

2026 ARCTIC FRONTIERS

TURN OF THE TIDE

2 - 5 FEB TROMSØ, NORWAY / DIGITAL

Monday 2nd February

09:00-10:30

09:00 - 10:30 **Science**

High Tide for Arctic Preparedness - Part 1

 **Helmi Aurora Rantala**
University of Helsinki

 **Frøydis Gillund**
Norwegian Institute of
Bioeconomy Research

 **Magnus De Witt**
University of Alaska
Fairbanks

 **Magritt Brustad**
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

 **Sebastian Maria Karl**
Heinrich Kopf
Norwegian Institute for
Water Research

 **Jennifer Spence**
Director and Professor
Arctic Initiative, Harvard
Kennedy School

 **James Badu**
Nord University

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09:00 - 10:30 **Science**

Monitoring, Modeling, and Mitigating the Consequences of Arctic Permafrost Change - Part 1

 **Sebastian Westermann**
University of Oslo

 **Gökhan Aslan**
Geological Survey of
Norway

 **Sylvain Monteux**
Tromsø Museum - UiT The
Arctic University of Norway

 **Nathalie Y. Triches**
Max Planck Institute for
Biogeochemistry

 **Juditha Aga**
Department of
Geosciences, University of
Oslo

 **Tillmann Lübker**
Alfred Wegener Institute
Helmholtz Centre for Polar
and Marine Research

 **Abdullah Bolek**
Max Planck Institute for
Biogeochemistry,

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09:00 - 10:30 **Science**

Ocean Observational Pyramid - Part 1

From Seabed to Space Monitoring

 **Sigurd Henrik J. Teigen**
Equinor

 **Øivind Bergh**
Institute of Marine
Research

 **Polona Itkin**
Norwegian Polar Institute

 **Corrado Chiatante**
NTNU

 **Nora Ytterbø**
KSAT

 **Hanne Sagen**
Nansen Environmental and
Remote Sensing Center

 **Espen Storheim**
Nansen Environmental and
Remote Sensing Center

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09:00 - 10:30 **Side Event**

Nature and Culture in the Anthropocene

 **Kirstine Møller Gray**
PhD

 **Knut Rio**
Professor
University of Bergen

 **Torjer Andreas Olsen**
Professor
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

 **Lise Øvreås**
Professor
University of Bergen

 **Marit Reigstad**
Professor
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

 **Malgorzata Smieszek-
Rice**
Research Fellow
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

 **Vicki Lee Wallgren**
Director of the Global Arctic
Programme
World Wildlife Foundation

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Side Event

Traceable Fisheries for a Prepared Arctic: Technology, Governance, and Food Security

 **Truls Ræder**
Senior Research Scientist
SINTEF Nord AS

 **Pia Jonsson**
Senior Advisor
Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries

 **Jan Roger Lerbukt**
CEO
Hermes AS

 **Petter Olsen**
Senior Scientist
Nofima

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Workshop

Towards Holistic Approaches for Controlling Arctic Pollution: The One Health Concept

 **Roland Kallenborn**
Professor
Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway
Nord University, Norway
University of the Arctic, Finland

 **Arja Rautio**
Professor
University of Oulu

 **Lars-Otto Reiersen**
Director
Arctic Knowledge

 **Elsa Helmsdal**
Researcher
Faroese Hospital System

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Science

Monitoring, Modeling, and Mitigating the Consequences of Arctic Permafrost Change - Part 2

