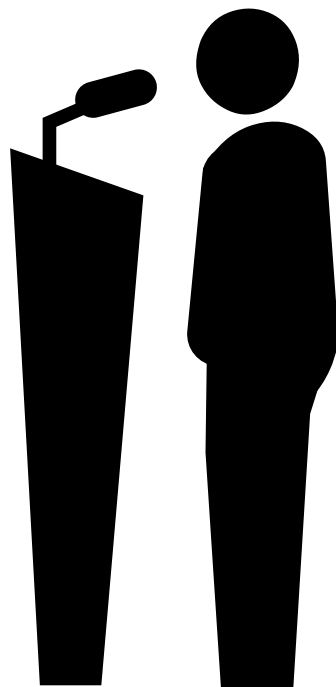


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JENS ANDERSEN

CEO, ROYAL ARCTIC LINE

Jens Andersen has been CEO of Royal Arctic Line (the national Greenlandic cargo shipping line) in Greenland since 2001. Prior to holding this position, he was the head of the company's Danish subsidiary Royal Arctic Line agency from 1993 to 2001. His background includes a shipping education and career beginning in 1973, working with major Danish ship owners and logistics companies. Jens Andersen earned an executive MBA from SIMI in Copenhagen in 2000.



HEIDI ANDREASSEN

PROJECT MANAGER, "YOUNG, INNOVATIVE ENTREPRENEURS" AND "BARENTS ICT-CLUSTER" PROJECTS

Heidi Andreassen is working as a project manager at the Norwegian Barents Secretariat with the Kolarctic ENPI Cross-border cooperation project "Young, innovative Entrepreneurs" and the "Barents ICT-Cluster"



MIKAEL ANZÉN

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY

Mikael Anzén is Deputy Director at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm focusing on Arctic Affairs. He is Swedish Senior Official to the Barents Council (BEAC) and vice chair of the Arctic Council's Sustainable Development Working Group. Mikael's previous posting has been at the Swedish Representation in Brussels and (2006-2010) and at the Swedish Representation in Geneva (2005-2006). Mikael started his career at the ministry in 2002. He has a master's degree in political science from Stockholm University (focus on the EU). Mikael also has a diploma from Institute des Sciences Politiques in Grenoble, France.



TERRY AUDLA

PRESIDENT, INUIT TAPIRIIT KANATAMI (ITK), NATIONAL INUIT LEADER

Terry Audla is the President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK), the national organization representing close to 60,000 Inuit across Nunavut, Nunavik (Northern Québec), Nunatsiavut (Northern Labrador) and the Inuvialuit settlement region of the Northwest Territories.

He was born in Frobisher Bay (now Iqaluit), and raised in Resolute Bay, the son of High Arctic Exiles relocated from Inukjuak, Québec, in the early 1950s. Mr. Audla has dedicated his career to the implementation of Inuit land claims agreements and the growth of economic opportunities for Inuit, first with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA), the organization representing 13 communities on Baffin Island and in Nunavut's High Arctic, and later with the territorial land claims body Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI).

In 2011, he was named executive director of NTI, the organization formed to administer the terms of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and ensure that all parties to the agreement fulfill their obligations. There, he finalized a resource revenue policy and deposited the first royalty payment, \$2.2 million, into that policy's Trust.

As Lands Manager, and later, Executive Director of QIA over a period of 10 years, he oversaw the management of Inuit-owned lands and helped develop a common Inuktitut terminology for lands management. He also launched a court injunction to stop seismic testing in Lancaster Sound, the eastern segment of the Northwest Passage.

In 1998, Mr. Audla was seconded to the Government of the Northwest Territories Office of the Interim Commissioner, where he aided in the transition to the newly created Government of Nunavut and managed the implementation of territorial obligations under the NLCA. He also participated in an independent five-year review of the NLCA, and negotiated the Nunavummi Nanngminigaqtunit Ikajuuti (NNI) Policy, which helps Inuit firms obtain government contracts in the territory.

Mr. Audla has also worked as a police officer in the Nunavik communities of Kuujjuaraapik and Akulivik. He is a graduate of the Environmental Technology Program at Nunavut Arctic College and has studied at the Banff School of Advanced Management.

He was elected to a three-year term as President of ITK in June 2012

VLADIMIR BARBIN

AMBASSADOR AT LARGE, SENIOR ARCTIC OFFICIAL OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



Vladimir Barbin was born 1957 in Moscow. He graduated from the Moscow State Institute for International Relations in 1979, and has worked in the Russian Foreign Service ever since. He has been Minister-Counsellor at the Russian Embassy in Sweden 2002-2006 and Deputy Head of the Second European Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia 2006 -2009. In 2010 he became Russia's Ambassador to Ghana, a post he held until June 2014, when he was appointed Ambassador at Large of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia.

YNGVE BERGHEIM

PROJECT COORDINATOR, BARENTS IT CLUSTER



Yngve Bergheim is an IT-engineer, co-founder and General Manager of Ramsalt Lab, a web agency with offices in Tromsø, Oslo and Berlin. Until 2013, he was the Chairman of IT Forum Northern Norway. Bergheim is now the project coordinator of the Barents ICT-Cluster..

EVA CECILE BONEFELD-JØRGENSEN

PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE FOR ARCTIC HEALTH (CAH), DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AARHUS UNIVERSITY



Professor Bonefeld-Jørgensen has experience in Arctic Research going back more than 18 years. She is currently the coordinator of three Arctic related projects: 1. The ACCEPT project (the establishment of a mother-child cohort in Greenland) 2. Breast cancer risk in the Arctic, and 3. FETOTOX (an international study examining the effects of lifestyle and environmental exposures during pregnancy and fetal development including birth cohorts from Denmark, Norway, China and Greenland. She has published more than 150 articles, 110 of which have appeared in peer-reviewed international journals.

