

ARCTIC FUTURES SYMPOSIUM 2015:
Regional development in a changing Arctic
(Provisional Program)
Brussels, Belgium November 17-18, 2015

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

8:30-9:00

Registration

9:00-9:10

Introductory comments:

Sir Robert Andrew Burns KCMG (IPF UK)

9:10 – 10:45

Business development in Arctic local communities

Moderator: **Kathrin Keil** (Project Scientist, IASS; European Director, Arctic Institute)

Jyrki Katainen (Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for jobs, growth, investment, and competitiveness)

Knut Harald Nygård (Vice President, Northern Area Initiative, Statoil)

Tara Sweeny (Executive Vice President of External Affairs for Arctic Slope Regional Corporation; Chair, Arctic Economic Council)

Richard K. Glenn (Executive Vice President of Lands and Natural Resources, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation)

Representative from the US Arctic Council team

Representative from Norwegian Foreign Ministry

10:45 - 11:15

Coffee

From 11:15

Panel discussions

Note: Panel sessions will have two parts. The first part will consist of short presentations on topics relevant to the theme of the panel. The second part of each panel would consist of comments from experts and stakeholders. Questions from the audience can be fielded after each part of the panel, or however each moderator sees fit.

11:15-13:00

Environmental security and the Arctic bioeconomy

Moderator: **David J. Scott** (Executive Director, Canadian Polar Commission)

Presenters: **Tine Pars** (Rector, University of Greenland) \\
Duane Smith (Chair, ICC Canada)
Julian Vangen (Norwegian Fisherman's Sales Organisation)
Sámi representative
Anne Merrild Hansen (Professor, Danish Centre for Environmental Assessment)

Comments: **Alexander Shestakov** (Director, WWF Global Arctic Program)
Representative from JRC
Swedish Senior Arctic Official (?)
Ricardo Serrão Santos (MEP, Portugal)

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00- 15:45

Blue growth strategies in Arctic shipping and tourism

Moderator: **Representative from Arctic Consensus**

Presenters: **Thomas Kastrup-Larsen** (Mayor of Aalborg and Chairman at the Port of Aalborg)
Asii Chemnitz Narup (Mayor of Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq) \\
Anne H. Steffensen (CEO, Danish Shipowners' Association)
Anders Stenbakken (Managing Director, Visit Greenland)
Terje Aunevik (Managing Director, Pole Position Logistics)

Comments: **Sue Harper** (Canadian Senior Arctic Official)
Representative from DG MARE or DG REGIO
Eric Lorenzen (Danish Senior Arctic Official)
Halldór Jóhannsen (Director, Arctic Portal)

15:45 – 16:15

Coffee

- 16:15 - 18:00** **Innovating solutions in Arctic industry**
- Moderator:** **Runa Haug Khoury** (Advisor, Energy and Climate, Bellona Foundation)
- Presenters:** **Morten Karlsen** (Director of Innovation, Statoil)
Stephen Mooney (Director, Cold Climate Innovation, Yukon Research Centre)
Representative from Akvaplan\l
Stein Mathisen (Deputy Director, Varanger Kraft)
Representative from Det Norske Veritas
- Comments:** **Aleksi Härkönen** (Finnish Senior Arctic Official)
Vladimir Barbin (Russian Senior Arctic Official)
Representative from DG Enterprise and Industry, DG Energy, or DG REGIO
Richard K. Glenn (Executive Vice President of Lands and Natural Resources, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation)
- 18:00** **Wrap-up of day: Ian Lesser** (Director, GMF Brussels Office)
- 18:15 - 19:15** **Invitation-only cocktail reception at GMF office, 8th floor, Residence Palace building**
- 19:15 - 21:00** **Invitation-only Chatham House Rules session on US Arctic Council Chairmanship hosted by GMF Brussels office, 8th floor, Residence Palace building** (*Program TBA – contact Charlotte Matthysen @ GMF office for further details*)
Programme will focus on Arctic development from a regional perspective vis-à-vis climate change. All SAOs and representatives from the Arctic Council and interested parties from the EU Institutions will be invited to participate.
- 21:00** **End of Day 1**

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

8:00-9:30 Breakfast meeting at European Parliament
(Organised by Statoil. For further information, please contact
Anne Cavendish at the Statoil EU Office)

9:30 - 10:00 Registration

10:00 - 11:45 The Digital Arctic

Moderator: **Else Berit Eikeland** (Norwegian SAO)

Olavur Ellefsen (IT entrepreneur, Managing Director of OilSim)

Søren Halling (Senior Software Architect & Partner, E7)

Adam Fiser (Center for the North at the Conference Board of
Canada)

Tara Sweeny (Executive Vice President for External Affairs,
Arctic Slope Regional Corporation; Chair, Arctic Economic
Council)\

Comments: **Andrus Ansip** (EU Commission Vice-President for the Digital
Single Market)

Margretha Nónklett (Faroese Representative to the Arctic
Council)

TBC

11:45 – 12:30 Lunch

**12:30 – 14:15 Integrating Arctic Council observers into the work of the
Arctic Council**

Moderator: **Kathrin Keil** (Project Scientist, IASS; European Director,
Arctic Institute)

Intro: **Sebastian Knecht** (Fellow, Arctic Institute)

EU: **Representative from EEAS**

Obs. States: **Marco Tornetta** (Italian MFA representative to the Arctic
Council)

Henry Burgess (Deputy Head, Polar Regions Department, UK
Foreign and Commonwealth Office)

Yang Jian (Professor, Director of Arctic Policy Team,
Shanghai Institute for International Studies)

Obs. Orgs: **Alexander Shestakov** (Director, WWF Global Arctic Program)

AC States: Representative from the US Arctic Council team
Arni Thor Sigurdsson (Icelandic Senior Arctic Official)

Perm. Part: Duane Smith (Chair, ICC Canada)
Sámi representative

14:15 – 14:30 *Coffee*

14:30 – 16:15 **Wrap-up and lessons learned:**
Ian Lesser (Director, German Marshall Fund)
Tara Sweeny (Executive Vice President for External Affairs,
Arctic Slope Regional Corporation; Chair, Arctic Economic
Council)
+ Other representatives from the Arctic Council

16:15 **Cocktail event @ Norway House**