 **Tiffany Smythe**
US Coast Guard Academy

 **Tobias Schwoerer**
University of Alaska
Fairbanks International
Arctic Research Center

 **Tiril V. Hansen**
Nordland Research
Institute

 **Eirin Makopoulou**
University of Oulu

 **Ravdna Biret Marja E. Sara**
Sámi University of Applied
Sciences

 **Julie Malenfant-Lepage**
Norwegian University of
Science and Technology

 **Hanne Hvidtfeldt Christiansen**
Professor
Aarhus University

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Science

High Tide for Arctic Preparedness - Part 2

 **Ole R. Øvretveit**
University of Bergen

 **Dewan Ashan**
Department of Business
and Sustainability,
University of Southern
Denmark

 **Linda Y. Brewer**
T-3 Strategies LLC

 **Sofia Tija**
George Washington
University

 **Volker Rachold**
German Arctic Office,
Alfred Wegener Institute,
Helmholtz Center for Polar
and Marine Research

 **Jereme M. Altendorf**
University of Alaska
Anchorage

 **Lokukaluge Prasad Perera**
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

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From Seabed to Space Monitoring

 **Ulf Y. Jonsell**
Swedish Polar Research
Secretariat

 **Sasu Katajamäki**
Finnish National Defence
University

 **Philip A. McGillivray**
US Coast Guard

 **Karin Buhmann**
Copenhagen Business
School

 **Håkon J. Sandven**
University of Bergen

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Side Event

Indigenous Engagement and Co-Creation in Arctic Research

 **Torjer Andreas Olsen**
Professor
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

 **Sara Olsvig**
Chair
Inuit Circumpolar Council

 **Gunn-Britt Retter**
Head of Arctic and
Environmental Unit
Saami Council

 **Hanna-Maret Outakoski**
Sámi University of Applied
Sciences
Professor

 **Jørgen Berge**
Pro Rector for Research
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

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Side Event

Turning the Tide Through Engaged Arctic Humanities

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Side Event

Empowering the Arctic: Reimagining Energy Security through Co-Creation and Collaboration

 **Berit Kristoffersen**
Associate Professor
UiT the Arctic University of
Norway, Norway

 **Hans-Kristian Hernes**
Professor
UiT - the Arctic University
of Norway

 **Claudia Cheng**
Researcher
UiT - The Arctic University
of Norway

 **Larry Ibrahim
Mohammed**
Researcher
UiT the Arctic University of
Norway, Norway

 **Greg Poelzer**
Professor
University of
Saskatchewan

 **Marit Magelssen
Vambheim**
Director
Energii Nord

 **Gwen Holdman**
Associate Vice Chancellor
University of Alaska -
Fairbanks, USA

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Workshop

Arctic Wildfire Preparedness & Terrain Trafficability

 **Mikko Strahlendorf**

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Use of AIS data for governing Arctic shipping

 **Maike Knol-Kauffman**
Norwegian Institute for
Water Research

 **Sian Prior**
Clean Arctic Alliance

 **Gunnar Sander**
Senior Researcher
NIVA

 **Nina B. Vaaja**
Leader
BarentsWatch

 **Rob Ayasse**
KSAT

 **Arnaud Tarroux**
Norwegian Institute for
Nature Research

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Living with the Ocean - Exhibition Launch

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Side Event

The Arctic Deep Sea

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Side Event

Nordic Priorities in International Arctic Research Collaboration

 **Rune Vistad**
Director, Department for
International Cooperation
The Research Council of
Norway

 **Sven Stafström**
Professor
Linköping University

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Side Event

Space Weather: Prepare and Protect

 **Pål Brekke**
Lead Space Science
Norwegian Space Agency

 **Magnar G. Johnsen**
Observatory Leader
Tromsø Geophysical
Observatory, UiT Arctic
University of Norway

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Side Event

How can Industry Positively Contribute to Biodiversity?

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Side Event

The Nordic Food Frontline: Resilience Through Production and Partnership

 **Sigrid Agenäs**
Professor
Swedish University of
Agricultural Science (SLU)

 **Any Kaukovirta**
Vice President Production
Technologies
Natural Resource Institute
Finland

 **Ivar Horneland**
Director general
NIBIO

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Side Event

Fram Talks at Arctic Frontiers: Communicating Arctic Science!