Professor Bonefeld-Jørgensen's background is cross-disciplinary. She has a PhD in Molecular Biology from the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Aarhus University (AU). Since 1992, she has worked on human toxicology research at the Faculty of Health, AU, as a Post-Doc (1992-1996), then as Assistant Professor (1996-99) and finally as an Associated Professor (1999-2010). In her last position, she built up and headed the Unit

of Cellular & Molecular Toxicology (CMT). Since 2008 she has also been the Director of the Centre for Arctic Health, AU, and in 2010 was nominated as Professor in Human Environmental Toxicology at the faculty of Health. In 2013 she she became a European Registered Toxicologist.

Professor Bonefeld-Jørgensen currently serves on several professional boards, including the Management Board for the Cross-Faculty Arctic Research Centre (ARC) and Coordinator for the ARC-Health section at AU. She is also the President of the Danish Society of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Medicinal Chemistry, a member of the EUROTOX Executive Committee, a designated Contributing Expert for the Human Health Working Group under the Arctic Monitoring Assessment Programme (AMAP) and was appointed by the Danish Environmental Protection Agency, and she is a member of the Advisory Scientific Committee on Environment Health at the Danish National Board of Health..



ALAN BOWMAN

DEPUTY HEAD OF MISSION AND MINISTER COUNSELLOR MISSION OF CANADA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

Alan Bowman is the Deputy Head of Canada's Mission to the European Union and concurrently serves as the Permanent Observer of Canada to the Council of Europe. Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Bowman was the Director of the Foreign Policy Research Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) in Ottawa. He has also had assignments in Canada's Privy Council Office as well as in DFATD's Asia- Pacific Branch and International Economic Relations Bureau. In 2004 and 2005, he served as Chairman of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum's Committee on Trade and Investment. Mr. Bowman was also posted to Canada's Embassy to Thailand and to the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in New York.



OLE BRØNDUM

SALES AND MARKETING MANAGER, PORT OF AALBORG

Ole Brøndum is CCO at Port of Aalborg, Logistics Ltd. He is responsible for sales and marketing for the Port of Aalborg Group. He has a background in shipping and marketing. The Port of Aalborg is the base port for Royal Arctic Line Ltd. in the EU. The Port of Aalborg is connected to the world container network through weekly feeder shipments to Rotterdam and Gothenburg.



JOSEP CASANOVAS

ADMINISTRATOR, DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT, EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Josep A. Casanovas is a general economist, having studied at the University of Barcelona, and having obtained a Master of Science degree (MSc) in Financial Economics by the University of London. He studied international relations at the Institute of World Affairs (Connecticut, US) and EU external relations (CFSP) at the ULB in Brussels (with Michigan State University). He was educated at the Lycée Français de Barcelone.

Mr Casanovas joined the European Commission as a civil servant in 2001, to work at the Directorate-General for Energy and Transport in Brussels. Prior to that, he was recruited in 1992 by the Spanish Ministry for Foreign Affairs to work at the European

Commission Delegation in Kenya, for two years. He was then posted in Samoa (South Pacific), and then at the EC Delegation in Budapest, working on Hungary's EU pre-accession. Before working for the Commission, he worked at the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce on export promotion.

He has been working in the Maritime Transport Policy Unit (now DG MOVE) for 10 years, after two years initially spent on Energy (security of supply and international relations). He is in charge of economic and general policy issues related to maritime and shipping, including industrial policy - International and Arctic - from the transport and shipping perspective.



ELSE BERIT EIKELAND

NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE ARCTIC COUNCIL

Else Berit Eikeland joined the Norwegian Foreign Service in 1987. She is a career diplomat with previous postings in Manila, San Francisco and as Minister Counsellor with special responsibility for energy at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in London. In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo, she had a number of positions, including Deputy Director General for Private Sector Development and Civil Society at NORAD and senior adviser for Trade and Business Development. She was appointed the Ambassador of Norway to Canada in 2009. In 2012 she was appointed Norway's Polar Ambassador and Senior Arctic Official to the Arctic Council.

She has a master's degree and is educated at the University of Bergen and at the Norwegian School of Management, Oslo.



CAROLINE EMOND

DELEGATE GENERAL OF QUÉBEC IN BRUSSELS

Caroline Emond became Delegate General of Québec in Brussels on February 18, 2013. A lawyer and professional in Public and Government Affairs for almost 20 years, she has, thanks to her experience on the international scene, a global vision and an understanding of economic and political issues on a global level. She worked at the Canadian Parliament before representing the interests of Québec and Canadian farmers, in Québec and abroad. She has also represented the interests of a renowned Quebec company in the manufacturing sector (multinational in recreational products).

From 2008 until her appointment in Brussels, Ms. Emond was responsible for public affairs and government relations, at the global level, at BRP (Bombardier Recreational Products Inc.), based in Valcourt, Québec. She has promoted and defended many key political and economic issues, from Washington to Brussels, via Sydney, to ensure conditions conducive to the sale and use of their products in various markets.

From 1998 to 2006, Ms. Emond worked for the Canadian dairy producers, first as a Deputy Director for international trade in Ottawa (1998-2001) and then as a permanent representative of producers of milk, eggs and poultry to the World Trade Organization in Geneva, Switzerland (2001-2006). In her role she contributed to the defense and promotion of Québec agriculture.

Ms. Emond obtained her international baccalaureate at the Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf in 1990. She studied law at the Université de Montréal and is a member of the Barreau du Québec since 1994. Ms. Emond is originally from Ville de la Baie in the Saguenay region.



LOUIS FORTIER

PROFESSOR OF MARINE BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL; DIRECTOR OF ARCTICNET

Trained at Laval and McGill Universities and a NATO postdoctoral fellow, Louis Fortier holds the Canada Research Chair on the Response of Arctic Marine Ecosystems to Climate Change at Université Laval. A specialist of zooplankton and fish, he has authored and co-authored over 90 scientific papers on subjects varying from carbon fluxes in the Arctic Ocean to policy in a changing Arctic. He headed the Regroupement stratégique Québec-Océan (formerly GIROQ) from 1996 to 2005. An indefatigable promoter of a multidisciplinary and cross-sector approach to the ecosystem-level concerns raised by the warming of the Arctic, Fortier has led the NOW (International North Water Polynya Study) and CASES (Canadian Arctic Shelf Exchange Study) NSERC Research Networks. He is the Project Leader for the CFI-funded Canadian Research Icebreaker Amundsen, and the Scientific Director of ArcticNet, a Canadian Network of Centres of Excellence that brings together specialists from 30 universities for the integrated study of the transformation of the coastal Canadian Arctic. With Warwick Vincent and Marcel Babin, he recently proposed the successful Canada Excellence Research Chair on the remote sensing of Canada's new Arctic frontier.

