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 Pórisdóttir  
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**