



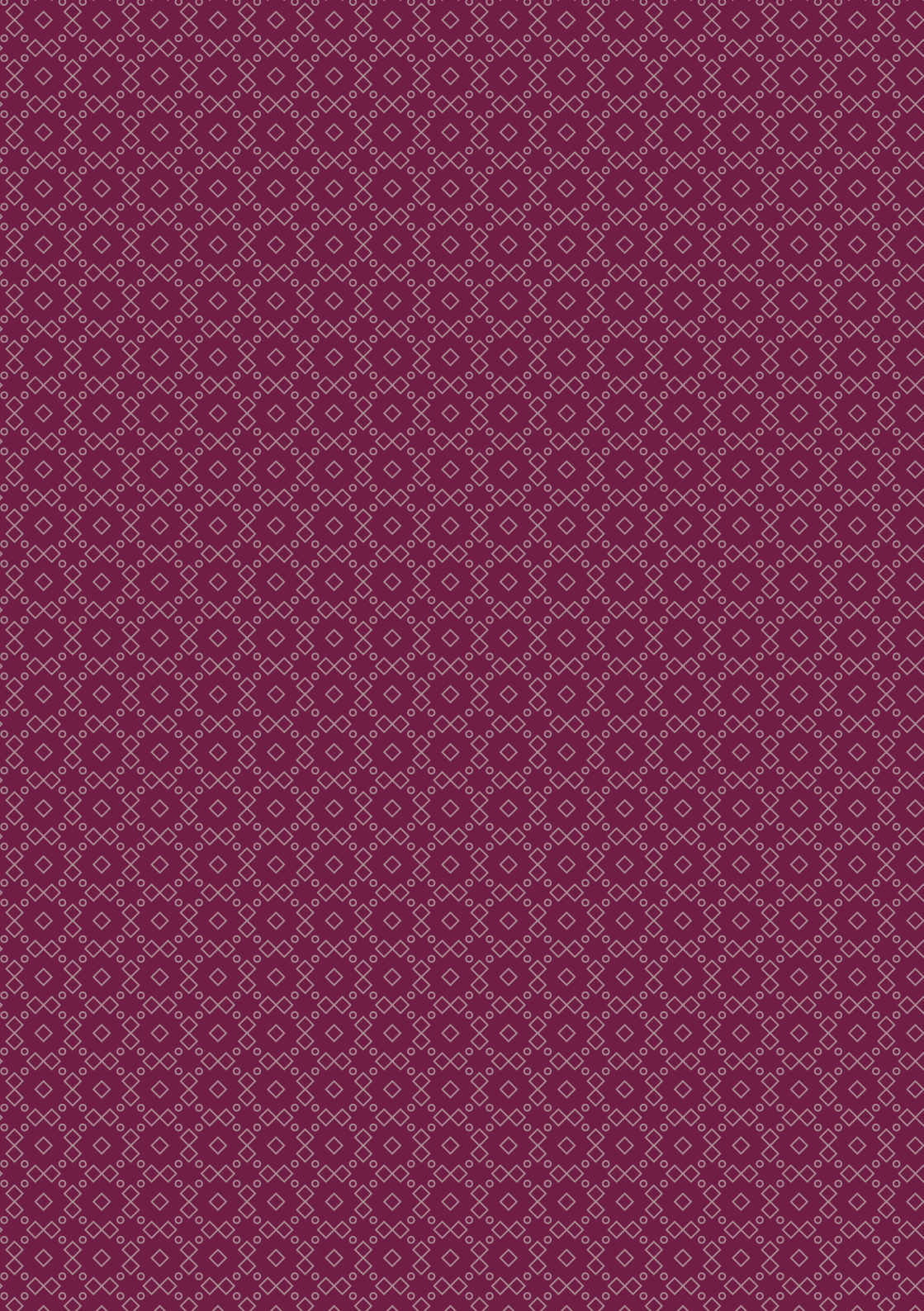
**STORTINGET**

## **Program**

# **The 10th Barents Parliamentary Conference – Digital Conference**

**NORWAY, 22 JUNE 2021**





## TUESDAY 22 JUNE

10:00 Opening of the Conference

Moderator: Mr Eirik Sivertsen, Member of Parliament, Norway

Opening address:

- Ms Tone Wilhelmsen Trøen, President of the Storting
- Ms Aili Keskitalo, President of the Sami Parliament in Norway
- Mr Igor Ananskikh, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
- Ms Helene Hellmark Knutsson, Governor of Västerbotten County, Chair of the Barents Regional Council, Sweden

