

# ARCTIC FUTURES SYMPOSIUM 2016

STRENGTHENING

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Wednesday, November 30

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8:00-9:00

**Registration**

*Master of ceremony: Mikael Janson, Director, North Sweden European Office*

9:00-9:30

**Opening Ceremony**

**Introduction: Nighat F.D. Johnson-Amin**, VP, International Polar Foundation

**Philippe Bodson**, Honorary President of the Fédération Belge d'Entreprise, President of the Fondation pour l'Architecture, Member IPF Board

**Hon. Minister Vittus Qujaukitsoq**, Minister for Industry, Labour, Trade, Energy and Foreign Affairs, Government of Greenland

9:30-11:10

**The Arctic Council 20 Years: Shared Opportunities,  
Challenges & Responsibilities**

**Moderator: Michael Sfraga**, Vice Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks

**Pekka Shemeikka**, Senior Adviser, Arctic Cooperation, Government of Finland

**Ambassador Anniken Ramberg Krutnes**, Senior Arctic Official, Norway

**Ambassador Andrés Jato**, Senior Arctic Official, Sweden

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

**Jesper Stig Andersen**, Senior Arctic Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark

**Tómas Orri Ragnarsson**, Counsellor, Arctic Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Iceland

**Bob Paquin**, Head of the Canadian International Centre for the Arctic, Norway

Q&A

11:10-11:30

Networking break and coffee

11:30 - 13:00

The new European Union policy for the Arctic –  
a new Impulse for Arctic Cooperation?

**Moderator: Timo Koivurova**, Director of Arctic Centre

**Boris Iarochevitch**, Head of Division, Eastern partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, EU External Action Action Service (EEAS)

**Felix Leinemann**, Head of Unit, Maritime policy Atlantic, Outermost Regions and Arctic, DG MARE, European Commission

**Urmas Paet**, MEP (ALDE), Rapporteur on Integrated EU policy for the Arctic, European Parliament

**Eirik Sivertsen**, Head of the Norwegian Parliament's Delegation for Arctic Parliamentary Cooperation and member of the Norwegian Parliament, Stortinget

**Mika Riipi**, Governor, County of Lapland, Finland

**Rod Downie**, Polar Policy and Programme Officer, WWF UK

Q&A

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:30

Remote Community Infrastructure (parallel session)

**Moderator: Damien Degeorges**, Director, Degeorges Consulting

**Meinhard Eliassen**, Senior Energy Advisor, Energy Department, Environment Agency of the Faroe Islands

**Margareta Johansson**, University of Lund, Sweden

**Lorents Burman**, Mayor, City of Skellefteå, Västerbotten region, and chair the North Botnia Line (Bothnian Corridor), Sweden

**Halldor Johannsson**, Arctic Portal, Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks, Iceland

**Greg Poelzer**, Arctic Fulbright Scholar, Professor School of Environment & Sustainability, University of Saskatchewan, Canada

**Tim Stelzig**, General Communications Incorporated (GCI), telecoms company, USA

**Lisbeth Iversen**, Associate, Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Centre (NERSC), Norway

Q&A

**14:00-15:30**

**The EU - Arctic Stakeholder Forum** (parallel session)

*Streamlining EU funding programmes for the Arctic*

**Moderator: Alessia Clocchiatti**, DG MARE, European Commission

*Welcome and introduction: what is the Arctic Stakeholder Forum*

**Bernhard Friess**, Director for Atlantic, Arctic and Outermost Regions, EU Commission DG MARE

*NPI Kolarctic programme*

**Päivi Ekdahl**, Development Director, Managing Authority of Kolarctic ENPI, Regional Council of Lapland, Finland

*INTERREG NORD*

**Lena Anttila**, Head of Unit International Affairs, Managing Authority, Interreg V Nord, County Administrative Board of Norrbotten, Sweden

*INTERREG NPA*

**Ole Damsgaard**, Head of Secretariat, NPA Programme, Copenhagen, Denmark

*The first step to the global market through trust, know-how and export training*

**Peter Larsson**, Nordic Business Support, Swedish Lapland Chamber of Commerce

*Visit Arctic Europe*

**Erica Mattsson**, Visit Arctic Europe, Swedish Lapland Visitors Board

*Comments: Aile Javo, President of the Saami Council, Jarle Aarbakke, Deputy Mayor, City of Tromsø, Norway & Andrés Jato, Senior Arctic Official, Sweden*

Q&A

15:30-16:30

Northern Communities' Perspective on Sustainability

**Moderator: Peter Sköld**, Professor, IASSA President, Director Arctic Research Center at Umeå University, ARCUM, Sweden

**Jarle Aarbakke**, Deputy Mayor, City of Tromsø, Norway

**Svein Vigeland Rottem**, Director, Polar Programme, Fridtjof Nansens Institute,

**Niklas Sirén**, Deputy Mayor, City of Kiruna, Norrbotten County, Sweden

Q&A

16:30-16:45

Networking break and coffee

16:45-17:45

Investments and Business Opportunities in the Arctic regions

**Moderator: Henry Burgess**, NERC, UK

**Stephen Hart**, Head of Copenhagen Office, European Investment Bank, Denmark

**Chris McDonald**, Policy Analyst, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD

**Lise-Lotte Terp**, CEO, Arctic Consensus, Denmark

**Anna Karlsdóttir**, Senior Research Fellow, Nordregio, Sweden

Q&A

17:45-18:00

Closing Remarks

**Nils Andreassen**, Executive Director, Institute of the North, Alaska, USA

18:00

Cocktail Reception