His other awards include: « Scientifique de l'Année 2004 » (Radio-Canada) and « Personnalité scientifique de 2005 » (La Presse and Radio-Canada). Grand Diplômé and Gloire de l'Escolle Medal of the Alumni Association of Université Laval 2006. Officer of the Order of Canada 2007. Honorary Ph.D., University of Manitoba 2007. Officier de l'Ordre National du Québec 2008. Personnalité scientifique de 2008 (Le Soleil and Radio-Canada). Stefansson Medal of the Explorers Club 2009. Prix Armand-Frappier du Québec 2010 for Excellence in Research and Research Development. Garfield Weston Family Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Northern Research 2012. Timothy R. Parsons Award for excellence in Ocean Sciences 2012. Governor General Northern Medal 2013.



IVETTA GERASIMCHUK

DEPUTY HEAD OF MISSION AND MINISTER COUNSELLOR MISSION OF CANADA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

Dr. Ivetta Gerasimchuk is Senior Researcher at the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and leader of the IISD's Arctic Initiative. Dr. Gerasimchuk has been an initiator and co-implementer of research, advisory and outreach projects in Russia, Canada, Southern Africa, South East Asia and the EU. Her policy-oriented work focuses on natural resource taxation, energy subsidies, and environmental footprint of international investment flows. Among others, three projects under Dr. Gerasimchuk's guidance focused on the socio-economic implications of government policies supporting resource and infrastructure development in the Russian and Canadian Arctic.

Before joining IISD, Dr. Gerasimchuk was Senior Advisor of the Green Economy Program at WWF-Russia and Leading Research Fellow at the Institute for Natural Resource Economics and Environmental Policy of the National Research University-Higher School of Economics in Moscow. She holds a PhD degree in Economics from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) subsequent to her BA in International Relations and MA in Management from the same school. Dr. Gerasimchuk is also President of International Geneva Toastmasters' Club. Her working languages are English and Russian. She is also proficient in French, German and Afrikaans.



HANNU HALINEN

AMBASSADOR FOR ARCTIC AFFAIRS; FINNISH SENIOR ARCTIC OFFICIAL

Hannu Halinen is the Ambassador for Arctic Affairs at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and senior Arctic Official of the Arctic Council. He is also Secretary-General of Finland's Advisory Board for Arctic Areas and member of the International Advisory Board of the EC Arctic Climate Change, Economy and Society (ACCESS) Programme.

He joined the Foreign Service of Finland in 1973, and was Ambassador to Egypt and Hungary and worked in many consulates and embassies around the globe. He represented Finland in several international organizations (coordinator at the FAO, rapporteur and member of Finland delegation at the UN), and also contributed to many missions on human rights.

He was appointed Finnish Ambassador for Human Rights (1993–95) and then represented Finland at UN human rights commissions and conferences. He was Special Rapporteur of the UN Commission on Human Rights in the occupied Palestinian territories (1995–99) and subsequently Secretary General of the Council of the Baltic Sea States in Stockholm (2002–05). He has published articles and gives lectures on Human Rights, Humanitarian Policies and Strategies as well as Regional Cooperation.



RÚNI M. HANSEN

VICE PRESIDENT AND HEAD, STATOIL'S ARCTIC UNIT

Rúni M. Hansen is a Faroese national who is the Head of Statoil's Arctic Unit and member of Statoil's worldwide exploration management team. He has had extensive experience in the international oil and gas industry. For a number of years he has been the Country Manager for Statoil in charge of operations in the Faroes and Greenland, including operated drilling campaigns. He has also been the Manager of Commercial and Negotiations for Europe and North Africa at Statoil. Rúni M. Hansen is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Arctic.



SANNA HAST

LAND USE MANAGEMENT ADVISER, FINNISH REINDEER HERDERS ASSOCIATION

(M. Soc. Sc., philosophy) is an External Researcher at the Finnish Forest Research Institute (METLA), and a doctoral student in Sociology at the University of Lapland. She is currently working as an adviser in reindeer husbandry and land use planning at the Reindeer Herders' Association, Finland.

Previously, she worked in research projects dealing with the different aspects of reconciliation within the reindeer herding area of Finland: between nature-based livelihoods and mining projects, forestry and local communities, and also wind power and nature-based tourism. Her research focuses on natural resource and land use planning and disputes. Her research interests include: governance of natural resource conflicts, politics of nature and the role and justification of knowledge in land use planning and decision-making.



BENTE HAUG

DEPUTY CHAIR, FINNMARK COUNTY COUNCIL

Bente Haug, from the Norwegian Labour Party, was elected Deputy Chair of Finnmark County Council in autumn 2014.

Prior to taking up her current full-time position in the county council, she was from 1997 an Associate Professor at the Finnmark branch of the Arctic University of Norway, specializing in tourism.

Born in 1971, she was educated at the University of Tromsø (currently the Arctic University of Norway) specializing in psychology, public administration and political science, obtaining the academic degree of Cand. Polit.

She has published a range of articles and contributed to textbooks in the field of tourism.



CONNIE HEDEGAARD

EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER ON CLIMATE ACTION

Born in 1960, Connie Hedegaard had already been working with climate issues for several years by the time she began her appointment as the EU's first ever Commissioner for Climate Action in February 2010.

In August 2004 she was appointed as Danish Minister for the Environment. In 2007 she was in charge of setting up the Danish Ministry of Climate and Energy, where one of the main tasks was to prepare the UN Climate Conference in Copenhagen in December 2009.

