

13:45– 15:00 Managing the Challenges of a Changing Arctic

This panel will discuss how cooperation on the Arctic Council, cooperation in scientific research, and cooperation in business might look going forward within the current geopolitical context.

Moderator: **Jan-Gunnar Winther** (Pro-rector research and development, UiT The Arctic University of Norway)

Panellists: **Morten Høglund** (Norway's Ambassador for the Arctic; Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials of the Arctic Council)

Petteri Vuorimäki (Senior Arctic Official; Ambassador, Arctic Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland)

Anna Hamrell (Senior Advisor for Arctic Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden)

Mads Frederiksen (Director, Arctic Economic Council)

Corine Wood-Donnelly (Associate Professor of International Relations and the High North, Nord University; Scientific Coordinator, JUSTNORTH project)

15:00 - 15:30 *Coffee break*

15:30 – 16:45 Avenues of Arctic Cooperation

This panel will look at how various Arctic stakeholders have shifted the focus of their international cooperation efforts with regard to the Arctic in practical terms given the current geopolitical situation.

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

Panellists: **Jeannette Menzies** (Ambassador of Canada to Iceland)

Clara Ganslandt (Special Envoy for Arctic Matters, European External Action Service)

Piotr Rakowski (Senior Advisor for Arctic Policy, Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Elle Merete Omma (Head of Saami Council EU Unit)

Mika Riipi (County Governor, Regional Council of Lapland, Finland)

16:45 – 17:15 *Coffee break*

17:15 – 18:30 A Safe and Secure Arctic

This session will look at Arctic security from different perspectives.

Moderator: **Marisol Maddox** (Senior Arctic Analyst, Wilson Center Polar Institute)

Panellists: **Samu Paukkunen** (Acting Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs–
may have NATO affiliation by the time of this conference)

Hans Peder Kirkegaard (Phd Student in Security Policy, University of
Greenland)

Tracy Smith (Brigadier General, Air National Guard), Deputy Dean of the Ted
Stevens Center School of Arctic and Climate Security Studies

Isak Utsi (Mayor of Arjeplog, Sweden)

**19:15 - 21:00 Cocktail Reception Hosted by the Mission of Norway to the EU at
Norway House** (prior registration required)

Welcome: **Anders Eide** (Ambassador of Norway to the European Union)

Keynote: **Morten Høglund** (Norway's Ambassador for the Arctic; Chair of the Senior
Arctic Officials of the Arctic Council)

Wednesday, November 29th

9:30 - 10:00 *Registration and welcome coffee*

10:00 - 10:15 **Keynotes**

Speakers: **Dag Rune Olsen** (Rector, UiT The Arctic University of Norway)

10:15 - 11:40 **Cultivating Arctic Communities**

This panel will look at how to develop / attract and keep a skilled Arctic workforce, build healthy Arctic communities, cultivate sustainable business, and create a good quality of life that respects the environment and traditional livelihoods.

Moderator: **Patti Bruns** (Secretary General, Arctic Mayors Forum)

Panellists: **Kristen Tanche** (Regional Director of Health & Wellness, Dehcho First Nations, Alumni of the Jane Glassco Northern Fellowship, Canada)

Brynjar Andersen Saus, (Project Leader, UiT The Arctic University of Norway)

Bjarni í Liða (Risk Officer, Bank Nordik)

Mirja Vehkaperä (Chair of the City Board/Member of the EU Committee of Regions)

Päivi Ekdahl (Development Director, Regional Council of Lapland)

11:40 - 12:00 **Presentation of the Laurence Trân Arctic Futures Award**

Nicolas Van Hoecke (Managing Director, International Polar Foundation)

Mads Frederiksen (Director, Arctic Economic Council)

Brigitte Trân-Loustau (Representative from the Trân Family)

Anja Márjá Nystø Keskitalo (Advisor EU Unit, Saami Council)

Hanna Moen Reinsnes (Executive Director, Gobmi)

Live Moen Johannessen (Creative Director, Gobmi)

12:00 - 13:00 *Lunch*

13:00 - 14:15 Arctic Youth: Meeting Challenges and Creating Opportunities

This panel will look at challenges youth in the Arctic face, how they are meeting those challenges, and how they are making positive contributions to their communities.

Moderator: **Krista Perälä** (Student and student advocate, University of Lapland)

Panellists: **Kristian Iversen** (Chair, Bodø Youth Council; yoUNG2024)

Naja-Theresia Høegh (OCT Youth; Intern at Greenland Representation in Copenhagen)

Jackson Blackwell (Graduate Student, Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs; Advisor, Arctic Encounter)

Vetle Bo Saga (Political Advisor to the Mayor of Tromsø)

14:15 - 14:45 *Coffee break*

14:45– 16:00 Leveraging Arctic Resources for a Just Green Transition

The Arctic, with its abundant natural resources, can play a pivotal role in enabling the EU to achieve its net-zero objectives and reshoring their supply chains in a just and sustainable manner. The EU has the CRM Act to facilitate this transition, but what will reshoring supply chains in the Arctic look like? As green industrial projects gain momentum, discussions in impacted communities about the social licence to operate have increased. This panel explores how developers can ensure collaborative progress towards the anticipated transition, emphasising fairness and environmental responsibility.

Moderator: **Mira Kleist** (Senior Associate, Kaya)

Keynote: **Naaja H. Nathanielsen** (Minister of Business, Trade, Mineral Resources, Justice and Gender Equality, Government of Greenland)

Panellists: **Kimmo Järvinen** (Head of EU Governmental Affairs, SSAB)

Riikka Aaltonen (Project Manager, Regional Council of Lapland, Finland)

Karin Nutti Pilflykt (Advisor, Forest Issues, Saami Council EU Unit)

Thomas Lauridsen (Staff Economist, Greenland Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources)

16:00 - 16:30 Break

16:30 – 17:45 Arctic Renewable Energy Powering European Green Industry

The demand for renewable energy is soaring, with technologies rapidly evolving and amplifying its potential. The Arctic is a prime source of hydro, wind, and geothermal energy, offering vast opportunities and territory for industrial off-takers. Explore the political and regulatory framework that shapes this renewable energy landscape, and gain insights from concrete examples of thriving Arctic renewable energy and off taken projects.

Moderator: **Mira Kleist** (Senior Associate, Kaya)

Panellists: **Sigrid Bjørnhaug Hammar** (Deputy Mayor of Tromsø)

Emily Holland (Associate Professor, US Naval War College)

Fridtjof F. Unander (Chief Economist, Aker Horizons)

Pigga Keskitalo (University of Lapland, Member of the Saami Parliament in Finland)

Tanja Joonas (Tanja Joonas (Senior Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland)

17:45 -18:00 Summary and closing remarks

Marie-Anne Coninx (Former EU Arctic Ambassador; Board Member, International Polar Foundation; Senior Fellow, Egmont Institute)

18:00 - 20:00 Cocktail co-hosted by the Embassy of Monaco to Belgium and the EU, and the JUSTNORTH EU Horizon Project at Town Hall Europe
(prior registration required)

Speeches: **Frédéric Labarrère** (Ambassador of Monaco to Belgium and the EU)

Clara Ganslandt (Special Envoy for Arctic Matters, European External Action Service)

Pigga Keskitalo (University of Lapland, Member of the Saami Parliament in Finland)

Corine Wood-Donnelly (Associate Professor of International Relations and the High North, Nord University; Scientific Coordinator, JUSTNORTH project)

Adam Stępień (Researcher, Arctic Center, University of Lapland)