10:30 Political priorities during the Norwegian Chairmanship, and how to strengthen the cooperation in the Barents region

- Ms Ine Eriksen Søreide, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chair of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council, Norway
- Q&A

11:00 Session I: The Barents cooperation – youth perspectives

Moderator: Ms Nina Sandberg, Member of Parliament, Norway

Address:

- Ms Elizaveta Vassilieva, Adviser on youth projects *and* coordinator for the Barents Regional Youth Council (BRYC), Norwegian Barents Secretariat, and Ms Daria Makhotina, Barents Youth Council, Russian Federation
- Ms Malin Enqvist Larsson, Executive Manager, *and* Mr Lars Huring, Member of the Board, Design Lead, Passionista, Sweden
- Mr Nikolai Kharitonov, Member of Parliament, Chairman of the Committee on Regional Policy and Problems of the North and Far East, State Duma, Russian Federation
- Debate

11:30-11:40      Break

11:40      Session II: Biodiversity and land use  
– how to balance different interests

**Moderator: Mr Eirik Sivertsen, Member of Parliament, Norway**

**Address:**

- ♦ Mr Dag O. Hessen, Professor of Biology, University of Oslo, and chair of the Centre for Biogeochemistry in the Anthropocene (CBA), Norway
- ♦ Mr Bror Tandberg, Member, Nordic Youth Biodiversity Network
- ♦ Ms Krista Mikkonen, Minister of the Environment and Climate, Finland
- ♦ Debate

12:30-13:00      Break

13:00      Session III: Innovative sustainable development in the Barents region

**Moderator: Ms Nina Sandberg, Member of Parliament, Norway**

**Address:**

- ♦ Ms Natalia Sidorina, Deputy Director of the 2nd School Center in Nikel, Russian Federation
- ♦ Mr Paal Iversen, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Transport, Steering Committee for the Barents Euro-Arctic Transport Area (BEATA), Norway
- ♦ Debate

13:30      Session IV: Covid-19 and health cooperation in the Barents region

**Moderator: Ms Bente Stein Mathisen, Member of parliament, Norway**

**Address:**

- ♦ Ms Cecilie Daae, CEO, Regional Health Authority, Northern Norway

- Mr Lars Anders Baer, Member of the Working Group of Indigenous Peoples (WGIP) in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region
- Ms Ida Karkiainen, Member of Parliament, Sweden
- Debate

14:30-14:40      Break

14:40      Session V: Reflection on future policies of the Barents Cooperation

**Moderator: Mr Eirik Sivertsen, Member of Parliament, Norway**

**Panel:**

- Mr Jari Vilén, Ambassador for Barents and Northern Dimension policies, Finland
- Ms Ann-Britt Åsebol, Member of Parliament, Sweden
- Mr Oddgeir Danielsen, Regional Director North, Norwegian – Russian Chamber of Commerce
- Ms Daria Makhotina, Barents Youth Council, Russian Federation
- Debate

15:25      Adoption of the Final Statement of the Conference, and closing of the 10th Barents Parliamentary Conference

- Mr. Eirik Sivertsen, Member of Parliament, Chair of the Drafting Committee

15:30      End of Conference



Moderator:

**MR EIRIK SIVERTSEN,**

Member of Parliament, Norway

Mr Eirik Sivertsen is a Norwegian Member of Parliament representing the Labour Party and the County of Nordland. Mr Sivertsen was elected to parliament the first time in 2009 and was re-elected in 2013 and 2017. In 2013 Eirik Sivertsen was elected as Chair of the Norwegian parliament's delegation to the Arctic Parliamentary Cooperation. From 2014 - 2021 he also chaired the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region. In the Norwegian parliament he serves as a member of the Committee on Local Government and Public Administration."



**MS TONE WILHELMSEN TRØEN,**

President of the Storting

Ms Tone Wilhelmsen Trøen is a Norwegian Member of Parliament representing the Conservative Party and the County of Akershus, serving as the president of the Storting since 2018. Trøen was elected to parliament in 2013 and re-elected in 2017. She has been a Member of the Standing Committee on Health and Care Services and chair of the Standing Committee on Family and Cultural Affairs.



**MS AILI KESKITALO,**

President of the Sami Parliament in Norway

Ms. Keskitalo is the current president of the Sámi Parliament in Norway for the term 2017-2021. She lives in Guovdageaidnu. Keskitalo has represented Norwegian Sámi Association (NSR) at the Sámi Parliament since 2005. She was elected the first female president in 2005. Ms. Keskitalo has a master's degree in Public Administration from Copenhagen Business School.