Connie Hedegaard began her political career while a student at the University of Copenhagen. There she studied literature and history while at the same time pursuing a political career that encompassed both Danish and international politics. In 1984, at the age of 23, she was elected to the Danish Parliament as a member for the Conservative People's Party, thereby becoming the youngest Danish MP ever at that time, and in 1985 she became Chair of the Atlantic Association of Young Political Leaders. In 1989, Connie Hedegaard became first spokesperson for the Conservative People's Party, but chose to leave politics for journalism in 1990.

Besides her political career, Connie Hedegaard has had a long career in journalism. In 1990, she began working as a journalist at the Danish national newspaper Berlingske Tidende. In 1998 she became head of the news bulletin service Radioavisen at the Danish Broadcasting Corporation, after which she hosted the current affairs programme Deadline on the television channel DR2. Between 1998 and 2004 she also wrote for the Danish national daily newspaper Politiken.

Apart from working as a politician and journalist, Connie Hedegaard has sat on a number of committees and boards, including chairing the Centre for Cultural Cooperation with Developing Countries (CKU) and as a member of the board of the Danish Parliament's Democracy Foundation. Lastly, she has received various prizes for her involvement in and contributions to social debate, due in great part to her wide-ranging activities as a lecturer and author. Her publications include *Da klimaet blev hot*, [When the climate got hot], published in Denmark in 2008, as well as contributions to several anthologies and topical books



KJETIL HAUGELAND HELVIG

VICE PRESIDENT, STATOIL ASA

Kjetil Haugeland Helvig has a degree in Petroleum Geophysics from the University of Bergen, Norway. He joined Statoil in 2002 and has held various professional and leadership positions. He is currently heading up the strategy unit for the development and production on the Norwegian Continental Shelf.



GUNHILD HOOGENSEN GJØRV

PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF TROMSØ

Gunhild Hoogensen Gjørsv is a Professor of Political Science (specialization in international relations) at the University of Tromsø, as well as Research Associate at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI). Born in the Netherlands and raised in Canada, she obtained her education in Canada at Concordia University in Montreal, Québec (Bachelor in Science) and at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta (Masters of Arts and PhD in Political Science). Hoogensen Gjørsv has taught for over 20 years, and supervised students at the masters and PhD levels for over 10 years.

In addition to teaching and research, Hoogensen Gjørsv has increasingly participated in evaluation projects as a consultant, particularly related to her research on civil-military interaction in conflict settings (Multinational Experiment – MNE-6, Multinational Capability Development Campaign - MCDC), as well as doing initial work on evaluating natural disasters (Barents Rescue). Hoogensen Gjørsv was the International Principle Investigator for the International Polar Year project “The Impacts of Oil and Gas Activity on Peoples of the Arctic using a Multiple Securities Perspective”, funded by the Norwegian and Canadian Research Councils (with Canadian PI Dawn Bazely), and is currently co-leader of the Arctic Extractive Industries PhD program with Jessica Shadian (U Lapland and UiT) and Florian Stammler (U Lapland) that examines the impacts of extractive resource development on Arctic communities. She is also partner in two projects (Kolarctic and BARCOM) examining the physiological, social and economic impacts of resource industries on Arctic communities from a human security perspective (and the resulting policy implications).

Her specialty is international relations in general, and more specifically, security studies. She writes about international relations theory, security theory, security in the Arctic, and civil-military interaction (both in Arctic as well as international operations settings, such as Afghanistan). She is the author of “International Relations, Security and Jeremy Bentham” (Routledge, 2005), and “Understanding Civil-Military Interaction: Lessons Learned from the Norwegian Model” (Ashgate, 2014), as well as lead co-editor (and contributing author) to “Environmental and Human Security in the Arctic” (Routledge, 2013). She has also written articles in Review of International Studies, Security Dialogue, and the International Studies Review, among other journals.



ALAIN HUBERT

PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL POLAR FOUNDATION

Alain Hubert is a civil engineer, certified mountain guide (UIAGM) and entrepreneur. He has taken part in several mountaineering and polar expeditions from 1983 to the present, including many as a guide. He is also the initiating chief director and engineer for the construction of the Princess Elisabeth Station, the world's first "zero emission" research station built by the International Polar Foundation (IPF) in Antarctica during the International Polar Year 2007-09. In 2002, Alain Hubert founded the International Polar Foundation with the purpose of raising awareness about the importance of polar science, climate change and sustainability.

Active on a scientific and educational front, Alain Hubert continues to give speeches worldwide and to carry out polar expeditions. He is Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF, and has been awarded the Georges Lemaître International Prize in 2003 and the first ever Climate Change Prize given by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation in 2008.



FRANZ IMMLER

EUROPEAN COMMISSION, HEAD OF SECTOR 'CLIMATE ACTION' AT EASME

Dr. Franz Immler is Head of the sector 'Climate Action' at the Executive Agency for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (EASME) of the European Commission. His sector implements the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme in the area of climate change and Earth observation (Societal Challenge 5). He formerly worked as a project officer in DG RTD and followed among other things the Polar Research activities of the Commission.

He studied physics in Freiburg i.Br. (DE), St. Catharines (Canada) and Berlin (Germany) and completed his PhD at the Free University of Berlin in the field of atmospheric science in 1999. From 1999–2007 he worked at the Alfred Wegener Institute in Bremerhaven (DE) and studied the role of aerosols and clouds in the climate system. In 2008 he joined the German Meteorological Service (DWD) and was involved with setting up a global network for upper-air climate observations (GRUAN).



THORSTEINN INGÓLFSSON

AMBASSADOR FOR ARCTIC AFFAIRS, ICELANDIC SENIOR ARCTIC OFFICIAL

Thorsteinn Ingólfsson was born on December 9, 1944 in Reykjavik, Iceland. Since August 2013 he has been Ambassador for Arctic Affairs and Iceland's Senior Arctic Official (SAO) at the Arctic Council. Prior to his appointment as Iceland's SAO, Ambassador Ingólfsson had a long and distinguished career working for the Icelandic Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

After graduating Candidatus Juris from the University of Iceland in 1971, Ingólfsson served in various positions at home and abroad, including Deputy Chief of Mission at the Icelandic Embassy to the US in Washington, DC, and Deputy-Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland, before being appointed Ambassador and Permanent Representative in 1987.

