

# ARCTIC FUTURES SYMPOSIUM 2018

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#ArcticFutures

## A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

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### OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

8:30 – 9:30

#### Registration

9:00 – 9:05

#### Introduction

**Piet Steel** (Member, Belgian Polar Secretariat; Former Ambassador of Belgium to Vietnam)

9:05 – 9:50

#### Opening Statements

**Marie-Anne Coninx** (Ambassador at Large for the Arctic, European Union)

**Elle Merete Omma** (EU Coordinator, Sámi Council)

**Erik Sivertsen** (Chair, Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region)

**Jean Lemire** (Special Envoy for Climate Change and Nordic Issues, Government of Québec)

**Tomas Norvoll** (President of Nordland County Council)

9:50-10:20

*Coffee*

10:20 - 10:30

#### Opening Statements (continued)

**Matti Anttonen** (Secretary of State, Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

10:30 – 12:00

## How Well Are the Arctic Institutions Serving the Needs of the Arctic and Its People?

*A roundtable discussion with representatives from the foreign ministries of Arctic Council nations, Permanent Participants, and the European External Action Service, this session will explore the following questions: How well are the Arctic institutions that we have created in the past 25 years serving the needs of Arctic and its people? What changes in those institutions and what new institutional arrangements might be necessary in the future as conditions in the Arctic continue to evolve?*

### Moderators:

**Andreas Raspotnik** (Senior Researcher, High North Center for Business and Governance, Nord University in Bodø; Senior Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI) in Oslo; Senior Fellow and Leadership Group Member, The Arctic Institute)

**David Balton** (Senior Fellow, Wilson Center Polar Initiative; Ambassador for Oceans and Fisheries, U.S. Department of State, retired)

### Panelists:

**René Söderman** (Senior Arctic Official of Finland)

**Marie-Anne Coninx** (Ambassador at Large for the Arctic, European Union)

**Bryndís Kjartansdóttir** (Senior Arctic Official of Iceland)

**Elle Merete Omma** (EU Coordinator, Sámi Council)

**Mininnguaq Kleist** (Head of Representation, Greenland Representation to the EU)

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**Bård Ivar Svendsen** (Special Adviser / Ambassador for Arctic and Antarctic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway)

**Björn Lyrvall** (Ambassador for Arctic Affairs, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs)

**Leigh McCumber** (Senior Policy Officer, Canadian International Arctic Centre)

**Elin Mortensen** (Head of Mission, Mission of the Faroes to the European Union)

**Bridget Larocque** (Sustainable Development Working Group, Arctic Athabaskan Council)

12:00-13:00

Lunch

13:00 - 14:15

## Connecting the Arctic: Transport and Logistics

*Due to sea-ice reduction, technological developments and the interests of Arctic and other countries, this session will look at current and proposed Arctic projects in the context of climate change and sustainable development - transport within the Arctic Region, including remote areas, and from the Arctic to the rest of the world. How are these elements integrated and interdependent? What should be done to avoid conflicts of interests? How to strengthen financing, infrastructure and co-operation in order to create efficient and sustainable transport systems that integrate the different means of transport?*

### Moderator:

**Harri Mäki-Reinikka** (Secretary-General of Finland's Arctic Advisory Board; Ambassador and Special Adviser on northern policies at Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs' Arctic Team)

### Panelists:

**Kjell Stokvik** (Managing Director, High North Centre for Logistics)

**Mårten Edberg** (Infrastructure strategist, Västerbotten Region)

**Jóhanna á Bergi** (Director, Atlantic Airways)

**Jacob Nitter Sørensen** (CEO, Air Greenland)

**Cécile Pelaudeix** (Associate Researcher, PACTE Science Po, University of Grenoble)

**Martin Zeitler** (Transport expert, DG MOVE)

14:15-14:45

*Coffee*

14:45 - 16:00

## Culture, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship in the Arctic

*The majority of businesses in the Arctic are SMEs. These are the cornerstones of many remote Arctic communities. Simultaneously, rural Arctic communities are under pressure, as younger generations want services, opportunities, and education offered in greater metropolitan areas. Urbanization has especially highlighted the necessity of Arctic business development and innovation. Creation of economic hubs of a sufficient size and critical mass would offer younger generations the quality of life they desire. How can culture become a source of entrepreneurship and business? Should we focus more on creating an entrepreneurial awareness and ability? What are the barriers and enablers for entrepreneurial activity in the Arctic?*

<b>Moderator:</b>	<b>Anu Fredrikson</b> (Director, Arctic Economic Council Secretariat)
<b>Panelists:</b>	<p><b>Sóley Hammer</b> (Director, Hugskotið)</p> <p><b>Sandra Márjá West</b> (Director, Ríddu Ríddu Festival)</p> <p><b>Dieter Müller</b> (Deputy Vice-Chancellor responsible for research, postgraduate education and outreach within the social sciences and humanities, Umeå University)</p> <p><b>Bridget Larocque</b> (Sustainable Development Working Group, Arctic Athabaskan Council)</p> <p><b>Hayley A. Henning</b> (Vice-President for sales and marketing, Greenland Ruby A/S)</p> <p><b>Anne Lajla Utsi</b> (CEO, International Sámi Film Institute)</p>

16:00 - 16:30

*Coffee*

16:30 - 17:45

### **Blue Growth in the Arctic: Prospects and Challenges**

*This session will look at blue growth potential in the Arctic and sub-Arctic region within the context of sound ocean governance. It will explore what challenges we face with when we attempt to exploit this potential, not only in the Arctic but also more generally and how we go about governing blue economy activities in the Arctic and beyond.*

<b>Moderator:</b>	<b>Andreas Østhagen</b> (Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute; Senior Fellow, Leadership Group, the Arctic Institute)
<b>Panelists:</b>	<p><b>Frode Nilssen</b> (Professor, Head of the Department of Marketing, Strategy and Management, Business School - High North Centre for Business and Governance)</p> <p><b>Kjell Kristian Egge</b> (International Law Adviser of the Law of the Sea, Norwegian Foreign Ministry)</p> <p><b>Henrik Leth</b> (Chairman, Polar Seafood Greenland A/S)</p> <p><b>Elin Mortensen</b> (Head of Mission, Mission of the Faroes to the European Union)</p> <p><b>Alessia Clochiatti</b> (Policy Officer, DG MARE)</p>

17:45 – 18:15

## Closing Statements

**Christian Leffler** (Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global Issues, European External Action Service)

**Kirsti Methi** (Arctic Ambassador, City of Tromsø)

18:15

## End of Symposium