



GIAHS
Globally Important Agricultural
Heritage Systems



Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) in Russia and rural tourism: initial contact

An international virtual conference dedicated to promoting FAO's GIAHS programme, and encouraging rural and agri-tourism in Russia

The Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) represent not only stunning natural landscapes but also agricultural practices that create livelihoods in rural areas while combining biodiversity, resilient ecosystems, tradition, and innovation in a unique way.

Traditional agricultural systems feed billions of people around the world. They also sustain biodiversity and preserve genetic resources, help increase resilience to climate change, promote recognition, and strengthen rural livelihoods.

Such farming practices directly affect not only the food security of the territory they cover (SDG-2), but also many other Sustainable Development Goals. The palette of positive impacts of traditional activities comprises economic, social and environmental components.

Since 2005, FAO has designated 62 systems in 22 countries as agricultural heritage sites. Six of those are also included in the UNESCO World Heritage list. No sites have yet been designated in Russia.

The FAO Liaison Office with the Russian Federation, jointly with the National Association of Rural and Ecotourism, and the Department of Social-Economic Geography of Foreign Countries at the Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU), is holding an international virtual conference dedicated to promoting GIAHS in the Russian Federation and strengthening rural and agri-tourism.

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INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ON PROMOTING THE GIAHS PROGRAMME AND
ENCOURAGING RURAL, ECOLOGICAL, AND AGRI-TOURISM IN RUSSIA

21 June 2022, from 10:00 to 13:00 PM Moscow time

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PROGRAMME

Moderator: Oleg KOBIAKOV, Director, FAO Liaison Office with the Russian Federation

Welcoming remarks (up to 30 minutes)

10.00 – 10.05	Oksana LUTH, First Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Russian Federation (<i>to be confirmed</i>)
10.05 – 10.10	Endo YOSHIHIDE, GIAHS Programme Coordinator, FAO Headquarters (<i>to be confirmed</i>)
10.10 – 10.05	Ilshat FAZRAKHMANOV, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture, Republic of Bashkortostan (<i>to be confirmed</i>)
10.20 – 10.30	Alexander ATLASOV, Minister for Agriculture, Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) (<i>to be confirmed</i>)

Thematic cluster “GIAHS in Russia” (up to 60 minutes)

Co-moderator: Alexey NAUMOV, Head of the Department of Social-Economic Geography of Foreign Countries, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Head of the Department for the Study of Rural Development of Institute for Agrarian Development, National Research University Higher School of Economics (NRU HSE)

10.30 – 10.40	Opening remarks by the Co-moderator
10.40 – 10.50	Aurelie FERNANDEZ, FAO GIAHS Consultant, FAO Headquarters
10.50 – 11.00	Elina GATAULLINA, Executive Director, UNESCO Bashkortostan Committee
11.00 – 11.10	GIAHS Site representative from the Asia-Pacific region (<i>to be confirmed</i>)

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11.20 – 11.30	Cherdsak KUARAKSA , Deputy Director of the College of Local Wisdom of Thaksin University, Thailand <i>(to be confirmed)</i>
11.30 – 11.35	Anton YURMANOV , Director of the Youth Work Department, Russian Geographical Society Olga LAPINA , Coordinator of International Activities, Department of Expert-Analytical and International Activities, Russian Geographical Society
11.30 – 11.40	Liu MOUCHENG , Associate Professor, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) <i>(to be confirmed)</i>

Thematic cluster “Rural and agri-tourism development in Russia” (up to 60 minutes)

Co-moderator: **Vadim KALINICHEV**, Executive Director, National Association of Rural and Ecotourism

11.40 – 11.50	Opening remarks by the Co-moderator
11.50 – 12.00	Grigory LEDKOV , President, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North <i>(to be confirmed)</i>
12.00 – 12.10	Ivan KRIVZOV , Deputy Dean, Faculty of Service Industry and Tourism, Volgograd State Agricultural University (VolSAU), Associate Professor
12.10 – 12.20	Julia ROMANENKO , Entrepreneur, Co-Founder of “LipkoSladko”, Founder of Online Beekeeping School
12.20 – 12.30	Natalia ANDREEVA , Head of the Engineering Centre for Organic Agriculture, Russian Engineering Academy of Management and Agribusiness
12.30 – 12.40	Julia TALANINA , Member of the National Association of Rural and Ecotourism Development Organizations (Voronezh region)
12.40 – 12.50	Alexey MATVEEV , General Director, “Selsky Tourist” LLC

Discussion: work of an initiative group for preparation and submission of GIAHS applications from Russia

(up to 10 minutes)

Closing remarks by the Moderator

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Background:

In response to the global trends that undermine family agriculture and traditional agricultural systems, in 2002, during the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD, Johannesburg, South Africa), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations launched a Global Partnership Initiative on conservation and adaptive management of “Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems”. This year FAO is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the GIAHS programme.

Additional resources:

<https://www.fao.org/giahs/en/>

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