 **Aksel Kjær Vidnes**
Editor-in-Chief
Forskning.no

 **Nellie Sofie Body**
Researcher
Norwegian Geotechnical
Institute

 **Laura Pirard**
Researcher
Akvaplan-niva

 **Kari Anne Bråthen**
Professor
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

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Workshop

Sustainable Urban Development - Lessons from the Arctic

 **Stefano Tornieri**
Assistant Professor
Jade University of Applied
Sciences

 **Alenka Temeljotov Salaj**
Professor
NTNU

 **Sobah Abbas Petersen**
Professor
NTNU & SINTEF

 **Aman Luthra**
Assistant Professor
George Washington
University

 **Bindu G**
Principal Scientist
Nansen Environmental
Research Centre, India
(NERCI)

 **Victoria Miles**
Scientist
Nansen Environmental and
Remote Sensing Centre
(NERSC)

 **Per Storø Petersen**
Researcher
SINTEF

 **Igor Ezau**
UiT - The Arctic University
of Norway

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Workshop

The Greenland Connection: Uncovering the Hidden Histories of UK-Greenland Exploration

 **Owen King**
Newcastle University

 **Bethan Davies**
Professor
Newcastle University

 **Klaus Dodds**
Professor
Middlesex University

 **Kirstine Møller Gray**
PhD

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Maintaining and Developing Arctic Observing Capabilities - Part 1

 Kate Ortenzi
Dalhousie University

 Jon Rosales
St. Lawrence University

 Ann Eileen Lennert
UiT The Arctic University of
the Norway

 Alberto Roldán Sastre
University of the Westfjords

 Matthew S. Balazs
University of Alaska
Fairbanks

 Jacqueline M. Grebmeier
University of Maryland
Center for Environmental
Science

 Michael Karcher
Alfred Wegener Institute for
Polar and Marine Research

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Science

High Tide for Arctic Preparedness - Part 3

 Alexander Dalziel
MacDonald-Laurier
Institute

 Abbie Tingstad
Center for Arctic Study and
Policy, US Coast Guard
Academy

 Maaïke Knol-Kauffman
Norwegian Institute for
Water Research

 Johan Schalin
The European Centre of
Excellence for Countering
Hybrid Threats

 Angela G. Jackson-
Summers
U. S. Coast Guard
Academy

 Torleiv H. Bryne
Norwegian University of
Science and Technology

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Side Event

On Thin Ice: Overtourism, Ecosystems and Livelihoods in the Arctic

 Kristin Rosendal
Research Professor
Fridtjof Nansen Institute

 Ágúst Bogason
Senior Research Adviser
Nordregio

 Guttorm Aanes
Nordforsk

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Side Event

Critical Minerals: Supply Chains, Geopolitics, China, and the Arctic

 Gørild Heggelund
Research Professor
Fridtjof Nansen Institute

 Iselin Stensdal
Senior Researcher
Fridtjof Nansen Institute

 Anders Edström
Researcher
Nord University

 Ida Soltvedt Hvinden
Researcher
Fridtjof Nansen Institute

 Erdem Lamazhapov
Researcher
Fridtjof Nansen Institute

 Simon Holmström
Deep-Sea Mining Policy
Officer
Seas at Risk

 Marianne Dobak Kvensjø
Head of County Council
Nordland County

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Russian Propaganda in the Arctic: How Does it Damage the Environment?

 Benjamin Shultz
American Sunrise Project

 Ksenia Vakhrusheva
Bellona

 Sian Prior
Clean Arctic Alliance

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Side Event

High Seas Biodiversity Conservation and Use in the Arctic

 Alf Håkon Hoel
Professor
UIT Arctic University of
Norway

 Vito De Lucia
Professor & Director
Norwegian Centre for the
Law of the Sea

 Shigeki Takaya
Senior Research Fellow
Sasakawa Peace
Foundation | Ministry of
Agriculture, Forestry and
Fisheries, Japan