### **MR IGOR ANANSKIKH,**

Deputy Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

Mr Ananskikh represents A Just Russia Party and the Republic of Karelia, Murmansk oblast and Leningrad oblast. In addition to being a member of the Duma's presidium, he is also a member of the Committee on Energy, and of the Commission on the support of small and medium-sized businesses.



### **MS HELENE HELLMARK KNUTSSON,**

Governor of Västerbotten County, Chair of the Barents Regional Council, Sweden

Ms. Knutsson is serving as the Head of County Administrative Board of Västerbotten, a position she has held since August 2020. Prior to this, she was a member of the Swedish Parliament, working as the deputy chair of the Committee of Industry and Trade between 2019-2020. From 2014 to 2020, she held the position of minister for Higher Education and Research in the Swedish government. She studied history, economics, and statistics at the University of Stockholm.



### **MS INE ERIKSEN SØREIDE,**

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chair of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council, Norway

Ms. Eriksen Søreide is currently serving as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway. She served as Minister of Defence from 2013 to 2017. Prior to this, she served as member of the Storting (Norwegian parliament) for 12 years. From 2009 to 2013, she chaired the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence. Ms. Eriksen Søreide has a graduate degree in Law from the University of Tromsø.



Moderator:

**MS NINA SANDBERG,**

Member of Parliament, Norway

Ms Nina Sandberg is a Norwegian Member of Parliament representing the Labour Party and the County of Akershus. Ms Sandberg was elected to parliament in 2017. She is a member of the Standing Committee on Education and Research and of the Delegation to the Nordic Council. Nina Sandberg is deputy Chair of the Nordic Councils Committee for Welfare in the Nordic Region.



**MS ELIZAVETA VASSILIEVA,**

Adviser on youth projects and coordinator for the Barents Regional Youth Council (BRYC), Norwegian Barents Secretariat, Norway

Originally, from Russia, Liza grew up in the Norwegian border town of Kirkenes. Elizaveta has a Master's degree in European Studies (political science) from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim, with specialization in English Language and Project Management.



**MS DARIA MAKHOTINA,**

Chairperson, Barents Regional Youth Council, Russian Federation

Daria holds a degree in International Relations/Arctic studies from Murmansk Arctic State University and is interested in intercultural relations, youth work, gender equality and human rights, creation of the sustainable environments in the High North. First-year master student in Nordic Urban planning studies, working with urban philosophy and shaping of the Smart Arctic cities.





### **MS MALIN ENQVIST LARSSON,**

Executive Manager, Passionista, Sweden

Business manager at non-profit organization Passionista. Malin has previous professional experience ranging from machine operators in the steel industry to finance and business development. As business manager for Passionista, Malin works for young people's influence in shaping the future. Innovation, passion and entrepreneurship are Malin's keywords.



### **MR LARS HURING,**

Member of the Board, Design Lead, Passionista, Sweden

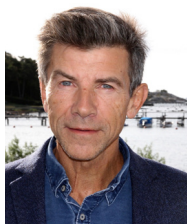
Digital entrepreneur, UX (user experience) & service designer and brand-thinking strategist. With a love for skiing, hunting, cooking and bikes. Specialties: UX design, innovation, digital communication, digital strategy, design-thinking processes and prototyping.



### **MR NIKOLAI KHARITONOV,**

Member of Parliament, Chairman of the Committee on Regional Policy and Problems of the North and Far East, State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

Mr Kharitonov represents the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and the Krasnodar region. He has a PhD in Economics from the Academy of National Economy under the Government of the Russian Federation.



### MR DAG O. HESSEN,

Professor of Biology, University of Oslo, and chair of the Centre for Biogeochemistry in the Anthropocene (CBA), Norway

Mr Dag O. Hessen is a PhD in Biology and professor in biosciences at the University of Oslo, and head of the Centre for Biogeochemistry in the Anthropocene (CBA). He has been a professor at UiO since 1993, and has been working and publishing scientifically on a range of topics within ecology and evolution as well as climate and biodiversity. He is actively engaging in public debates, often related to environmental issues, and an author of some 25 popular science books for which he has received several awards.



### MR BROR TANDBERG,

Member, Nordic Youth Biodiversity Network

Bror Tandberg is a Norwegian student and member of Nordic Youth Biodiversity Network (NYBN). He is a Nordic Youth Representative in the Nordic Council and Nordic Council of Ministers' youth involvement initiative and a co-writer of the Nordic Youth Position Paper on Biodiversity



### MS KRISTA MIKKONEN,

Minister of the Environment and Climate, Finland

Krista Mikkonen is Finland's minister of the Environment and Climate Change since 2019.