Following this, Ingólfsson held several distinguished positions, including: Director for the Defence Department of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Icelandic Chairman of the bilateral Icelandic-US Defense Council (1987-1990); Permanent Under-Secretary

for Foreign Affairs in Iceland (1994-1998); Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations in New York (1998-2003); Executive Director at the World Bank and Affiliates, representing several Nordic and Baltic countries at the Board of the World Bank in Washington, DC; Special Envoy of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland (2006-2008); Permanent Representative of Iceland to NATO in Brussels (2008-2013).



JOAN NYMAND LARSEN

SENIOR SCIENTIST AND RESEARCH DIRECTOR, STEFANSSON ARCTIC INSTITUTE; ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF AKUREYRI

Dr. Joan Nymand Larsen is Senior Scientist and Research Director with the Stefansson Arctic Institute, Akureyri, Iceland, as well as a Lecturer with the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, and Polar Law Programme, University of Akureyri. She served as President of the International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA) from 2008-2011. Dr. Larsen studied macroeconomics at the University of Copenhagen, and received her Ph.D. in economics from the University of Manitoba, Canada, specializing in economic development and natural resource-based economies of the North.

Her background includes many years of researching and publishing on the Arctic economy and quality-of-life in the North. Her research on northern economies and renewable and non-renewable resource extraction includes the impact of industrial development and global change processes for Northern regions and local communities.

Her current research focuses on the study and assessment of living conditions and quality-of-life across the Arctic, including the construction and measurement of Arctic specific social indicators. She leads the international indicator project - Arctic Social Indicators (ASI - I and II). She is also the coordinating lead author of chapter 28 "Polar Regions" in the 5th assessment report, WG-II, "Climate Change: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability", of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC); and she now leads and coordinates the work on the second Arctic Human Development Report: Regional Processes and Global Connections (AHDR-II), which incorporates global change as a cross-cutting theme. She was Project Manager and co-editor of the first Arctic Human Development Report (AHDR, 2004). She has served on the steering committee of LOICZ – Land Ocean Interactions in the Coastal Zone since 2010; is a board member on the Arctic Futures Programme with the Swedish Foundation for Strategic Environmental Research; and member (representing Iceland) on IASC, International Arctic Science Committee Working Group on Social and Human Sciences.



ÅSA LARSSON BLIND

VICE PRESIDENT, SAAMI COUNCIL

Åsa Larsson Blind is Vice President of the Saami Council. She is the HoD for the Saami Council at Arctic Council SAO meetings and member of the board of the IPS (Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat). Åsa Larsson Blind comes from the Swedish part of Sápmi, the cultural region traditionally inhabited by the Saami people, and lives with her husband and their two children in the village of Övre Soppero in the northernmost part of Sweden. She comes from a reindeer herding family and she is now active in reindeer herding together with her husband. She holds an MSc in Human Resources Management and Development and is currently a PhD student at the University of Lapland in Rovaniemi, Finland. Åsa has for more than ten years been active in Saami organizations in Sweden. She has been a board member of the National Saami Association in Sweden, Sámiid Riikkasearvi, the Saami Educational Center in Jokkmokk, Sámiij Áhpadusguovdasj, and the Saami Youth organization in Sweden, Sáminuorra. In 2008 Åsa was elected member of the Saami Council and since 2011 she is participating in the work of the Arctic Council.



THORKILD LAURIDSEN

DIRECTOR, ARCTIC CONSENSUS

Thorkild Lauridsen has been the Director of Arctic Consensus since March 2013. Previously, Thorkild was Director of Infrastructure and Environment in Nuuk, Greenland (2007-13). Arctic Consensus has a strong strategic commitment to the Arctic, bringing together many collaborations and networks that have already been established between the Arctic countries and the North Denmark region, which includes the Port of Aalborg.



LOU NAUMOVSKI

VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL DIRECTOR, MOSCOW REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE, KINROSS GOLD CORPORATION

Lou Naumovski joined Kinross Gold Corporation in September 2007, and is Head of Kinross' Moscow Office. Kinross has been an active investor in Russia since 1996. Its Kupol Gold mine in Chukotka was launched in 2008, while in October 2013 Kinross opened the Dvoynoye Mine in Chukotka. Kinross is the largest Canadian investor in the Russian Federation and also the largest foreign investor in the Russian gold mining industry. In September 2013, Mr Naumovski was elected Chairman of the National Board of Directors of the Canada-Eurasia-Russia Business Association, where Mr. Naumovski is also on the Boards of CERBA's Moscow and Toronto chapters.

Prior to joining Kinross, he was Senior Vice President at Visa International, Central Europe, Middle East and Africa Division (CEMEA) from August 2000 to July 2007. Mr Naumovski led the development of Visa's business in Russia and the eleven other countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States. He was also Head of Strategy for the CEMEA Division from 2005-2007.

From 1992-2000, Mr. Naumovski was a member of the Russia Team of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), including five years as Resident Representative and Senior Banker in Moscow (1992-1997), and latterly as Senior Banker in London from 1997-2000.

Mr. Naumovski helped to launch, and was also the first Executive Director of the Canada – USSR Business Council from 1990-1992.

Mr. Naumovski has a Honours B.A in economics and political science from the University of Toronto (1978), and a M.A. in International Relations (1980 - specialized in Russian / Soviet affairs) from the Norman Patterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University in Ottawa. He began his professional career as a diplomat and trade commissioner for Canada (1980-1990). His assignments included Moscow, Atlanta, Georgia, Baghdad, Iraq, and as Deputy Director for Trade and Investment Development, Eastern Europe and the USSR at the Department of External Affairs and International Trade in Ottawa from 1988-1990.

