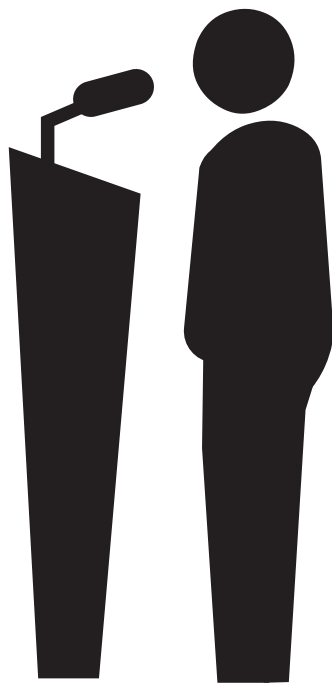


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BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS
AND MODERATORS



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

Jóhanna á Bergi is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the national flag carrier of Faroe Islands, Atlantic Airway.

Mrs. á Bergi has extensive experience in management positions, as Sales Manager for Faroe Seafood France as well as Sales and Marketing Director for JFK Seafood before taking on the role as CEO of the large shipping and logistic company Faroe Ship owned by Icelandic Eimskip (2006-2015).

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

Mr. Matti Anttonen is the Permanent State Secretary of Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland since 1 March 2018. Before that he served as Ambassador of Finland to Sweden. Prior to his Ambassador position in Stockholm he served as Under-Secretary of State for External Economic Affairs at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Much of his career has been connected with Russia; 2008-12 as Finland's Ambassador to Russia, 1994-2002 as Director for Russia and later as Deputy Director General of the Division for Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. He has worked at diplomatic missions in Washington DC, as Minister and Deputy Head of Mission and at the Permanent Mission of Finland to the UN in Geneva. He holds Master's degrees in economics and modern history.

**David Balton***Senior Fellow, Wilson Center Polar Initiative*

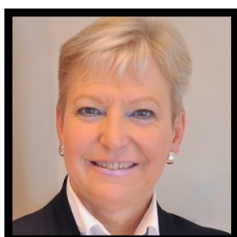
David Balton served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries in the Department of State, attaining the rank of Ambassador in 2006. He coordinated U.S. foreign policy concerning oceans and fisheries, as well as issues relating to the Arctic and Antarctica, and oversaw U.S. participation in international organizations dealing with these issues. Ambassador Balton functioned as the lead U.S. negotiator on a wide range of agreements and chaired numerous international meetings. During the U.S. Chairmanship of the Arctic Council (2015-2017), he served as Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials. He also co-chaired Arctic Council Task Forces that produced the 2011 Arctic Search and Rescue Agreement and the 2013 Arctic Oil Pollution Agreement. He separately chaired negotiations to produce an Arctic fisheries agreement. Ambassador Balton received an A.B. from

Harvard College and a J.D. from Georgetown University. He appeared with the National Symphony Orchestra (juggling oranges).



Alessia Clocchiatti
Policy Officer, DG MARE

Alessia Clocchiatti joined the European Commission in 2014 and is a Policy Officer in the unit dealing with Maritime Innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment. Among the files she deals with, Alessia is responsible for skills development, education and employment in the maritime economy. She is also leading the dossier on ocean literacy and awareness. Beside this, she is working on a strategy to boost investments in the maritime economy, including the designing and implementation of Blue Invest. Moreover, she has been dealing with the EU Arctic policy from 2015 to 2017. Alessia holds a Master Degree in International Relations and Diplomacy and a Post-Graduate Master in Interdisciplinary European Studies from the College of Europe.



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

Marie-Anne Coninx has been Ambassador at Large for the Arctic since September 2017. Previously, she was the EU Ambassador to Canada (2013-2017), and before this she served for four years as the EU Ambassador to Mexico. She has served in EU Delegations in New York (US) and Geneva (CH), and has extensive experience in multilateral issues. Ambassador Coninx has been an official of the EU since 1984. She began her career in the Legal Service of the European Commission, and worked 12 consecutive years as a Staff Member at Cabinets of three Commissioners. She also worked at the External Relations Department at EU HQ, overseeing relations between the European Union and Latin America. Ambassador Coninx studied law at Gent University in Belgium and completed her post-graduate studies at Cambridge University (UK) and at the European University Centre in Nancy (France). Ambassador Coninx is Belgian. She is fluent in Dutch, French, English, German and Spanish, and understands basic Portuguese and Italian.