Member of Parliament representing The Greens in Finland, 2015 to present. Chair of the Green Parliamentary Group, 2016–2019.

She completed her Master of Science degree in biology at the University of Joensuu in 2003. During her career, Mikkonen has worked at the North Karelia Environment Centre, as Club Developer at the Sports Federation of North Karelia and at Waste Management Company Puhos Oy. She has also written various kinds of reports on nature and environmental affairs for the Cooperative of Environmental Specialists. In politics her particular focus has been on the environment, biodiversity, education and equality, and on combatting poverty.



**MS NATALIA SIDORINA,**

Deputy Director of the 2nd School Center in Nikel, Russian Federation

Deputy Director, Head of the Society Development Department. Graduated from the Murmansk State Technical University with a degree in international relations, completed advanced training at MGIMO of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia. An active participant in international projects. Author and grantee of international social projects. Member of the Youth Council of the Pechenga region. Working languages: Russian and English

Areas of activity: Culture, social sphere, urban environment and cross-border cooperation



**MR PAAL IVERSEN,**

Senior Adviser, Ministry of Transport, Steering Committee for the Barents Euro-Arctic Transport Area (BEATA), Norway

Master of human geography University of Oslo, in Ministry of Transport since 2001, dealing with long term planning, research, Arctic and international affairs



Moderator:

**MS BENTE STEIN MATHISEN,**

Member of Parliament, Norway

Ms Bente Stein Mathisen is a Norwegian Member of Parliament representing the Conservative Party and the County of Akershus. Ms Stein Mathisen was elected to parliament in 2013. She is a member of Standing Committee on Scrutiny and Constitutional Affairs and of the Delegation to the Nordic Council. Ms Stein Mathisen is the Chair of the Nordic Councils Committee for Welfare in the Nordic Region.



### MS CECILIE DAAE,

CEO, Regional Health Authority, Northern Norway

Cecilie Daae is the CEO of Northern Norway Regional Health Authority since 2020. She was in charge of the Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning (DSB) for four years. Prior to that she worked in the Norwegian Directorate of Health for ten years, where, among other things, she was Deputy Director General. She is a qualified doctor.



### MS IDA KARKIAINEN,

Member of Parliament, Riksdagen, Sweden

Ida Karkiainen is a member of Swedish Parliament, the Riksdag, since 2014 representing the Social Democratic Party, Norrbotten County. Ms Karkiainen is vice chair of the Swedish Delegation to the 10th Barents Parliamentary Conference, Member of the Committee on the Constitution and the Election Review Board. Ms Karkiainen is a member of the Haparanda Municipal Council.



### MR JARI VILÉN,

Ambassador for Barents and Northern Dimension policies

Prior to assuming this position in March 2020 ambassador Vilén served as a Senior Advisor in Arctic policy matters in the EPSC, the in-house think tank of the European Commission serving Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker.

Ambassador Vilén has also served as Finnish ambassador to Hungary and Poland, EU ambassador to Council of Europe and his career included two terms as a Member of Finnish parliament and minister of European Affairs in the Finnish government.

Ambassador Vilén is from Lapland and has worked extensive with Nordic and Arctic matters in his previous career.

Ambassador Vilén hold Master of Education Degree from University of Oulu and he has studied EU politics in the Trinity College, Dublin.



### **MR ODDGEIR DANIELSEN,**

Regional Director North, Norwegian – Russian Chamber of Commerce

Oddgeir Danielsen is presently working as Regional Director North in the Norwegian Russian Chamber of commerce serving out of Kirkenes in Northern Norway.

Mr Danielsen has previously worked as Director for the secretariat of the Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics (NDPTL) in Helsinki.

Furthermore, he has worked within the Barents Euro Arctic Cooperation as Chairman of the Barents Regional Committee and member of the Committee of Senior Officials. Experience within many different business areas in the north has been earned by working within the business sector for many years on both the practical and the administrative level including holding positions in Norway, Russia, Finland, and Sweden. Mr Danielsen has experience in international cooperation through a broad variety of Russian - Norwegian projects as well as multinational cooperation projects.



