

**2nd International Forum in the Framework  
of ‘Northern Dimension’ Partnership on Culture (NDPC)**

**‘CULTURE AS A FACTOR OF GROWTH’**

Saint Petersburg, 16 - 18 December 2015

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

**Thursday, 17 December 2015**

Venue: TBC

Format: 1+1+3

<b>9.00 – 10.00</b>	Registration of participants, coffee break
<b>10.00 – 10.45</b>	Opening Ceremony of the Forum (speeches of officials)
<b>10.45 – 11.00</b>	Coffee break
<b>11.00 – 12.30</b>	Plenary session Theme №1: Studying and adapting models of federal and municipal support for small and medium-sized business in the realm of arts and creative pursuits, federal and regional experience.
<b>12.30– 13.30</b>	Lunch for Forum participants
<b>13.30 – 15.00</b>	Plenary session (contd.) Theme №2: Education in the area of “creative industries” and cultural & educational tourism: a development tool for small and medium business.
<b>15.00 – 15.15</b>	Coffee break

<b>15.15 – 16.45</b>	Plenary session (contd.) Theme №3: Innovative approaches in the use of cultural resources as a potential for the economic growth of regions and territories.
<b>16.45 – 17.45</b>	Completing Forum proceedings, wrap-up of results
<b>18.00</b>	Cultural Program

**Friday, 18 December 2015**

Venue: The Hotel (*TBC*)

<b>9.30 – 12.00</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> NDPC Steering Committee meeting
<b>12.00 – 12.15</b>	Coffee break
<b>12.15 – 14.00</b>	Continuation of the SC
<b>14.00 – 15.00</b>	Lunch