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

Mårten Edberg, is a Strategist on Infrastructure at the Regional political body in Västerbotten County, Sweden (Västerbotten Region). He has been an strategist on infrastructure in Västerbotten since 1998. Region Västerbotten is a political body which is responsible for regional development issues and regional growth as well as the health care in the county. The region is responsible for developing the transport infrastructure as well as the public transport in the county. An important part of developing infrastructure in the county of Västerbotten is to monitor national and regional interests in planning infrastructure projects. Mårten has got a Master of Science in Environmental Planning and Urban Design from the University of Luleå. He has also earlier been working with infrastructure issues in a consultant firm and also at the national level at ministries and with official public inquiries.

**Kjell Kristian Egge***International Law Adviser of the Law of the Sea, Norwegian Foreign Ministry*

Kjell Kristian Egge is currently International Law Adviser in the Legal Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo, working specifically on Law of the Sea Issues. Cand. Jur from the University of Oslo in 1995, he joined the MFA in 1995 and served at Norwegian Missions in Bangkok and New York (UN) before he joined the Law of the Sea Section of the Ministry in 2003. He has worked extensively on Law of the Sea and Arctic issues and has headed numerous Norwegian delegations in various processes, including the negotiations on the Agreement on Fisheries in the international part of the central Arctic Ocean and the UN negotiations on a new Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ).

**Anu Fredrikson***Director, Arctic Economic Council Secretariat*

Anu Fredrikson is the Director of the Arctic Economic Council (AEC) Secretariat located in Tromsø, Norway. The AEC is an independent business organization established in 2014. It facilitates Arctic business-to-business activities and responsible economic development. The AEC provides advice and a business perspective to the work of the Arctic Council.

Ms. Fredrikson has previously worked with foreign and security policy, issues related to energy and economy, climate and development policies as well as trade promotion and the Arctic. Prior to joining the AEC in 2016, Ms. Fredrikson worked as an Advisor in Political Affairs and Arctic Policy at the Embassy of Finland in Oslo.

Ms. Fredrikson is originally from Oulu, Finland. She has a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Tampere in Finland and holds a Certificat d'Etudes Politiques from Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Lille in France. She has also studied in the United States and Norway.



Sóley Hammer
Director, Hugskotið

Sóley Heradóttir Hammer is Administrative Director of Hugskotið. She is in charge of creating a dynamic and innovative environment for growth and entrepreneurship in the capital of Faroes, Tórshavn. Sóley has many years of experience as a project manager and advisor within entrepreneurship and startups in the Faroes. Sóley holds a Bachelor degree in political science and a Master's degree in law from the University in The Faroes Islands in addition being a certified advisor in the GrowthWheel and the Business Model Canvas.



Hayley Henning
Vice-President for Sales and Marketing, Greenland Ruby A/S

Hayley A. Henning is a highly visible leader in the Coloured Gemstone Industry and is the VP of Sales and Marketing for Greenland Ruby, a Greenland based company, and subsidiary of Norwegian Iron Ore miner Rana Gruber. Greenland Ruby is licensed to mine and develop the business for rubies and pink sapphires in Greenland.

Hayley is responsible for the unique opportunity of introducing these newly discovered gems to the Gemstone and Jewelry industry, and to a new generation of jewelry buyers, at large. Her tasks include product and concept development, creating marketing materials, including social media coverage and media management, relationship building and maintenance with clients, as well as pricing and category strategies and sales channels. Hayley established the Pink Polarbear Foundation as the CSR arm of Greenland Ruby.

Hayley Henning's accomplishments span from growing an emerging market for colored gemstones, providing assistance to manufacturing jewelers and retailers, creating collaborations between jewelry

designers and dealers, as well as achieving gemstone and jewelry sales through multiple channels. She is also well-known for her CSR engagement with local communities at mining sites in East Africa and has co-published a book on Tanzanite with renowned jewelry journalist Didier Brodbeck.

Hayley was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, and has lived in New York for the past 20 years. She is married to Erik A. Jens.



