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

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

**Lars-Gunnar Wigemark**
Ambassador at Large for the Arctic, European External Action Service

**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

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 Vién  
  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**