrastructure, and financing)</p>	Sukhaya Middle School Classrooms
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Coffee Break	Sukhaya Middle School cafeteria, recreation premises
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	DISCUSSION PLATFORMS (cont.)	Sukhaya Middle School Classrooms
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Lunch	Guest houses/hotels Sagaan Morin, Tengeri
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	<p>SIMULTANEOUS WORKSHOPS</p> <p>Best Russian and American Practices in the Rehabilitation of Child Victims of Violence</p>	Sukhaya Middle School Classrooms
5:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Coffee Break	Sukhaya Middle School cafeteria, recreation premises

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6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	<p>PLENARY SESSION</p> <p>Mid-session check in and report on Forum and discussion of interim results</p>	Sukhaya Middle School Assembly Hall
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner	Hotels
9:00 – 10:00 p.m.	<p>Free time.</p> <p>Thematic Film/Documentary Viewing and Discussion, 'Best Practices in the Rehabilitation of Child Victims of Violence'</p>	Hotel Conference-rooms
AUGUST 5 THEME: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS IN CHILD WELFARE AND THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN THEIR RESOLUTION		
07:30 – 07:45 a.m.	Early morning exercises	Hotels; in the open air
08:30 – 09:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Hotels
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	<p>LECTURE</p> <p>The Mutual Dependence and Relationship between Civil Society Development and the Quality of Children's Rights Protection</p>	Sukhaya Middle School Assembly Hall
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p>SIMULTANEOUS DISCUSSION PLATFORMS</p> <p>Discussion Platform: What We Can Do Together: the Fight Against Child Pornography and Prostitution</p> <p>Discussion Platform: The Role of NGOs in Structuring an Effective Child Welfare System: Development, Support, Sustainability and Government Cooperation</p> <p>Discussion Platform Creative Funding Strategies: Child Welfare: Modern Strategies for Effective Funding</p>	Sukhaya Middle School Classrooms
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch	Guest houses/hotels Sagaan Morin, Tengeri
2:30 – 6:00 p.m.	<p>Social and cultural events of the Program of the Forum</p> <p>Boat excursion to White Rock</p>	Sukhaya Vil. – Oimur Vil. (quay), Lake Baikal
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.	<p>Social and cultural events of the Program of the Forum</p> <p>Rites and Rituals of Buryatia's Shamans</p>	Lake Baikal Shoreline
8:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Dinner	Hotels

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9:30 – 11:30 p.m.	Social and cultural events of the Program of the Forum Bonfire and singing of national songs	Sukhaya Vil. Lake Baikal Shoreline
AUGUST 6 THEME: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, ISSUES AND PERSPECTIVES		
08:00 – 09:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Hotels Sukhaya Middle School Assembly Hall Sukhaya Middle School cafeteria, recreation premises
09:30 – 11:00 a.m.	PLENARY SESSION Partnership Initiatives and Planning Joint Projects with the Active Participation of US and Russian Civil Society	Sukhaya Middle School Assembly Hall Guest houses/hotels Sagaan Morin, Tengeri
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Coffee break	Guest houses/hotels
11:30 a.m.– 13:30 p.m.	PLENARY SESSION (cont.) Final resolutions Closing ceremonies	Geser Hotel (11 Ranzhouroova Str) Baikal Plaza Hotel (12 Yerbanova Str) Hotel Buryatia (47A Kommunisticheskaya Str)
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Lunch	Sagaan Morin Hotel (25 Gagarina Str)
3:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Transfer to Ulan-Ude	Restaurant on Verkhney Berezovkye, Ulan-Ude (3 Verkhnyaa Berezovka Str, Ulan-Ude)
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Hotel check-in, Ulan-Ude	
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Farewell dinner/Reception with the President of the Republic of Buryatia	
AUGUST 7 ULAN UDE		
08:10 – 10:40 a.m.	Departure from Ulan-Ude	International Airport Baikal