Bryndís Kjartansdóttir
Senior Arctic Official of Iceland

Bryndís Kjartansdóttir is currently Iceland's Senior Arctic Official, having taken the post in 2018.

Prior to this, she was Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Iceland in Stockholm (2016-17), EEA Affairs Director at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (2013-16), a member of the Chief Negotiating Committee responsible for negotiations of EEA Chapters during Iceland's EU Accession negotiations (2009-13), and director of Iceland Export Services at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (2009-10). In addition to this, Ms. Kr was also Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Iceland in Copenhagen, Executive Secretary of the Arctic Council Secretariat during Iceland's last chairmanship of the Arctic Council (2002-2004), and First Secretary at the Embassy of Iceland in Paris (2000-2002).

Ms. Kjartansdóttir studied political science at the University of Iceland and holds a Master's Degree from the College of Europe in Brugge, Belgium.



Mininnguaq Kleist
Head of Greenland Representation to the European Union

Mininnguaq Kleist has since May 2016 been the Head of the Greenland Representation to the EU in Brussels. The Greenland Representation is involved in all the different agreements and relations Greenland has to the EU - including the EU-Greenland partnership agreement, the Fisheries Partnership Agreement, the Letter of Intent on mineral resources, etc.

Prior to his posting in Brussels Kleist has worked extensively on the self-government development in Greenland, including as special advisor under the Greenland-Danish Self-Government Commission in 2005-2008. From 2007 to 2009 he led the Self-Government Office

under the Home Rule Government in 2007-2009, during which a popular referendum on the introduction of Self-Government was organized (2008), followed by the introduction of the Self-Government system in Greenland in 2009. Kleist subsequently worked in the management of the Department of Foreign Affairs later in 2009 - with responsibilities on climate policies, bilateral affairs and EU relations. In 2013 he took the position as director in The Premier's Office and it is from this position Kleist came, when he was posted in Brussels.

Mininnguaq Kleist is a Master of Arts in Philosophy from 2004, Århus University, Denmark. He was born in Nuuk, Greenland, in 1973.

**Bridget Larocque**

Policy Advisor, Arctic Athabaskan Council

Bridget Larocque, a public policy advisor and researcher for the Arctic Athabaskan Council, is passionate about Arctic change and is tenacious with her activist efforts to bring the marginalized, gendered, and forgotten voices to international fora.

Her worldview on international relations is deeply rooted in her Métis DNA and worldview. She has been engaged in international issues at a very young age. She has been subjected to the political since before she was born and was raised in a geo-political hotspot – the Arctic.

Bridget's worldview stems from knowledge that has been passed-down through her ancestral lineage. With Bridget's Indigenous worldview, political studies degree and lived- experience the concerns of the silenced will be heard. Her ancestor's voices are the tailwinds that galvanizes her into action.

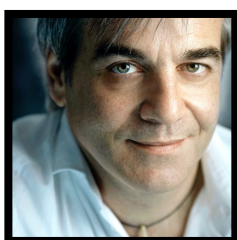
**Christian Leffler**

Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global Issues, European External Action Service

Christian Leffler has a Bachelor's degree in politics and international relations from the LSE. After doctoral studies at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, he joined the Swedish Foreign Service in 1980. He joined the European Commission in 1996, where he took up the post of Commission "Antici" and Head of the unit in the Secretariat General responsible for the coordination of relations with the Council of Ministers. In 1999, he became the Deputy Head of the Private Office of the Right Honourable Chris Patten, European Commissioner for External Relations. From 2002 until 2007, he was

Director in charge of the Middle East and South Mediterranean in the European Commission's Directorate General for External Relations.

He then spent three years as Head of Cabinet of Mrs Margot Wallström, Commission Vice President for Institutional Relations and Communication. During 2010 Mr Leffler was Deputy Director General of the DG for Development and relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific States, as well as a senior adviser to EU High Representative for CFSP and European Commission Vice-President Catherine Ashton, assisting her in the preparation for the establishment of the new European External Action Service. From the beginning of 2011 to 2015 he was Managing Director for Americas with the European External Action Service. Mr Leffler took up his current position in September 2015.



