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First Call for Papers

Baikal International Demographic Forum - 2026 **Irkutsk, September 15-18, 2026**

Organizers:

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DEAR COLLEAGUES

A.E. Favorsky Irkutsk Institute of Chemistry, Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, is pleased to invite you to participate in the **Baikal International Demographic Forum – 2026**.

The nature of demographic processes and the spatial distribution of populations are some of the key contemporary challenges to sustainable development and economic growth. Russia and many other countries are experiencing rapid population decline and ageing, accompanied by increasing concentration in large urban agglomerations. At the same time, urban areas demonstrate persistent trends of declining population growth and a decreasing share of young and middle-aged populations – groups that constitute a critical resource for economic development.

These challenges are particularly pronounced in peripheral small and medium-sized towns, which often serve as locations for new industrial development projects. In such contexts, demographic dynamics pose significant constraints on long-term development prospects for government, business, and society.

Main Forum Tracks:

- ✓ Agglomerations in the regional demographic landscape
- ✓ Demographic prospects of small towns and medium-sized cities: constraints and opportunities for economic development
- ✓ Socio-demographic and ecological-geographical factors of sustainable urban development
- ✓ Interaction between government, business, and communities in fostering sustainable socio-demographic development
- ✓ Demographic education.

Roundtable Discussions (Preliminary Topics):

- Quality of Life, Inequality, and Spatial Mobility in the Demographic Development of Russian Regions
- Ecology of Urbanized Areas
- People, ecology, development: ESG-agenda at the background of demographic challenges

The scope of the forum is not limited to the topics listed above: at the initiative of participants, additional breakout sessions and roundtables may be organized to expand upon the main themes of the presented topics. The final topics for the breakout sessions and roundtables will be determined at a later date based on an analysis of the submitted conference proposals.

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Forum format: Hybrid (in-person and online participation available)

Conference languages: Russian and English.

Publication

Accepted papers will be published in the Forum proceedings indexed in the Russian Science Citation Index. The template and requirements for papers are provided in this letter.

The information on the participation fee will be provided in the second call for papers.

Important Dates:

June 1, 2026 – Applications submission deadline.

July 1, 2026 – Papers submission deadline.

September 14, 2026 – Arrival of participants.

September 15, 2026 – Plenary session.

September 16, 2026 – Sub-sessions and roundtables.

September 17, 2026 – Tour to Lake Baikal (optional, additional fee).

September 18-22, 2026 – Field trip to Bratsk (optional, additional fee).

Registration form:

Full name	
Academic degree, title	
Position	
Institution Name	
Institution Address	
Selected session / roundtable	
Contact phone number	
E-mail address	
Title of presentation	
Consent to publication of paper (Yes/No)	
Participation format (in person/online)	
Requirement of hotel booking assistance (Yes/No)	
Participation in Lake Baikal tour (optional)	
Participation in Bratsk field trip (optional)	
Short abstract (up to 150 words)	

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Appendix A. Papers requirements

The length of the publication should be between three and five pages, formatted in Microsoft Word on A4 paper.

Margins: left 3 cm, top and bottom 2 cm, right 1.5 cm.

The title of the work is given in all-caps, 12-point Times New Roman bold. Following the title, the authors' names are listed in 12-point Times New Roman bold italics; then, for each author, the place of employment, city, country, and email address are provided in regular font.

After a blank line, the abstract is placed; the word "Abstract" is in bold, and the text of the abstract is in regular Times New Roman 10, without paragraph indentation. On the line following the abstract, keywords and phrases (up to five) are listed.

The main text of the paper is set in Times New Roman 12 with 1.5 line spacing. The paragraph indentation is 1.25 cm. Sources are cited in the order of mention in square brackets. Figures and tables are placed after they are mentioned in the text (Fig. 1, Table 1, etc.). Figure captions are centered below the figure (Figure 1 – figure title), and table captions are aligned to the left above the table.

Acknowledgments may follow the main text. This is followed by a list of references. Appendix 2 provides a sample of the formatting guidelines.