Mr Naumovski is a honorary member of the Board of Directors of Macedonia 2025, a non-profit international association of Macedonians in the Diaspora dedicated to supporting the economic and social development of the Republic of Macedonia.



FRODE NILSSEN

PROFESSOR, BODØ GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, UNIVERSITY OF NORDLAND

Frode Nilssen is a Professor at Nordland University Business School, and has extensive experience from scientific collaboration and research with and in Russia and the Arctic. The main topics relates to the tension between Economic Behaviour, Bilateral and Multilateral Governance and Politics in exploitation of natural resources. Mr Nilssen has amongst others been Fisheries counsellor at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Moscow, a researcher and research director at the Norwegian Institute for Fisheries and Aquaculture, and currently holds the position as professor in marketing.



JENS NILSSON

MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (SWEDEN)

Jens Nilsson is from the Jämtland Region of northern Sweden and represents the Swedish Social Democratic Party. He has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2011. In the new legislature ,Jens sits as a full member on the Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN) and substitute member on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee (IMCO). He is also a member of the Delegation for Relations with Belarus.

Prior to becoming an MEP, Jens was Mayor of the city of Östersund 1994-2010 and the President of the Social Democratic Party in Jämtland County 2007-2012.

He was a member of the Committee of the Regions 1999-2010 and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the European Council 2007-2010.

Before becoming a politician he worked as an ombudsman and communicator.

With a longstanding interest in regional and European cooperation, Jens has started and participated actively in several organisations and networks. He was the first chair of the Northern Sparsely Populated Areas Network (NSPA) and has also chaired the European Forum for Northern Sweden. Furthermore, he initiated the European organisation Regions and Cities for Social Economy (REVES), and was its first president between 1997-2001.



ANNE OLLILA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FINNISH REINDEER HERDERS ASSOCIATION

(PhD, sociology) has been working as the Executive Director at the Reindeer Herders' Association, Finland, since 2010. Previously she worked as a Senior Researcher in the LAPPEA Research Institute for the Study of Northern Society at the University of Lapland in Rovaniemi, Finland.



OLAV ORHEIM

CHAIRMAN, GRID-ARENDAL

Olav Orheim is a Norwegian glaciologist who received a PhD in 1972 from Ohio State University, USA. With a life-long career in polar science, management and diplomacy, he has held leadership positions in all international polar research organisations. He

has written one book, numerous book chapters and about 80 research publications on glacier mass balance and climate, ice dynamics, icebergs, remote sensing, and the politics and history of the polar regions. His previous positions include Adjunct Professor in glaciology, University of Bergen (1989–2005) and Managing Director, Norwegian Polar Institute, Tromsø (1993–2005). From 2005–12 he was in charge of IPY funding at the Research Council of Norway.

For many years he was Chair of the Committee for Environmental Protection and thereafter the Working Group on Legal and Institutional Affairs, under the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings. He led the Norwegian government's (so far) only public investigation into Arctic development and policies. His present positions in Norway include Chairman of the Board: GRID-Arendal; the Polarship Fram Museum; the Norwegian Glacier Museum. International memberships in 2013 include: Scientific and Technical Committee of Prince Albert II Foundation; External Review team of the University of the Arctic; SCAR Development Council; International Science Panel of New Zealand Antarctic Research Institute. Olav Orheim has received the Royal Norwegian Order of St Olav, and l'Ordre de Saint-Charles of Monaco.



ANDREAS ØSTHAGEN

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CÉCILE PELAUXEIX

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Dr. Cécile Pelaudeix's research focuses on the European Union Arctic and European Foreign Policies, Energy and Natural resources governance, Indigenous governance and the role of Asian actors in the Arctic. She is interested in the regulatory role of the state and globalization. She has taught courses on public policies and international relations in the Arctic in Sciences Po Lyon and Sciences Po Grenoble. At Aarhus University, Cécile Pelaudeix is responsible for enhancing the Arctic profile of the department of Culture and Society, and is in charge of the development of interdisciplinary research at the Arctic Research Center.

Cécile Pelaudeix is a member of the Scientific Committee of the “Chantier Arctique”, CNRS (National Center for Scientific Research), Paris. She is also a member of the Asian-Nordic+ Arctic research project. Additionally, she is a member of the Center for Canadian Studies in Grenoble, and a member of the editorial board of *Études Inuit Studies*.

She was convener of the International Arctic Conference: Geopolitical Issues and Equations in the 21st Century (Lyon, France, 2010), chair of the panel “Perspectives on Public Policies in the Arctic Region”, at the 1st International Conference on Public Policy (Sciences Po Grenoble 2013), and chair of the panel “Global governance, state and regulatory regimes in the Arctic region”, 23rd Congress of the International Political Science Association (Montreal, 2014).

Her recent publications include the book *What Holds the Arctic Together?* Collection Logique Politique, L’Harmattan, “Inuit Governance and Contemporary Challenges: New Questions for Arctic Governance”, *The Yearbook of Polar Law*, “What is “Arctic governance”? A critical assessment of the diverse meanings of “Arctic governance”, *The Year book of Polar Law*, Forthcoming, and “The European Union Arctic Policy and National Interests of France and Germany: Internal and External Policy Coherence at Stake?” *Northern Review*.



MIKHAIL POGODAEV

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Dr. Mikhail Pogodaev is Executive Chair of the Association of World Reindeer Herders, an NGO that unites more than 20 different indigenous peoples from 10 countries across the Circumpolar North. The organisation has special consultative status with UN ECOSOC and regular observer status on the Arctic Council. He is also the President of the University of the Arctic Institute for Circumpolar Reindeer Husbandry.

Dr. Pogodaev hails from the Even people from Eastern Siberia. He was born to reindeer herding family in a small Even village called Topolinoe in the Verkhoyansky Mountains in the Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Russia. He obtained a PhD in Economics from Saint-Petersburg State University of Economics and Finance.



