



STORTINGET

14th Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region

DIGITAL CONFERENCE 13 – 14 APRIL 2021





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14:00 Opening of the Conference

- ◆ Ms Tone Wilhelmsen Trøen, President of the Storting
- ◆ Ms Aili Keskitalo, President of the Sami Parliament of Norway
- ◆ Moderator: Mr Eirik Sivertsen, MP, Norway

14:20 Reports

- ◆ Report from the Icelandic Chairmanship of the Arctic Council
Mr Guðlaugur Þór Þórðarson, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- ◆ Report from the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region
Mr Eirik Sivertsen, Chair of the Standing Committee
- ◆ Presentation of the youth panel's report to the Norwegian Government's White Paper on a new Arctic Strategy
Ms Aurora S. Møllersen
- ◆ Discussion
- ◆ Moderator: Ms Margunn Ebbesen, MP, Norway

15:30 Break

15:40 The impact of Covid-19 in the Arctic

- ◆ Economic and Societal Consequences of Covid-19
Senator Lisa Murkowski, USA
- ◆ The situation in Greenland and the impact on Indigenous Peoples
Ms Aaja Chemnitz Larsen, MP, Denmark/Greenland
- ◆ The many faces of Covid-19 in the Arctic
Dr. Eydis Kristin Sveinbjarnardottir, Chair, Arctic Human Health Expert Group, Arctic Council
- ◆ Discussion
- ◆ Moderator: Ms Margunn Ebbesen, MP, Norway

16:40 Break

16:45 The Arctic in 2050

- ◆ Introductory speech
Ms Ine Eriksen Søreide, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- ◆ Panel
Ms Maria Grånemo, member of Barents Regional Youth Council, Sweden
Ms Niina Pietikäinen, CEO of Harriniva Hotels & Safaris operating in Muonio, Lapland, Finland
Ms Erin Linklater, Co-Chair of the Gwich'in Council International
Ms Ine Eriksen Søreide, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- ◆ Discussion
- ◆ Moderator: Eirik Sivertsen, MP, Norway

18:00 End of day one

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14:00 Arctic Climate Change

- ◆ Mr Rasmus Benestad, Researcher, Norwegian Meteorological Institute
- ◆ Mr Andreas Schwab, Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation for Northern cooperation, relations with Switzerland, Norway, the EU-Iceland JPC and the EEA JPC
- ◆ Mr Eirik Sivertsen, Chair of the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region
- ◆ Discussion
- ◆ Moderator: Ms Margunn Ebbesen, MP, Norway

15:30 Break



15:40 Sustainable Arctic Business

- ◆ Status of Economic Activities in the Arctic
Mr Mads Qvist Frederiksen, Director, Arctic Economic Council
- ◆ Arctic Business Development from a Russian Perspective
Senator Yury Vazhenin, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
- ◆ Presentation of two Norwegian business cases:
 - ArcticZymes Technologies ASA
Dr Olav Lanes, Director R&D and Applications.
 - Ms Inger Anita Smuk, Sámi reindeer herder and owner of Varjnárğa Mobile Slaughterhouse & Processing, Varanger.
- ◆ Discussion
- ◆ Moderator: Eirik Sivertsen, MP, Norway

17:00 Break

17:05 Closing of conference

- ◆ Presentation of Conference Statement
- ◆ Presentation by host of conference in 2022

17:30 End of Conference