Jean Lemire

Envoy for Climate Change, Northern and Arctic Affairs, Government of Québec

A biologist by training and renowned science communicator, Jean Lemire has conducted work on climate change and biodiversity that has led to major scientific missions. In 2001, he converted a large oceanographic schooner into a scientific research platform and production studio that took him across the world's oceans to raise awareness about key environmental issues. In 2012, following missions to the Arctic (2002) and Antarctica (2005-2006), he and his crew, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity, began the 1000 Days for the Planet series, involving a three-year world expedition to examine the state of the planet's biodiversity. In association with the Sedna Foundation, he has also designed many instructional programs that have become references over the years in the field of education. Jean Lemire was appointed Envoy for Climate change, Northern and Arctic Affairs by the Government of Québec in September 2017, thus becoming the first envoy in the history of Québec diplomacy.



Henrik Leth

Chairman of the Board of Polar Seafood Greenland and President of Greenland Business Association

Since May 2012, Henrik Leth has been the Chairman of the Polar Seafood Group, managing production and fisheries in a number of countries. Prior to this, Mr. Leth was CEO of the Employers Association of Greenland (2008-2012). Between 1995 and 2007, he held various positions at Royal Greenland, ending up as a member of the management board and COO.

Before his entering the seafood business, Mr. Leth was a member of the Greenland Home Rule Government, holding the positions of Head of Office, Head of Department, and Deputy Minister between 1991 and 1995.

Mr. Leth is a member of a number of comities regarding political and economical issues in Greenland, including Chairman of the Employers Association of Greenland, Board Member for Sustainable Fisheries Greenland, Board Member Corporate Social Responsibility Greenland, and member of the North Atlantic Think Tank under NORA.

**Björn Lyrvall**

Ambassador for Arctic Affairs, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs

In September 2017, Björn Lyrvall assumed the position of Swedish Ambassador for Arctic Affairs. From 2013 to 2017, he served as Ambassador of Sweden to the US and between 2007 and 2013 he was Director General for Political Affairs at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm. From 2002 to 2007, he was posted at the Swedish Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels. Ambassador Lyrvall has also been working as a Special Advisor to former Prime Minister Carl Bildt and International High Representative in Bosnia and Hercegovina (1995-1997), as well as UN Special Envoy on the Balkans in 1999. Additional diplomatic posts include Leningrad, Moscow and London. Born in Hofors, Sweden, in 1960, Björn Lyrvall is a graduate of the University of Stockholm, and holds a degree in political science, Eastern European Affairs and Russian.

**Harri Mäki-Reinikka**

Ambassador, Senior Adviser, Northern Policies, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Currently Mr. Harri Mäki-Reinikka is Secretary General of Finland's Advisory Board on Arctic Affairs, Ambassador and Special Adviser on northern policies at the MFA's Arctic Team (since 1 September 2016). He worked as Ambassador of Finland to six countries: to Lithuania and Belarus from 1 January 2013 until 31 August 2016 and to Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan from 1 September 2008 – until 31 January 2012. He was Deputy to the Minister and Chief of the Secretariat for Nordic Cooperation at the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2005 until 2008. He already gained experience on Arctic issues through his involvement in the Northern Dimension process between 1996 and 1998.

**Leigh McCumber**

Senior Policy Officer, Canadian International Arctic Centre

Leigh McCumber is a Senior Policy Officer with the Oslo-based Canadian International Arctic Centre. Established in 2009 and working in partnership with Canadian missions and other departments and agencies in Canada, the Arctic Centre offers strategic advice to inform Canada's Arctic advocacy, foreign policy directions and actions.

Prior to this, Ms McCumber led Canada's UN Human Rights Team serving as Program Manager at the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva. Ms McCumber also served in New York and worked in the Human Rights Division at Global Affairs Canada. Before joining the Canadian Foreign Service, she held various senior policy advisor positions with the Ontario Government's Ministry of Community and Social Services (2005-2011).

**Kirsti Methi**

Arctic Ambassador, City of Tromsø

Kirsti Methi is responsible for Arctic matters in Tromsø municipality and is strengthening the city's position internationally. Throughout her professional life she has mostly worked with European and international affairs; Secretary General of the European Movement Norway, Director the Brussels office of the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise, adviser at the Norwegian Embassy in South Africa and Communication expert at International Labour Organization regional office in West-Africa. She has an MBA in Strategic Leadership and Economy.

