

REGULATIONS ON THE PUBLIC COUNCIL OF THE ANO CENTRE OF ASSISTANCE TO ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES «ECOLOGY»

1. Basic Provisions

- 1.1. Public Council of the ANO Centre of Assistance to Environmental Initiatives Ecology (hereinafter referred to as Council) is established as a permanent expert advisory body on updating modern trends and practical issues in environmental development and environmental activities in order to improve efficiency of the Resolution of the International Forum Ecology (hereinafter referred to as Resolution).
- 1.2. The Resolution is formed annually as a systematized set of initiatives and proposals aimed at improvement of regulation in the environmental sphere, identification and implementation of best practices on the following principles:
 - 1.2.1. The Resolution shall include proposals and initiatives developed during the current year by the participants of the profile activities and other stakeholders.
 - 1.2.2. The Resolution shall include the results of public hearings on issues of regional and national importance upon the submission of interested parties.
 - 1.2.2. Separate issues of the Resolution requiring preliminary public discussion shall be put on the agenda of the International Forum Ecology (hereinafter referred to as the Forum).

2. Aims and purposes of the Council

- 2.1. The objectives of the Council are:
 - 2.1.1. Stimulate environmental activity and ecological development activities of the stakeholders to improve the profile legislative and administrative regulation.
 - 2.1.2. Coordinate systematically with key participants of the concerned segments of the society aimed at improvement of the mechanism for collection and maintenance of the resolution and increase of its effectiveness:
 - development of the thematic scope of the resolution in accordance with current trends and issues;
 - expansion of the range of participants in the resolution (authors and initiators of proposals);

- increasing the quality (level of elaboration) of proposals to the resolution;
 - Targeted structuring of the resolution for the tasks of the recipients concerned (authorities and state development institutions of the Russian Federation);
 - increasing the involvement of the resolution's participants and expert community in accompanying initiatives and proposals to the interested
- 2.2. The tasks of the Council are:
- 2.2.1 Approve the main structural and thematic directions of the resolution.
- 2.2.2. Facilitation of submission of proposals to the resolution:
- from participants in environmental activities;
 - from constituent entities of the Russian Federation; from non-profit, public, and self-regulatory organizations.
- 2.2.3. Facilitation of expert support for the Resolution's initiatives by the Russian Federation's authorities and state development institutions.
- 2.2.4. Promotion of the Resolution as a tool of feedback from society to the authorities in the field of implementation of environmental policy of the Russian Federation

3. Composition and structure of the Council

- 3.1. The Council consists of the following representatives: participants in the environmental activities of the executive and legislative bodies of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation, non-profit (self-regulatory, public), mass media organisations.
- 3.2. The Council is open for voluntary participation of all the interested parties.
- 3.3. The Council is headed by a Chairman.
- 3.4. The work of the Council shall be coordinated by the responsible Secretary.

4. Procedure of the Council's work

- 4.1. Decisions of the Council are taken through personal meetings and remote discussions and are drawn up in the form of relevant protocols.
- 4.2. The personal meetings of the Council are held annually, generally at the Forum venue.
- 4.3. If necessary, by decision of the Chairman of the Board, remote discussions may be arranged by means of telecommunication.
- 4.4 The Council shall, by means of personal or remote meetings:

- Agree on the recommended procedure for the formation of the Forum's resolution and the principles of participation of the authors of the suggested proposals in the further accompaniment of these proposals to the authorities and institutions of state development of the Russian Federation.
 - Agree on the key recipients for the transmission of the final resolution of the Forum.
 - Approve the main structural and thematic areas of the Forum's resolution.
 - Approve the recommended form for submitting proposals for the Forum's resolution.
 - Agrees on the principles of promoting the Forum's resolution as a tool for feedback from the society to the authorities concerning the implementation of environmental policy in the Russian Federation.
- 4.5. Members of the Council:
- Submit their proposals within the framework of the Council's tasks.
 - Participate in the meetings of the Council and the discussion of the issues on the agenda of the Council.
 - Contribute to the implementation of the adopted recommendations and principles.
- 4.6. The Chairman of the Council:
- Approves the working plan and agenda of the Council.
 - Conducts the meetings of the Council.
 - Summarises the discussions of the matters on the agenda of the Council.
- 4.7. Executive Secretary of the Council:
- Coordinates the interaction between the participants of the Council.
 - Arranges remote discussions on the Council's issues.
 - Draws up protocols of the Council decisions.

5. Legal status of the Council

- 5.1. The Board is not an administrative-regulatory body and functions as part of civil society on the basis of the voluntary participation of its members.
- 5.2. The Board is not an independent organisation; participation in the Board does not generate any civil rights and obligations.
- 5.3. Decisions of the Board have the status of sound principles recommended for implementation by interested parties.
- 5.4. The Board shall carry out its activities on a voluntary basis.