### **MS ANN-BRITT ÅSEBOL,**

Member of Parliament, Riksdagen, Sweden

Member of Parliament since 2010 representing the Moderate Party and Dalarna County. Chair of the Swedish Delegation to the 10th Barents Parliamentary Conference, Member of the Committee on Cultural Affairs. Deputy Member of the Committee on Education and the Committee on Social welfare and Deputy Member of the Swedish Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

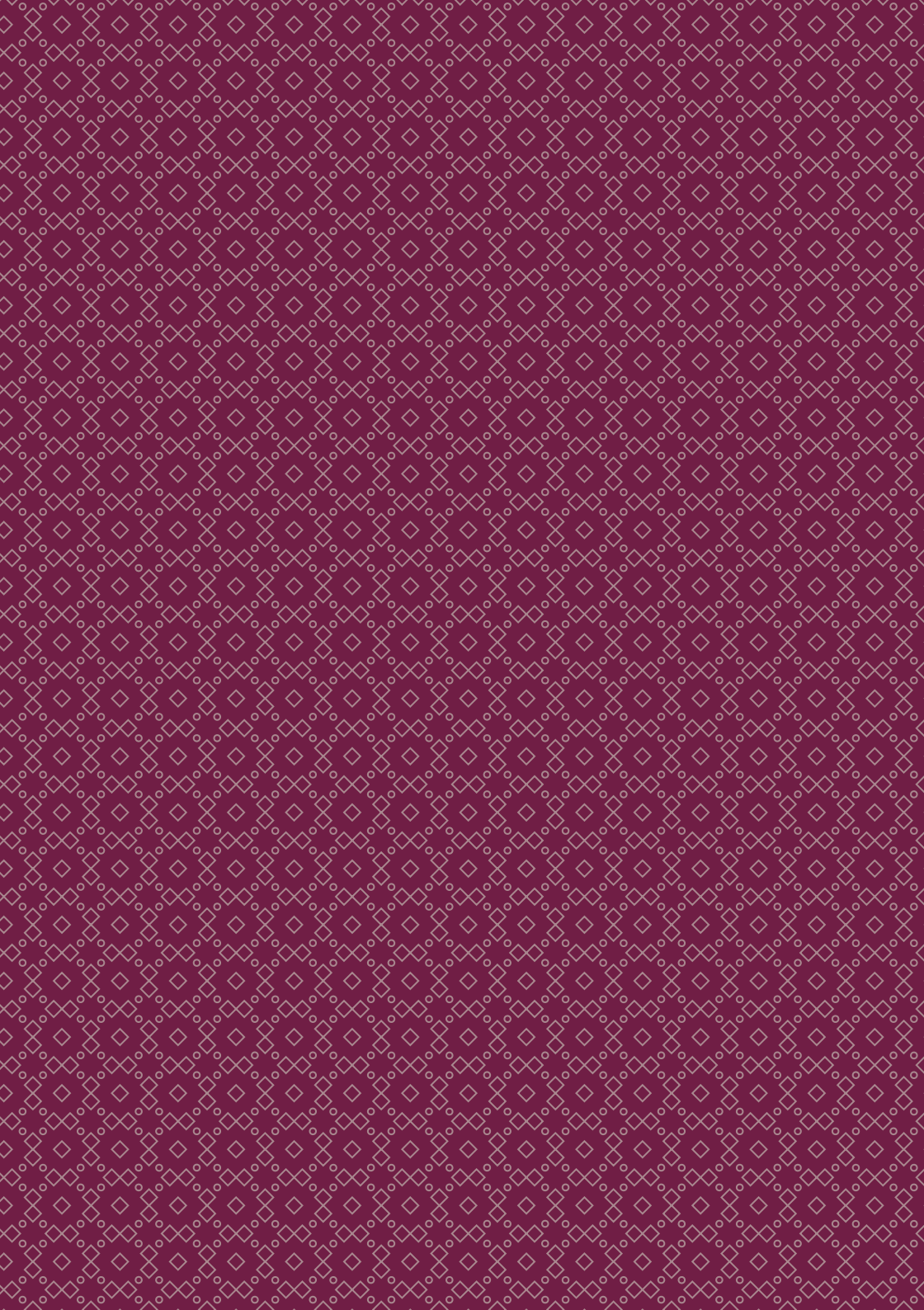


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## MR LARS ANDERS BAER,

Member of BEAC Working Group of Indigenous Peoples


Baer is a former president of the Sami parliament on the Swedish side and a former chair of The Sámi Parliamentary Council. He has since 1970 been involved in matters related to the rights of indigenous peoples globally and has been involved in the UN working group of indigenous populations activities since the 1983 and onwards. He has also been involved in indigenous related matters in World Bank, WIPO, UNESCO and other UN agencies. He has in this capacity published several articles about indigenous rights in newspaper, magazines and books. He has served as member in the board of the UN Voluntary Fund of indigenous peoples between 2003-2007. He is also a former member on UN Permanent Forum of indigenous issues (2008-2010). He has also lately in his personal capacity assisted EU and OECD in matters related indigenous peoples.



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