RUNE RAFAELSEN

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Born in 1954 in Kirkenes, Rune Rafaelsen was raised in Norway’s High North. He graduated from Kirkenes Gynasium in 1973 before attending the University of Bergen, where he studied Geography, Language theory, German and History, and received his degree in 1978. From 1978 to 1990, he worked as a teacher, after which he became Managing Director of Grenseland Ltd.

In 1997 Mr. Rafaelsen became Project Manager of the Norwegian Barents Secretariat, and since 2002, he has been the Secretariat’s Secretary General. Over the last 20 years, Rune Rafaelsen has been member of numerous working groups and committees connected to Norwegian – Russian relations and European cross-border cooperation



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He specializes in northern policies and community development and has extensive experience working with Inuit, Cree and Innu communities and northern institutions

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KATE SANDERSON

DIRECTOR, MISSION OF THE FAROE ISLANDS TO THE EU

Kate Sanderson became Head of the Mission of the Faroes to the European Union in September 2012. Beginning her career with the Government of the Faroes in the late 1980s, she was appointed General Secretary of the North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (NAMMCO) in 1993 and set up the NAMMCO permanent secretariat in Tromsø, Norway. In 1998 Ms Sanderson returned to the Faroe Islands as adviser in the newly established foreign service of the Faroese Prime Minister's Office. Since then she has represented the Faroe Islands on a number of bodies including the Arctic Council, dealing with sustainable development, natural resource management, environmental protection and more recently international fisheries cooperation. She was chief negotiator for the Faroes in a number of multilateral consultations on the management of shared fish stocks and has headed delegations and held offices in fisheries organizations such as NEAFC, NAFO, as well as representing the Faroe Islands in consultations to establish the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO). She heads the Faroese delegation to the Committee on Fisheries of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.



DAVID J. SCOTT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CANADIAN POLAR COMMISSION

Dr. David J. Scott joined the Canadian Polar Commission in March 2012, as Executive Director. Under his leadership, the revitalized Commission has re-engaged with key Canadian and international polar research organizations and experts, modernized communications through the "Polar Blog" project with the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and the Commission's "Polar Knowledge App", published the "State of Northern Knowledge in Canada" report that outlines key advances and critical knowledge gaps from the perspectives of northern Canadians, and completed an analysis of the state

of environmental monitoring in northern Canada.

Prior to joining the Commission, Dr. Scott had a long career with the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC), most recently serving as Director of the Northern Canada Division. Prior to that, he was acting Director General, Planning and Operations Branch, and led the GSC's Gas Hydrates and Northern Resources Development programs. From 1999-2003, he was based in Iqaluit, Nunavut, as the founding Chief Geologist of the Canada-Nunavut Geoscience Office.

Dr. Scott holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology (McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada) and a PhD in Geological Sciences (Queen's University, Kingston, Canada) where his thesis research investigated the tectonic origin of two-billion year old oceanic crust in Arctic Québec. He was a Research Associate in uranium-lead geochronology at the GEOTOP laboratories of the University of Quebec at Montreal. He has published and presented over 80 technical papers.



PER-ØIVIND SEMB

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Per Øyvind Semb graduated from the University in Oslo as political scientist (CAND POLIT) in 1994. He studied French, Spanish and German from 1986-1990. From 2001-2002 he was a student at the Norwegian Army Academy for Security and Intelligence.

Mr. Semb worked as political secretary from 1994-1996 and from 1996-1999 and 2000-2001 as political adviser in The Norwegian Parliament. During many years, Semb worked for several organizations in the Balkans and Asia, including as a Human Rights Officer at the United Nations in the FYROM (1999-2000) and Kosovo (2002-2003). He served as a political analyst for the Norwegian Army, NATO and EUPM in Kosovo and Bosnia (2003-2005), and was director of OSCE operations in Kosovo (2005-2007).

On several occasions, Semb has been an election observer in national elections in Kosovo, Albania, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Colombia. Mr. Semb was Head of Section for Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management in the Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning from 2008-2011. In December 2012 he was seconded to ECHO as a national expert



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Mr. Shapardanov entered the Public Service with the Industry Department in 1986 as a research economist and joined the Department of External Affairs and International Trade later that year. He has served abroad in Canadian Embassies in Washington, D.C. (late 1980s; early 2000s), Moscow (early 1990s), and Helsinki. He also served as a member of the International Staff at NATO Headquarters, Brussels from 1996 to 2000.

In Ottawa, he has held a number of positions including serving on the Russia Desk and Deputy Director of the Economic Summit Division. In 2004, he was a Senior Analyst in the Canada-U.S. Secretariat in the Privy Council Office. He also served as Director in the Global Partnership Program, Director of the Program Services Division in the International Security Branch, and Director of the Office of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (2007-2009). From 2009 to 2013, he served as Ambassador of Canada to the Republic of Finland.

He currently is the Executive Director of Circumpolar Affairs in in the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD), which includes responsibilities for

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He has a BA Honours (Political Science and Economics) from the University of Windsor (1984) and a Masters in International Affairs from Carleton University (1987).



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Adam Stępien is a researcher at the Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Finland. Currently, he is working on the project 'Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of development of the Arctic', where he is responsible for EU Arctic Impact Assessment, a study that examines – with the participation of Arctic stakeholders – key trends in the Arctic, their impacts and the role of EU policies in shaping analyzed developments. Dr. Stępien's doctoral project deals with interconnections between the Arctic and the realm of development assistance, with emphasis on the role of experiential knowledge and identity. He is a member of the ARKTIS Doctoral Programme and teaches a course in Arctic Politics and Law at the University of Lapland.

His other research activities focus on Arctic governance, legal issues, socio-cultural changes and Arctic indigenous politics. Previously, he took part in a number of projects dealing with the EU's role in the Arctic, including Arctic marine/maritime developments (Arctic Transform and the comparison of the EU and Canadian maritime policies), EU Arctic Footprint as well as a study on EU competences relevant for the Arctic.



