

# ARCTIC FUTURES SYMPOSIUM 2017

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#ArcticFutures

## SMART AND SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT FOR THE ARCTIC'S FUTURE



### OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

8:30 – 9:30

#### Registration

9:00 – 9:10

#### Introduction

**Mikael Janson** (Managing Director, North Sweden European Office)

**Piet Steel** (Member, Belgian Polar Secretariat; Former Ambassador of Belgium to Vietnam)

9:10 – 9:45

#### Opening keynote session

**João Aguiar Machado** (Director General, European Commission Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries)

**Kuupik Kleist** (Advisor, Inuit Circumpolar Council Greenland; Former Premier of Greenland)

**Jean Lemire** (Special Envoy for Climate Change and Nordic Issues, Government of Québec)

9:45 – 11:15

#### Arctic Council Engagement with the EU

*A roundtable discussion with representatives from the foreign ministries of Arctic Council nations, Permanent Participants, and the European External Action Service.*

**Moderator:**

**Timo Koivurova** (Director, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland)

**Pekka Shemeikka** (SDWG Chair; Senior Adviser of Arctic Cooperation, MFA Finland)  
*Priorities for the Finnish Arctic Council Chairmanship*

**Marie-Anne Coninx** (Ambassador at Large for the Arctic, European Union)

**Björn Lyrvall** (Ambassador for Arctic Affairs, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs)

**Anniken Ramberg Krutnes** (Senior Arctic Official, Government of Norway)

**Árni Þór Sigurðsson** (Senior Arctic Official of Iceland)

**Hanne Fugl Eskjær** (Arctic Ambassador for the Kingdom of Denmark; Head of Department, Arctic Affairs and Northern America, Danish MFA)

**Åsa Larsson Blind** (President, Saami Council)

**Mira Kleist** (Special Advisor, Foreign Affairs Department of the Government of Greenland; Greenlandic Representative to the Arctic Council)

**Kate Sanderson** (Head of Mission, Mission of the Faroes to the European Union)

**Bob Paquin** (Head, Canadian International Arctic Centre)

**Kristian G. Moore** (Regional Coordinator for Environment, Science, and Health Affairs, US Embassy in Copenhagen)

11:15-11:45

*Coffee*

11:45 - 13:00

### **The Future of Arctic Research Cooperation**

*This panel will feature a roundtable discussion focusing on the future of Arctic research cooperation.*

**Moderator:**

**Susan Barr** (President, International Arctic Science Committee)

**Panelists:**

**Andrea Tilche** (DG RTD, Head of the Climate Action and Earth Observation Unit)

**Petteri Taalas** (Secretary General, World Meteorological Organization)

**Elisabetta Vignati** (Head of Air and Climate Unit at European Commission Joint Research Centre)

**Gunn-Britt Retter** (Head of the Arctic and Environment Unit, Saami Council)

**David Hik** (Professor, Biological Sciences, University of Alberta)

13:00-14:00

*Lunch*

14:00 - 15:15

### Working Towards a More Sustainable Arctic

*This panel will look at the innovative ideas to make the High North a more sustainable place to live.*

**Moderator:**

**Arne Riedel** (Fellow, Ecologic Institute)

**Panelists:**

**Kjell Giæver** (Director, Petro Arctic)

*Reducing the Environmental Footprint of Oil and Gas Activities*

**Bo Krogvig** (Senior Vice President of Communications and Public Affairs, LKAB)

*On Our Way to Sustainable Mining*

**René Therrien** (President of the Implementation Committee and Vice-Dean of Research, Faculty of Sciences and Engineering, Université Laval)

*Northern Québec : Building a Model for Sustainable Development in the North*

**Katherine Weingartner** (Arctic PIRE Graduate Research Assistant, George Washington University)

*Promoting Arctic Urban Stability*

15:15-15:45

*Coffee*

15:45 - 17:00

### Investing in Education and Economic Opportunities for Arctic Residents

*This session will look at meeting educational needs to create a workforce capable of building a sustainable Arctic future.*

**Moderator:**

**Embla Eir Oddsdóttir** (Director, Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network)

**Panelists:**

**Elle Merete Omma** (EU Coordinator, Saami Council)

*Entrepreneurship Potential in Arctic Indigenous Communities*

**Erik Bergkvist** (Chairman of the Regional Board, Västerbotten Region, Sweden)

*Fostering Opportunities for Arctic Residents on a Regional Level*

**Anders Møller Christensen** (Advisor, Former Assistant Governor at Danmarks Nationalbank)

*Education, Unemployment, and Economic Development in Greenland*

**Lars Balslev** (Head of Section, Premier's Office, Government of Greenland)

*How State-owned Enterprises Foster Sustainable Economic Opportunities in Greenland*

**Kristin Røymo** (Mayor of Tromsø Municipality)

*Tromsø as a Centre of Opportunity in the Arctic*

17:00 – 17:15

*Coffee*

17:15 – 18:30

### Opportunities in the Arctic Bioeconomy

*This session will look at current and future opportunities that exist in the Arctic bioeconomy sector.*

**Moderator:**

**Tomas Norvoll** (President of Nordland County Council and Chair of the Board, North Norway European Office)

**Panelists:**

**Ólavur Gregersen** (Managing Director, Ocean Rainforest; Partner, Syntera)  
*The West Nordic Region's Bioeconomic Potential*

**Ulrik Maki Lyberth** (Founder and owner, Maki Seaweed Greenland)  
*Maki Seaweed Greenland: An Entrepreneur's Story*

**Jeanette Hammer Andersen** (Professor in Marine Bioprospecting, University of Tromsø; Board Member, Biotech North)  
*Blue Biotech Contributions to the Bioeconomy*

**Sirpa Kurppa** (Professor in Marine Bioprospecting, University of Tromsø; Board Member, Biotech North)  
*Sustainable Futures for the Bioeconomy in Arctic Finland*

**Stephen Mooney** (Director of Cold Climate Innovation, Yukon Research Centre)  
*Innovation in Biomass Energy*

**Elisabetta Balzi** (Deputy Head of Unit for Marine Resources, DG RTD)  
*Commentary*

18:30 – 18:45

### Wrap-up and lessons learned

**Christian Leffler** (Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global Issues, European External Action Service)

18:45

### End of symposium