



### Arctic Futures Symposium 2020 Draft Programme

*Online, 30 November - 2 December*

#### **Monday 30 November**

##### **14:00 – 14:15**    Housekeeping and Welcome Remarks

**Joseph Cheek** (Project Manager, International Polar Foundation)  
*Introduction and housekeeping*

**Piet Steel** (Vice-President, Belgian Polar Secretariat; Director, IPF Board; President Corporate, EU-Asia Centre)  
*A brief welcome from the organisers*

**Virginijus Sinkevičius** (European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries)

##### **14:15 – 15:15**    Arctic Challenges

This session will hear the perspectives of distinguished speakers, who will focus on topics including international cooperation in the Arctic, Ocean governance, and security.

**Moderator:**    **Mike Sfraga** (Director, Wilson Center Polar Institute)

**Panelists:**    **Virginijus Sinkevičius** (European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries)

**Stéphane Dion** (Prime Minister's Special Envoy to the EU and Europe, and Canada's Ambassador to Germany)

**Ine Marie Eriksen Søreide** (Minister for Foreign Affairs, Norway)

**James DeHart** (US Coordinator for the Arctic Region)

**15:15-15:30**    *Break*

**15:30 – 16:20**    [Arctic policies: European Arctic and Russia](#)

*The discussion will focus on new elements in the Arctic policies of Arctic states, the EU and Indigenous Peoples' organisations. It will also examine the best practices in drafting the Arctic policy statements and the influence of these documents on decision-making.*

*Due to size limitations, this panel will be divided into three parts*

**Moderator:**    **Adam Stępień** (Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland)

**Panelists:**    **Hilde Svartdal Lunde** (Senior Arctic Official; Ambassador and Special Advisor for the Arctic and Antarctic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway)

**Petteri Vuorimäki** (Senior Arctic Official; Ambassador, Arctic and Antarctic Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland/Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland)

**Nikolay Korchnov** (Ambassador-at-Large for Arctic Affairs, Senior Arctic Official of the Russian Federation)

**Tonje Margrete Winsnes Johansen** (Advisor, Saami Council Arctic and Environment Unit)

**16:20 - 16:30**    *Break*

**16:30 – 17:20**    [Arctic policies: Iceland, the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Denmark](#)

**Moderator:**    **Adam Stępień** (Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland)

**Panelists:**    **Friðrik Jónsson** (Director-General GRÓ, Senior Arctic Official, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Iceland)

**Margretha Jacobsen** (Representative of the Faroe Islands in the Arctic Council)

**Mira Kleist** (Special Advisor, Greenland Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Energy)

**Thomas Winkler** (Arctic Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark, Head of the Department of Arctic and North America of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

**17:20 – 17:30**    *Break*

**17:30 – 18:15**    [Arctic policies: North America](#)

**Moderator:**    **Adam Stępień** (Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland)

**Panelists:**    **Meredith Rubin** (Senior Arctic Official, U.S. Department of State)

**David Sproule** (Senior Arctic Official, Canada; Director General, Polar, Eurasian and European Affairs, Global Affairs Canada)

**Dalee Sambo Dorough** (Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council)

18:15 – 18:35 [Arctic policies: EU](#)

**Moderator:** **Adam Stępień** (Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland)

**Panelists:** **Michael Mann** (EU Special Envoy for Arctic Matters)  
*Summing up on how the EU should relate to the policies of Arctic states, nations, IPs.*

18:35 [End of Day 1](#)

**Tuesday 1 December**

**14:00 - 15:00**     **Arctic Community Needs and Preparedness**

*This panel will look at the challenges Arctic communities face, and how to make these communities better prepared to face challenges and promote the well-being of its inhabitants.*

**Moderator:**     **Arne Holm** (Editor in Chief, High North News)

**Panelists:**     **Pál Weihe** (Director of the Department of Occupational Medicine and Public Health, Faroe Islands)  
*Managing the COVID-19 Pandemic Response in the Faroe Islands*

**Kristen Tanche** (Health and Wellness Advisor, Dehcho First Nations, *Alumni of the Jane Glassco Northern Fellowship, The Gordon Foundation*)  
*Culturally-relevant addiction programming*

**Julie Rademacher** (Head of Communication at Tele Post)  
*Connectivity in remote communities during times of crisis*

**15:00-15:15**     **Break**

**15:15 – 16:15**     **Pollution, Climate Change and Biodiversity: Challenges and Solutions**

*This session will look at marine pollution, threats to biodiversity, climate change and how they affect community security in the Arctic.*

**Moderator:**     **Philippe Archambault** (Scientific Director, ArcticNet; Professor of Marine Biology, Université Laval)

