

UPF Moscow, Russia joined the XII Ecology International Forum

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Moscow, Russia - A UPF team joined 1,500 participants from 80 Russian regions at a meeting to discuss environmental concerns.

The XII Ecology international forum was held in the Congress Hall of Moscow's International Hotel on May 24 and 25, 2021. This forum is one of the leading public platforms for open dialogue between different branches of government and business on environmental issues.

The non-profit organization Public Forum Ecology held the Ecology forum with the support of both houses of the Russian parliament, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, the Federal Service for Supervision of Natural Resources, and many public organizations.



UPF was excused from paying the participation fee, and as an informational partner of the forum, UPF is distributing the materials and press release of the program.

Nikolai Valuev, first deputy chairman of the State Duma Committee on Ecology and Environmental Protection and chairman of the Public Council, opened the forum. He came up with an initiative to create a national ecological planet in the country. This proposal was supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. The purpose of the event is to attract the maximum number of people to problems in the ecosystem.

Over the course of two days, in different session rooms and on the sidelines, many issues were discussed, such as: environmental educational programs, popularization of separate-waste collection, expansion of reliable information about the country's ecology, and the role of public organizations in environmental control.



Natalia Ryazanova, deputy head of the Commission on Sustainable Development and Ecology of the Russian Association for United Nations Assistance, said: "We have to work on solving environmental problems in conjunction with economic and social issues. Systematic and high-quality educational activities have led to the fact that the young generation is already saturated with the ideas of sustainable development. I would like to hope that the decisions to be made by current students and graduate students in the future will be truly responsible to nature and the next generations."

Konstantin Krylov, secretary general of UPF for Eastern Europe, stated: "I was impressed by the large scale of the work of Russian non-governmental organizations in the environmental direction. Despite the small material resources - often using only the enthusiasm of the participants and crowdfunding - they are able to actively participate in solving seemingly overwhelming tasks. Among them - the impact of global warming on Russia, the destruction of the ozone layer, pollution of the world's oceans and freshwater reservoirs, the problem of air pollution, and deforestation.

"The forum showed that a constructive dialogue between civil society and government structures is not only possible but also actively proceeds with a positive effect. Also of particular interest were the reports of the forum participants on the promotion of environmental education among the youth. The forum gives great hope for improving the state of ecology in our environment."