**Elin Mortensen**

Head of Mission, Mission of the Faroes to the European Union

Elin Mortensen was recently appointed Head of the Mission of the Faroes to the EU.

She has served as head of unit on EU affairs as well as ocean affairs in the Faroese Foreign Service. As part of these responsibilities, she has represented Faroese interests in international cooperation on fisheries and oceans e.g. NAFO, NASCO and FAO. Ms Mortensen has also dealt with bilateral relations with the EU and chaired the Faroese Government's Brexit Task Force. Arctic affairs have also had a central place in her work in the Foreign Service. Elin has been the representative of the Faroes in the Arctic Council, represented the Faroes in the multilateral negotiations on the Agreement on Arctic

Fisheries as well as in the Task force on Arctic Marine Cooperation. In addition Elin was closely involved in the preparation of the Faroese Government's 2013 strategic assessment of the role of the Faroe Islands in the Arctic (The Faroe Islands – a Nation in the Arctic).

Elin holds a Master's degree in political science from the University of Copenhagen.

**Dieter Müller**

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Umeå University

Dieter K. Müller is Deputy Vice-chancellor of research and postgraduate education within the social sciences and humanities at Umeå University. A part of his assignment is being chairperson of the board of the Arctic Research Centre (ARCUM). He is a professor of social and economic geography and former dean at the Faculty of Social Sciences. In his research, Dieter Müller works on issues related to tourism, mobility and regional development not least in northern areas.

**Frode Nilsson**

Head of Marketing, Strategy and Management Department at High North Centre for Business and Governance Business School

Frode Nilssen, professor at Nord University Business School, has an extensive experience from scientific collaboration and research related to Arctic matters in general, and the role and significance of the relationship to Russia in particular. The main topics he has been working on for the past 30 years relate to the tension between Economic Behaviour, Bilateral and Multilateral Governance and Politics in exploitation of natural resources. Nilssen has, amongst others, been Fisheries counsellor at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Moscow, a researcher and research director at the Norwegian Institute for Fisheries and Aquaculture, and currently holds the position as professor in marketing and section head at the Nord University Business School.

**Tomas Norvoll**

President of Nordland County Council

Tomas Norvoll has been President of the County Government of Nordland, Norway, since 2013. Before this, he was Member of the Nordland County Council (since 2011), and member of the Board

(1993-1997). Tomas Norvoll was elected in 1993 as representative from Nordland in the National Parliament of Norway. He was member of the Committee for Church, Education and Research. He served as a Delegate at the UN General Assembly (1995), Deputy member of the Parliament's Delegation to the Council of 2000-2001, Member of the Parliament's delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (1997-2001). Tomas has been Deputy member of the Council of the Andøy Municipality (1991-1995). He has also worked as Senior Advisor for the Bodø Science Park from 2003 to 2011.

**Elle Merete Omma**

EU Coordinator, Saami Council

Elle Merete Omma is a Sámi raised in a reindeer herding family in Norway and Sweden. Omma assumed fulltime duties at the Saami Council as the EU coordinator in 2017. She came from the position as the previous Executive Secretary at the Arctic Council Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat in Tromsø.

Previously she was employed as a Senior Adviser in the Department of Sami and Minority Affairs in the Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Modernization. She holds a Masters in Law from the University of Oslo.

**Andreas Østhagen**

Senior Fellow, Leadership Group, the Arctic Institute; Advisor, High North Center for Business and Governance, Nord University

Andreas Østhagen is a Research Fellow at the Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI) in Oslo; one of Norway's leading research institutes concerning marine resource management, the Arctic and Russia.

He also holds a position as Senior Fellow and member of the Leadership Group at The Arctic Institute, a Washington D.C.-based non-profit, and as Advisor at the High North Center for Business and Governance at Nord University, North Norway.

Østhagen is also completing a PhD at University of British Columbia (UBC) focused on maritime space.

He has previously worked at the Norwegian Institute of Defence Studies in Oslo, at the Norwegian Arctic Office in Brussels, and at Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington D.C.

He holds a Master's in International Relations from London School of Economics, from 2010.

