



VIII EURASIA LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CONGRESS

THE CONCEPT

LOCATION: Yakutsk, the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)

DATE OF THE EVENT: 24-26 June 2021

ORGANIZERS:

- The Eurasia Section of the World Organization “United Cities and Local Governments”
- The Government of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
- The Administration of the city of Yakutsk

FORMAT OF THE EVENT: hybrid (offline and online)

Dress code: national dress is welcomed at all events of the Congress.

THEME OF THE CONFERENCE:

- Healthy Dialogue for Sustainable Development

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Healthy dialogue for sustainable development
- Resilience and combating climate change
- Waste management: experience and prospects
- Intangible cultural heritage

THE CONFERENCE INCLUDES:

- **Opening ceremony**
This is an official ceremony with the participation of guests of honor delivering a welcome address. The opening ceremony is the largest event of the Conference.
- **Plenary session “Healthy Dialogue for Sustainable Development”**
It is expected that the session will be attended by representatives of different levels of government and stakeholders. Speakers will include representatives of national, regional and local governments of Eurasia countries, as well as heads of major international organizations, national associations of local governments, civil society and business. The topic for discussion will be the interaction of various stakeholders and different levels of government in healthcare.
The duration is 1 h 15 min.



- **Meeting of the General Assembly of UCLG-Eurasia**

The agenda of the meeting includes the discussion of the report on the organization's activities, a work plan, financial issues, election of the leadership of UCLG-Eurasia, etc. The duration is 1 h 15 min.

- **Introductory workshop**

The Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) is a pioneer in Eurasia in the implementation of the resilience project. In addition, urban resilience is one of the UCLG's key areas of activities for 2021. In this regard, it is planned to hold a small learning workshop, during which the participants will get acquainted with the term Urban Resilience and successful practices in this area.

- **Round tables**

A round table is an open discussion on topical issues. Both mayors and experts in a particular topic can take the floor. Round tables include presentations of best practices and an open discussion on the theme of the round table..

- **Pitch session “Strategic areas of strengthening public health and developing the healthcare system in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)”**

The presentation of the Decade of Health. Yakutia is one of the regions with the highest life expectancy. Strategic areas of strengthening public health and developing the healthcare system. In the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), 2021-2030 are announced the Decade of Health.

- **Exhibition “Culture of Eurasia Cities”**

The online exhibition, where participants will present cultural heritage of their cities in the form of photo and video presentations for 2-3 minutes, will be organized as part of the Conference.

- **National festival Yhyakh**

Yhyakh is a Yakut festival of summer. It is a spring and summer festival in honor of Ai-ii deity and rebirth of nature accompanied by the ceremony of praying, hearty food and drinking kumis, as well as dances, folk games, horse racing, competitions between strong and dexterous young men. Yhyakh is held in the city of Yakutsk in an area of Us Khatyn and is called Yhyakh Tuymaady according to the name of the valley, where Yakutsk is located. Annually, it is visited by more than 200,000 people.

This year, the Yhyakh Tuymaady festival will be celebrated on 26-27 June.



DRAFT PROGRAM

Day 1 – 24 June, Thursday	
Morning	Arrival of delegations
14:30 – 15:00	Registration of participants
15:00 – 15:30	Opening ceremony Speakers: - Aysen Nikolaev, Head of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Vice-President of UCLG - Ilsur Metshin, President of UCLG-Eurasia - Grigory Ordzhonikidze, Executive Secretary of the Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO
15:30 – 16:45	Plenary session “Healthy Dialogue for Sustainable Development”
16:45 – 17:00	Coffee-break
17:00 – 18:30	General Assembly of UCLG-Eurasia Chairman: Ilsur Metshin, Mayor of Kazan, President of UCLG-Eurasia Moderator: Rasikh Sagitov, Secretary General of UCLG-Eurasia
19:30 – 22:00	Official reception
Day 2 – 25 June, Friday	
09:00 – 10:00	Pitch session “Strategic areas of strengthening public health and developing the healthcare system in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)”
10:00 – 12:00	A tour
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	Round table “Resilience and Combating Climate Change”
14:15 - 14:30	Coffee-break
14:30 – 15:45	Introductory workshop “Urban Resilience” (15-20 participants by invitation)
16:00 – 16:30	Online exhibition “Culture of Eurasia Cities”
16:30 – 18:00	Round table: “Waste Management: Experience and Prospects”
19:00 – 20:30	Dinner
Day 3 – 26 June, Saturday	
During the day	Participation in the national festival “Yhyakh Tuymaady – 2021”