MAR SVEINBJORNSSON

DIRECTOR, PORT OF HAFNARFJORDUR

Mar Sveinbjornsson has been the Director of the Port of Hafnarfjordur since 1994. Before taking up this position, he was the Service Manager for Globus, a large car and machinery importer in Iceland. Prior to this, he worked as a consultant for the Icelandic Fishing Industry in Iceland for 16 years



BOB VAN DIJKEN

ARCTIC ATHABASKAN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ARCTIC COUNCIL'S ARCTIC MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME (AMAP)

Bob Van Dijken is the Arctic Athabaskan Council's representative to the Arctic Council's Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP) working group. He is currently Director of Circumpolar Relations for the Council of Yukon First Nations, working on a diverse portfolio of files spanning local, national and international issues ranging from contaminants and climate change to building standards and legislative amendment and review. After graduating from McMaster University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Geography in 1976 he moved north, residing in Canada's northern territories for the past 34 years. During this time he has been employed by government, non-government organizations, academia, First Nations and co-management bodies as well as working as an independent consultant. During the International Polar Year (IPY), Bob was the IPY northern coordinator for the Yukon; he has also worked as a weather service specialist, done public education and outreach on climate change and provided technical support to various organizations.

The Arctic Athabaskan Council (AAC) is an international treaty organization established to defend the rights and further the interests internationally of American and Canadian

Athabaskan member First Nation governments in the eight-nation Arctic Council and other international fora. AAC is an authorized “Permanent Participant” in the Arctic Council. In addition, AAC seeks to foster a greater understanding of the shared heritage of Athabaskan peoples of Arctic North America. At present, AAC members in Alaska (including fifteen traditional villages), Yukon (the Council of Yukon First Nations and the Kaska Tribal Council) and Northwest Territories (Dene Nation) span across 76 communities and represent approximately 45,000 people.



JEAN-PASCAL VAN YPERSELE

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Jean-Pascal van Ypersele has a Ph. D. in physics from the « Université catholique de Louvain » (Belgium), where he is Professor of Climatology and Environmental Sciences, and co-directs the Master’s programme in Science and Management of the Environment. In 2008, Jean-Pascal van Ypersele was elected Vice-chair of IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which shared with Al Gore the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize), after participating in its work since 1995. In 2009, he was elected a Member of the Belgian Royal Academy. He chairs the Energy & Climate Working Group of the Belgian Federal Council for Sustainable Development since 1998.

He has participated to a number of United Nations conferences on climate issues as scientific advisor and was instrumental in creating in 2002 the UN work programme on climate communication and education. Among other prizes, he received in 2006 the « Energy and environment award » from the International Polar Foundation, the “Francqui Chair” from the Université libre de Bruxelles in 2007-2008, and was made Honorary Member of the Club of Rome EU Chapter in 2010. In 2011, he received the « Francqui Chair » from HUBrussel, co-organized the first Stephen Schneider Symposium in Boulder, Colorado, and received the highest distinction awarded by the Government of the Walloon Region: “Commandeur du Mérite wallon”. In 2013, he co-chaired the first Interdisciplinary Symposium on Sustainable Development in Namur and will co-chair the second one in 2015 in Brussels and Louvain-la-Neuve. In 2014, he was made “Grand Officier de l’Ordre de la Couronne” by King Philippe of Belgium. He is the candidate supported by Belgium to become Chair of the IPCC in 2015.



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Elisabetta Vignati is a physicist by training, having graduated from the University of Milan. She obtained a PhD in Geophysics from Copenhagen University in 1999. She worked as researcher at the National Environmental Research Institute in Roskilde (DK) (1994-1999).

She joined the European Commission in 1999. Throughout her carrier at the Joint Research Centre, she has worked as a modeller, developing applied atmospheric models with the purpose of evaluating the impact of human activities on air quality and climate. She is has been both lead and co-author of 50 peer-reviewed publications.

Since September 2012, she has been the Head of the Air and Climate Unit at the Institute for Environment and Sustainability. Her unit works on many aspects of air pollution and climate with the aim of providing integrated analysis in support of EU air quality and climate policies, including the Arctic, and it is strongly involved in international research projects and observation networks.

Dr Vignati also represents the EU at the Task Force on Black Carbon and Methane of the Arctic Council.



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Since June 1990, Gunnar Wiegand has worked at the European Commission Directorate General External Relations: first as Desk Officer for External Aspects of German Unification; 1991-1993 Manager of Financial Services Projects at the Technical Assistance to the Newly Independent States Unit (TACIS Programme); 1994-1997 Assistant to the Director General for External Economic Relations; 1997-1999 Deputy Head of Unit for Relations with the United States, followed by being Spokesman for External Relations to Commissioner Chris Patten. Since December 2002 he has held several management posts: as Head of Unit for Relations with the United States and Canada 2002-2006; Head of Unit for Relations with Russia; Northern Dimension and Nuclear Safety 2006-2008 and Director for Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus and Central Asia till December 2010.

He holds a MA in International Relations from the Johns Hopkins University, the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Washington DC (1985) and a Degree of Law from University of Hamburg, Faculty of Law (1982).



LISBET ZILMER-JOHNS

REPRESENTATIVE OF DENMARK TO THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE OF THE EU

Prior to becoming Representative of Denmark to the Political and Security Committee of the EU in 2013, Lisbet Zilmer-Johns has had a long and distinguished career in the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

From 1992 to 1995, she was Head of Section at the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, before becoming First Secretary at the Royal Danish Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 1995 to 1997. Following this, she was Head of Unit (responsible for ESDP, Danish defense opt out, secretary to Parliament's Foreign Policy Committee) until 2001, after which she was posted at Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) until 2004.

Ms. Zilmer-Johns was Coordinator for counterterrorism initiatives and Chief Adviser at the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2004 until 2005 before becoming Senior Adviser at the Foreign, European and Defense Policy Division in Prime Minister's Office in 2005. In 2007 she was also appointed Security Coordinator, and from 2010 until 2013 she was Head of Department at the Foreign, European and Defense Policy Division, Prime Minister's Office

She earned an M.Sc. From the London School of Economics (1991) and a Master of Political Science, from the University of Copenhagen (1992). She is a Certified project leader (IPMA D-level)(2004).