**Cécile Pelaudeix**

Associate Researcher, PACTE Sciences Po, University of Grenoble

Associate researcher at PACTE Sciences Po, Dr. Cécile Pelaudeix' research focuses on governance and norm dynamics, international relations and international law with a focus on the Arctic region, the European Union, China's foreign policy, ocean and energy resources governance. She is the co-editor of the book *Governance of Arctic Offshore Oil and Gas*, Routledge. She was a work package leader in a research project on the Arctic for the European Defence Agency. At Aarhus University, she led an interdisciplinary research group on governance in the Arctic ocean including law, political science, biology and anthropology. She has taught at Sciences Po Lyon and Sciences Po Grenoble. She is currently working on global governance and regionalization and co-editing a book on transnationalisation and legitimacy.

**Andreas Raspotnik**

Senior Researcher, High North Center, Nord University & Senior Fellow, The Arctic Institute

Dr. Andreas Raspotnik is a Senior Fellow and Leadership Group member at The Arctic Institute. His research and writing focus on European Union Arctic policies, maritime transportation, international law, and new technologies' introduction to the North. He received his jointly-awarded PhD in Political Science from the University of Cologne, Germany, and the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom in October 2016. His book on The European Union and the Geopolitics of the Arctic was published by Edward Elgar in January 2018.

Currently, Andreas is a Senior Researcher the High North Center, Nord University in Bodø and a Senior Research Fellow at the Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI) in Oslo.

Previously, Andreas was an EXACT Research Fellow at the University of Cologne and the Trans European Policy Studies Association in Brussels, Belgium (2011-2013). He has also held two Guest Researcher positions at FNI (2014 and 2015) and a Visiting Researcher position at the Institute of European Studies, University of California, Berkeley (2014/2015). He further worked as Parliamentary Assistant for an Austrian Member of the European Parliament (2010). Andreas has been published in a number of peer reviewed journals, including *The Arctic Yearbook*, *European Foreign Affairs Review* or *Port Technology International*. Most recently, he lectured on the European Union and the Arctic in the GlobalArctic Massive Open Online Course, developed by the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, co-authored *Partners or Rivals? Norway and the European*

Union in the High North with TAI's Andreas Østhagen and The EU's new Arctic Communication: not-so-integrated, not-so disappointing? with Adam Stępień from the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland.

Andreas also holds a Master of Laws from the University of Tromsø, Norway in International Law of the Sea and a Master of Arts from the University of Vienna, Austria, in Political Science. He further received a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Vienna.

**Eirik Sivertsen**

MP, Norwegian Parliament; Chair of the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region

Mr Eirik Sivertsen is a Norwegian Member of Parliament representing the Labor Party and the County of Nordland. Mr Sivertsen was elected to parliament the first time in 2009 and was re-elected in 2013 and 2017. In 2013 Eirik Sivertsen was elected as Chair of the Norwegian parliament's delegation to the Arctic Parliamentary Cooperation. Since 2014 he has also chaired the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, and was re-elected to this position at the Arctic parliamentary conference in Finland in September 2018. In the Norwegian parliament he serves as Second Vice-Chair of the Committee on Local Government and Public Administration.

**René Söderman**

Senior Arctic Official of Finland

Mr. René Söderman joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1998 and has worked in media relations, trade and development policy, European affairs and since 2013 as Senior Adviser on Arctic cooperation. He is the Senior Arctic Official of his country and represents Finland in the Arctic Council. He has been posted in Norway, United States and México. Previously he worked as journalist in both press and TV. He holds a Master of Science in Economics from Hanken Business School in Helsinki.

**Jacob Nitter Sørensen**

CEO, Air Greenland

Aviation is a lifestyle and in the Arctic region also a crucial lifeline for many communities. Growing up in Nuuk, Greenland, aviation has always been an integral part of Jacob Nitter's life. Jacob has spent the past 22 years in the aviation industry, primarily in Greenland. Trained in Oxford, UK and starting out as a young pilot Jacob early on realized

that the true motivation was in developing the infrastructure system and the people working within the industry. Always trying to increase effectiveness of the system and optimizing existing processes balancing the need for social responsibility and P&L requirements, Jacob has over the years held numerous positions within operations such as chief pilot, training manager, director of operations and today hold the position as CEO of Air Greenland. Jacob also holds board positions within the Air Greenland group and in CSR Greenland as well as being the chairman of the Greenlandic branch of the Foundation for Entrepreneurship. With the outlook of a complete transformation of the Greenlandic aviation infrastructure, the future is looking both bright and challenging.

