



Programme Day 1

Monday 6 December

12:30 - 13:00 **Registration**

13:00 – 13:05 **A Brief Welcome from the Organizers**

Nicolas Van Hoeke (Managing Director, International Polar Foundation)

Piet Steel (Vice-President, Belgian Polar Secretariat; Director, IPF Board; President Corporate, EU-Asia Centre)

13:05 – 13:45 **Opening Keynotes**

Ailish Campbell (Ambassador of Canada to the European Union)

James P. DeHart (U.S. Coordinator for the Arctic Region)

Mike Sfraga (Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; Director, Wilson Center Polar Institute)

Rolf Einar Fife (Ambassador of Norway to the European Union)

Monday 6 December

13:45 – 15:00 Governance in the Arctic (pt 1)

After 25 years of the Arctic Council's existence, this panel will be a reflection on where things stand in terms of Arctic governance issues (new Arctic policies both national and EU, the Arctic Fisheries Agreement, practical implementation of Arctic Council agreements made since 2011, gender equality issues etc.)

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

Panelists: **Nikolay Korchunov** (Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials, Ambassador-at-Large for Arctic Affairs)

Morten Høglund (Senior Arctic Official, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway)

Louise Calais (Ambassador for Arctic Affairs, Senior Arctic Official, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden)

Pétur Ásgeirsson (Senior Arctic Official, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Iceland)

15:00 – 15:30 **Break**

Monday 6 December

15:30 – 16:45 Governance in the Arctic (pt 2)

After 25 years of the Arctic Council's existence, this panel will be a reflection on where things stand in terms of Arctic governance issues (new Arctic policies both national and EU, the Arctic Fisheries Agreement, practical implementation of Arctic Council agreements made since 2011, gender equality issues etc.)

Moderator: **Romain Chuffart** (Research Associate and Leadership Group Member, The Arctic Institute)

Panelists: **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)

Rebecca Lynge (Greenland Representative to the Arctic Council, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Greenland)

Margretha Jacobsen (Senior Arctic Official of the Faroe Islands in the Arctic Council)

Heidi Kutz (Senior Arctic Official and Director General for Arctic, Eurasian and European Affairs, Global Affairs Canada)

Louis J Crishock (Senior Arctic Official, US. State Department)

16:45 - 17:15 **Break**

Monday 6 December

17:15 – 18:30 Governance in the Arctic (pt 3)

After 25 years of the Arctic Council's existence, this panel will be a reflection on where things stand in terms of Arctic governance issues (new Arctic policies both national and EU, the Arctic Fisheries Agreement, practical implementation of Arctic Council agreements made since 2011, gender equality issues etc.) Different from the previous sessions, which will focus more on national and Permanent Participant strategies, this session will focus more on regional governance and the EU's role in light of the EU's updated Arctic policy.

Moderator: **Marie-Anne Coninx** (Former EU Arctic Ambassador)

Panelists: **Michael Mann** (EU Special Envoy for Arctic Matters) *

Åsa Ågren Wikström (Vice Chair, Västerbotten Region; Vice Chair, Europaforum, Northern Sweden)

Mads Qvist Frederiksen (Director, Arctic Economic Council)

Embla Eir Oddsdóttir (Director, Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network)

Francesco Bertoldi (Head of Nordic and Arctic Unit, Scottish Government)

Dalee Sambo Dorough (Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council)

18:30 End of Day 1

Programme Day 2

Tuesday 7 December

13:00 - 13:30 Registration

13:30 - 14:45 Youth, Demographics, and Capacity-Building: a View to the Future

Arctic regions face huge challenges regarding future demographic trends and capacity-building, due mainly to changes in youth becoming settled and feeling at home in the region. Trends of concern include outmigration, gender imbalance, “homelessness”, and urbanization. This panel will discuss how Arctic communities still can take advantage of future opportunities.

Moderator: **Sveinung Eikeland** (Vice-Rector, UiT The Arctic University of Norway)

Panelists: **Mika Riipi** (County Governor, Regional Council of Lapland)

Alyssa Carpenter (Northern Fellow, the Gordon Foundation)

Charlotte Nyheim (Youth Coordinator Bodø 2024 – European Capital of Culture)

Qivioq Løvstrøm (Assistant Professor, Department of Culture and Social History, University of Greenland; Chair, Human Rights Council of Greenland)

Birita Matras Petersen (Communication and Marketing Officer at the Faroese National Union of Students; studies History at the Faculty of History and Social Science at the University of the Faroe Islands)

14:45-15:15 Break

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15:15 - 16:30

Arctic Resilience

This session will focus on the socio-economic impacts of climate change on Arctic communities and address issues such as food and environmental security, health, infrastructure, education, connectivity, response capacity, and cross-border cooperation in areas of “soft security” such as search and rescue.

Moderator:

Mike Sfraga (Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; Director, Wilson Center Polar Institute)

Panelists:

Jennifer Spence (Executive Secretary, Arctic Council Sustainable Development Working Group)

Áslat Holmberg (Vice President, Saami Council)

Anna-Sofie Skjervedal (Head of Secretariat, the International Arctic Hub)

Julie Simone Hébert (Director of Programmes and Territorial Cooperation, Société du Plan Nord)

Niklas Eklund (Director, Arctic Centre, Umeå University)

16:30-17:00

Break

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17:00 – 18:15

The Arctic As a More Sustainable Place to do Business

This panel will discuss specific solutions and cases from the Arctic on how sustainability and business development can go hand-in-hand.

Moderator:

Mads Qvist Frederiksen (Director, Arctic Economic Council)

Panelists:

Naaja H. Nathanielsen (Minister for Housing, Infrastructure, Minerals, Justice and Gender Equality, Ministry for Minerals Resources and Justice, Government of Greenland)

Pär Weihed (Pro-vice chancellor, Luleå University of Technology)

Monica Paulsen (Cluster Manager, Arctic Cluster Team)

Jocelyn Douh ret (Director, Business Development Office, Soci t  du Plan Nord, Government of Qu bec)

Niels Winther (Advisor, House of Industry, the Faroe Islands)

18:15

End of Symposium