 Evan T. Bloom
Senior Advisor
Centre for the Ocean and
the Arctic, UIT

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Workshop

High Level Dialogue on Green Shipping and Ports

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Science

Digital Poster Session

Online

 Céline Rodrigues &
Homa Zodi
IPRI-NOVA, Universidade
Nova de Lisboa &
Université de Montréal

 Madhushri Shrikant
Varunjikar
Institute of Marine
Research

 Zsanett Greta Papp
European Geosciences
Union

 Sigríður Margrét
Sigurðardóttir
University of Akureyri

 Thi Mai Lien Nguyen
University of Helsinki

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Science

Interdisciplinary Poster Session - In Person

Venue: Saga Hotel

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| Sigurd Henrik J. Teigen
Equinor | Kate Ortenzi
Dalhousie University | Philip A. McGillivray
US Coast Guard | Magnus De Witt
University of Alaska
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Nordland Research
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| Tillmann Lübker
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and Marine Research | Angela G. Jackson-
Summers
U. S. Coast Guard
Academy | Ravdna Biret Marja E.
Sara
Sámi University of Applied
Sciences | Christina Shintani
Woodwell Climate
Research Center | Julie Malenfant-Lepage
Norwegian University of
Science and Technology |
| Cherry M. Jackson
Royal Holloway | Emily Cook
Alaska Center of Energy
and Power | Vivian Motzfeldt
Minister of Foreign Affairs
and Research of
Greenland | Mark C.J. Stoddart
Memorial University | Dyre Oliver Dammann
Norwegian Geotechnical
Institute |
| Marta Koch
Imperial College London | Lucie Goraguer
Norwegian Polar Institute | Jaimeer B. Patel
HDR Michigan Inc. | Camille Audet
Université du Québec à
Rimouski | Hayley McLennan
University of St. Andrews |
| Clare Andvik
University of Oslo | Asia Mantovan
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway | Christian Rischer
Kiel Institute for the World
Economy | Marja Helena Sivonen
Finnish Environment
Institute | Judith Vogt
Max Planck Institute for
Biogeochemistry |
| Joel V. Wernström
The Arctic University
Museum of Norway, UiT | Serafima Andreeva
Fridtjof Nansen Institute | Thea Grunwald
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway | Jakub Petříček
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway | Elizaveta Ershova-Menze
Akvaplan-niva |
| Pipatthra Saesin
Norwegian Institute for
Water Research | Yui Nakama
NEC Corporation | Guenther Heinemann
University of Trier | Pierre Priou
Akvaplan-niva | Christiane E. Hübner
SIOS Knowledge Centre |
| Michelle R. McCrystall
Maynooth University | Clara Good
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway | Larissa Frey
Stockholm University | Agneta Fransson
Norwegian Polar Institute | Elli Suhonen
Finnish Meteorological
Institute |
| Jason E. Bunderson
Toler
Nord University | Sascha Willmes
Trier University | Hannah Bornemann,
Aleksander Czarny &
Gina-Maria Diers
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway | Rúben Pereira
CIIMAR, Interdisciplinary
Centre of Marine and
Environmental Research,
University of Porto | Rasa Zuzeviciute
Norwegian University of
Science and Technology |
| Heli Routti
Norwegian Polar Institute | Liliya Hebryn-Baidy
Scott Polar Research
Institute | Sophie May Weeks
Scott Polar Research
Institute | Gareth Rees
Scott Polar Research
Institute | Owen King
Newcastle University |
| Gustav Kågesten
HUB Ocean | Janne E. Søreide
University Centre in
Svalbard | Morven Muilwijk
Norwegian Polar Institute | Farzana Shakir Ali Rana | Jan Mikolajczyk
University of Warsaw |
| Dianna Farrell
University of Southern
Maine | Johanne Albrigtsen
University of Nevada | Leeza O. Pickering
Bangor University | Kirsi H. Keskitalo
Northumbria University | Hanne Hvidtfeldt
Christiansen
Professor
Aarhus University |
| Torild Johansen
Institute of Marine
Research, Norway | Dawn Harrison
UK Meteorological Institute | Fred Haugen
National Institute of
Occupational Health
(STAMI) | Marthe Fivelstad
Norwegian Polar Institute | Roman Zakoldaev
UiT - The Arctic University
of Norway |
| Guðbjörg A. Ólafsdóttir
Professor & Director
University of Iceland
Research Centre of the
Westfjords | | | | |