**Kjell Stokvik**

Managing Director of the Centre for High North Logistics (CHNL)

Kjell Stokvik is the Managing Director of the Centre for High North Logistics (CHNL) with their HQ located in Kirkenes, Norway. Mr. Stokvik has previously worked with finance, logistics, foreign policy issues related to humanitarian aid and development aid. He has also gained experience managing NGO's in complexed relief operations both in the field and at HQ. Prior to joining the CHNL Mr. Stokvik worked as Humanitarian director for CARE International in Oslo.

Mr Stokvik is originally from Leknes in Lofoten, Norway. He has a Master's degree in Business and Administration from the Nord University in Bodø Norway. He has also studied in Sweden and at other universities in Norway.

**Bård Ivar Svendsen**

Special Adviser / Ambassador for Arctic and Antarctic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway

Bård Ivar Svendsen took up the role of Special Adviser / Ambassador for Arctic and Antarctic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway in 2018.

Prior to this posting, Ambassador Svendsen was Norway's Ambassador to Azerbaijan and Georgia (2014-18), Minister Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission at the Norwegian Embassy in Moscow (2011-14), and Assistant Director General for Russia, Eurasia and Regional Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo (2009-11). Before this, he was also Counsellor for Political Affairs at the Norwegian Embassy in Moscow (2006-09), First Secretary at the Norwegian Embassy in Vienna (2003-06), and First Secretary at the Norwegian Embassy in Riga (2000-03).

In addition to his native Norwegian, the Ambassador also speaks fluent Russia, English, German, Latvian and Dutch.

**Anna Lajla Utsi**

CEO, International Sámi Film Institute

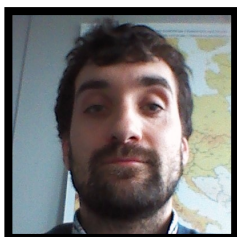
Anne Lajla Utsi belongs to the Sami people and she is based in the Sami village Kautokeino in Norway above the Arctic Circle, where she has served as managing director for the International Sami Film Institute (ISFI) since 2009.

She was one of the founders of the Institute and has a background as director. Utsi has through the ISFI guided a new generation of Sami filmmakers and the International Sami Film Institute represents a watershed in Sami film production. "If we indigenous peoples are invisible, we don't exist for the majority and in the end not for ourselves either, this is why film is crucial for the indigenous peoples future". ISFI has also initiated several international collaborations between indigenous filmmakers such as the the Arctic Film Circle and the establishment of Arctic Indigenous Film Fund, where Utsi is a member of the board.

**Sandra Márjá West**

Director, Riddu Riddu Festival

Sandra Márjá West is festival leader of the international indigenous peoples' festival Riddu Riddu. The festival spans 4 days with concerts, workshops, debates, films, theatre, dance and art exhibitions and welcomes 7000 visitors annually. The festival was started by coastal Sámi youth in 1991 as a revolt against the shame and suppression of Sámi culture and has built pride for indigenous cultures for 28 years. Riddu Riddu has taken the position as one of the foremost stages for Indigenous culture in the world. The small coastal Sámi community, Olmmáivággi has hosted world renown stars like Mari Boine, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Tanya Tagaq, A Tribe Called Red, Angelique Kidjo, Yothu Yindi and Baker Boy.

**Martin Zeitler**

Policy Advisor, Directorate-General for Transport and Mobility, European Commission

Since 2017, Martin Ziegler has been a Policy officer at the European Commission Directorate General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE). Mr. Zietler started in the Unit for Economic Analysis and Better Regulation, before becoming in 2017 an Advisor to Pat Cox, the

European TEN-T Coordinator for the Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor at Unit B1 - Transport Networks.

Prior to this, Mr. Zeitler was a Policy Officer at the European Commission Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO).

He holds a Masters degree in geography and political sciences from the University of Leipzig, Germany.

