

# ARCTIC FUTURES SYMPOSIUM 2019

ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES  
OF A NEW DECADE  
IN THE ARCTIC

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## OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

8:30 – 9:00

Registration

9:00 – 10:00

Opening Statements

### **Piet Steel**

Member, Belgian Polar Secretariat; Former Ambassador of Belgium to Vietnam

### **Lars-Gunnar Wigemark**

Ambassador at Large for the Arctic, European External Action Service

### **Veronica Veits**

Director for International Ocean Governance and Sustainable Fisheries, in the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE), European Commission

### **Einar Gunnarsson**

Ambassador for Arctic Affairs, Iceland Ministry for Foreign Affairs

### **Elle Merete Omma**

EU Coordinator, Sámi Council

### **Prof. Jean-Pascale van Ypersele**

Professor at UCLouvain (Belgium), Former IPCC Vice-Chair, Co-author of the UN Global Sustainable Development Report 2019

10:00 - 10:30

*Coffee*

10:30 – 12:00

### The Arctic Council in a Changing Arctic

**Moderator:**

**Malgorzata (Gosia) Smieszek**

Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland/ co-lead of a non-profit "Women of the Arctic"

**Panelists:**

**Einar Gunnarsson**

Ambassador for Arctic Affairs of Iceland; Chair, Senior Arctic Officials

**Petteri Vuorimäki**

Ambassador, Arctic and Antarctic Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

**Thomas Winkler**

Arctic Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark; Head, Department of the Arctic and North America, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Björn Lyrvall**

Ambassador for Arctic Affairs, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs

**Bård Ivar Svendsen**

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

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**Tove Søvndahl Gant**

Policy Officer and Expert member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (as of 1 January 2020)

**Elle Merete Omma**

EU Coordinator, Sámi Council

**Margretha Jacobsen**

Representative of the Faroe Islands to the Arctic Council

**Bob Paquin**

Head, Canadian International Arctic Centre, Canadian Embassy, Oslo, Norway

**Terkel Petersen**

Senior Expert, Arctic Affairs, European External Action Service

**André Gattolin**

Senator, European Affairs Commission, French Parliament, Hauts-de-Seine Region

12:00-13:00

*Lunch*

13:00 - 14:30

[The overlap between safety and security in the Arctic](#)

**Moderator:**

**Andreas Østhagen**

Senior Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute; Senior Fellow, Leadership Group, the Arctic Institute

**Panelists:**

**Harri Mäki-Reinikka**

Ambassador and Special Adviser on northern policies at the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs' Arctic Team

**Heather Exener-Pirot**

Research Associate, Observatoire de la politique et la sécurité de l'Arctique

**Gjert Lage Dyndal**

Colonel (PhD) Royal Norwegian Air Force; Deputy Head, Strategic Assessment Capability (SAC) to NATO HQ in Brussels

**Kathleen Larkin**

Arctic Security Officer, Office of Nordic, Baltic, and Arctic Affairs, U.S. Department of State

**Neil O'Rourke**

Assistant Commissioner, Arctic Region, Canadian Coast Guard

**Natalia Markushina**

Professor, School of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University

**Jari Vilén**

Senior Advisor for Arctic Policy, European Political Strategy Centre, European Commission

14:30-15:00

*Coffee*

15:00 - 15:50

[Gender Considerations in the Arctic](#)

**Moderator:**

**Rósa Rut Þórisdóttir**

Associate Scientist, Stefansson Arctic Institute

**Panelists:**

**Erika Anne Hayfield**

Associate Professor in Social Sciences, Faculty of History and Social Sciences, University of the Faroe Islands

**Ellen Marie Jensen**

Guest Researcher at the Center for Women's and Gender Research, UiT, The Arctic University of Norway

**Laura Churchill**

Youth Board Member, Pauktuutit

**Malgorzata (Gosia) Smieszek**

Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland; co-lead of "Women of the Arctic"

15:50 - 16:40

### Arctic Labour Force and Demographics

**Moderator:**

**Federica Scarpa**

Communications Manager, Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network, International Arctic Science Committee

**Panelists:**

**Verena Gisela Huppert**

Ph.D. Fellow Aalborg University, Arctic Consensus, Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq and Greenland Business Association

**Tonje Nermark**

Vice-President, Strategic Communications and Public Affairs, Mo Industrial Park

**Odile Joannette**

Director General, Wapikoni Mobile

**Marita Vang Rasmussen**

CEO of the Employers Association in the Faroe Islands, House of Industry

16:40 – 17:10

*Coffee*

17:10 – 18:20

### Sustainable and Innovative Uses of Arctic Biological Resources

**Moderator:**

**Christian Prip**

Senior Policy Analyst, Fridtjof Nansen Institute

**Panelists:**

**Nikoline Ziemer**

Business Development Manager, Royal Greenland

**Li Skarin**

Project Manager, PIKAB, Piteå Municipality Group

**Jean-Sébastien Moore**

Professor, Université Laval; Coordinator, Laboratory of Evolutionary Ecology of Northern Aquatic Resources, l'Institut nordique du Québec

**Tanja Lepistö**

Senior Advisor, East and North Finland EU Office

18:20 – 18:30

### Closing statement

**Nils-Olov Lindfors** (Councillor, Region of Norrbotten; Chair of the Northern Sparsely Populated Areas network (NSPA))

18:30

### End of symposium