

ARCTIC FUTURES SYMPOSIUM 2019

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OF A NEW DECADE
IN THE ARCTIC

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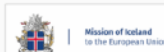
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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

8:30 – 9:00

Registration

9:00 – 10:00

Opening Statements

Piet Steel

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

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 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