**Panelists:**     **Kjersti Tønnessen Busch** (CEO, SALT)  
*Marine litter is piling up in Arctic waters – how should we deal with it?*

**Lisanne Raderschall** (Policy Analyst Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD)  
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**Andres Sanabria** (Policy Analyst/ Economist, Regional and rural Development, OECD)  
*OECD Mining Regions and Cities Case of Västerbotten and Norrbotten, Sweden: becoming a leader in sustainable mining*

**Hjálmar Hátun** (Physical Oceanographer, Faroese Marine Research Institute)  
*Climate variability and its Effects on Marine Resources in the Sub-Arctic*

**Ellen Avard** (Director, Nunavik Research Center)  
*Food security from a community health perspective*

**16:15 - 16:30**     **Break**

**16:30 – 17:30**    **Community Resilience through Empowerment**

*This panel will look at how to empower Arctic residents, in particular women and indigenous peoples.*

**Moderator:**    **Embla Eir Oddsdóttir** (Director, Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network (IACN); Chair, SDWG Social, Economic and Cultural Expert Group (SECEG))

**Panelists:**    **Crystal Martin Lapenskie** (President of National Inuit Youth Council (NIYC))  
*Empowering Arctic Indigenous youth*

**Vilena Valeeva** (Research Associate, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies)  
*Yamal 2040: Scenarios for the Russian Arctic*

**Isak Utsi** (Mayor of Arjeplog, Sweden)  
*Empowerment through the lens of a small Nordic community*

**Marya Rozanova-Smith** (Professorial Lecturer at the George Washington University (GWU) and Advisor to the Chancellor at the Russian State Hydrometeorological University (RSHU))

-AND-

**Andrey Petrov** (Director, ARCTICenter, University of Northern Iowa)  
*Gender Equality in the Arctic report*

**17:30**    **End of Day 2**

## Wednesday 2 December

### 14:00 - 15:00 [A Uniquely Arctic Entrepreneurship and Investment Culture](#)

*This panel will look at how to foster entrepreneurship in small Arctic communities - including using traditional knowledge and climate research as a source of entrepreneurship - as well as encouraging investment in the Arctic.*

**Moderator:** **Doris Carson** (PhD, Assistant professor, Department of Geography, Umeå University)

**Panelists:** **Trevor Bell** (Geographer and University Research Professor, Memorial University of Newfoundland; Founder and Director of SmartICE)  
*Employing social enterprise to empower Indigenous community adaptation for safe ice travel – the SmartICE approach*

**Emil Skjervedal** (Head of Business Department, Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq)  
*Fostering business development in small Arctic communities*

**Christian Vintergaard** (CEO, Danish Foundation for Entrepreneurship)  
*Possibilities and challenges for entrepreneurs in Greenland*

**Tor Erik Somby** (Co-founder, Tundra Drone AS)  
*Global possibilities for a startup in North Norway*

### 15:00-15:15 *Break*

### 15:15 – 16:15 [The EU's Engagement in the Arctic and Implementing the Green Deal Part 1](#)

This panel discussion will focus on whether the EU's further involvement in Arctic affairs is inevitable, in which areas the EU should engage more, and how the goals of the EU Green Deal will be implemented in the Arctic.

**Moderator:** **Marie-Anne Coninx** (Former EU Ambassador at Large for the Arctic)

**Panelists:** **Anne Bergenfelt** (Senior Advisor, Cabinet of high Representative and Vice President of the EU Commission Josep Borrell Fontelles)

**Urmas Paet** (Member of the European Parliament, Estonia)

**Elle Merete Omma** (Head of EU Unit, Sámi Council)

**Anu Fredrikson** (Executive Director, Arctic Frontiers)

### 16:15 - 16:30 *Break*

**16:30 – 17:30**    **The EU's Engagement in the Arctic and Implementing the Green Deal Part 2**

This discussion will focus on whether the EU's further involvement in Arctic affairs is inevitable, in which areas the EU should engage more, and how the goals of the EU Green Deal will be implemented in the Arctic.

**Moderator:**    **Marie-Anne Coninx** (Former EU Ambassador at Large for the Arctic)

**Panelists:**    **Einar Gunnarsson** (Ambassador for Arctic Affairs Iceland; Chair, Senior Arctic Officials)

**Veronika Veits** (Director for International Ocean Governance and Sustainable Fisheries, in the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE), European Commission)

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

**Elin Mortensen** (Head of Mission of the Faroes to the EU)

**Christian Keldsen** (Director, Greenland Business Association)

**17:30**    **End of Symposium**

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