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Evening

19:00 - 22:00 Networking

Science Reception

19:00 - 19:45 Open

Det store bildet live podcastinnspilling

Skirri restaurant, Kystens Hus, Stortorget 1

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20:00 - 21:30 Open

Vi snakker om klimaendringer

Amtmandens eff. Grønnegata 83, 9008 Tromsø

 **Marianne Tronstad Lund**
Forsker
CICERO

 **Rolf Anker Ims**
Professor
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

 **Marie Pontoppidan**
Forsker
NORCE / Bjerknessenteret

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20:00 - 21:00 Open

Nordområdene gjennom 20 år

Skirri restaurant, Kystens Hus, Stortorget 1

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Tuesday 3rd February

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Open

Reiseliv i Tromsø: Et godt sted å bo er et godt sted å besøke. Når krysses grensen?

Tromsø Rådhus. Rådhusgata 2, 9008 Tromsø

 **Kari Helene Skog**
Politiker (Ap) og leder
Reisemålsledelse
Tromsø Kommune

 **Gaute Svensson**
Forsker
UiT Norges arktiske
universitet

 **Magne Aarbø**
Grunnlegger
Tromsø Outdoor

 **Christoffer Winkler**
Tromsø Ungdomsråd

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Science

Maintaining and Developing Arctic Observing Capabilities - Part 2

 **Luke H. Marsden**
The University Centre in
Svalbard

 **Nigel G. Yoccoz**
UiT Arctic University of
Norway

 **Craig M. Lee**
University of Washington

 **Jan R. Larsen**
Sustaining Arctic
Observing Networks
(SAON)

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Science

Climate Change and Cumulative Effects on Ecosystems - Part 1

 **Bérengère Husson**
CNRS

 **Elena Eriksen**
Institute of Marine
Research

 **Lisa Matthes**
Fisheries and Oceans
Canada

 **Melissa Chierici**
Institute of Marine
Research

 **Pedro Manuel Duarte**
Norwegian Polar Institute

 **Uwe John**
Alfred-Wegener-Institute
für Polar und
Meeresforschung

 **Edda Johannesen**
Forsker
Havforskningsinstituttet

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Side Event

Seabed Minerals - Where Are We Today?

 **Tor Eldevik**
Head of Geophysical
Institute
University of Bergen

 **Lionel Camus**
Research & Development
Manager
Akvaplan-niva

 **Anette BM Tvedt**
aDepth

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Side Event

Rising Voices: Indigenous Women Leading Arctic Transformation

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Side Event

Russia's War in Ukraine: Arctic Impacts

 **Elana Wilson Rowe**
Professor, NMBU and
Adjunct Professor, NUPI

 **Sergey Sukhankin**
Senior Fellow
The Jamestown
Foundation and the
Saratoga Foundation

 **Kari Aga Myklebost**
Professor
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

 **Thomas Nilsen**
The Barents Observer

 **MEP Urmas Paet**
Vice Chair of the Committee
of Foreign Affairs
European Parliament

 **Bjarge Schwenke Fors**
Researcher
Center for Geopolitics,
Peace, and Security, UiT
The Arctic University of
Norway

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Side Event

Bird's Eye View: AI and Satellites for Arctic Resilience

 **Victoria Nockles**
Principal Data Scientist
Alan Turing Institute

 **Scott Hosking**
Science Leader and Head
of the AI Lab
British Antarctic Survey

 **Robert Jenssen**
Director
SFI Visual Intelligence

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Side Event

Emerging No More: Arctic Leaders at Work: Reflections, Relationships, and Collaboration

 **Kevin Heller**
Climate Adaptation Project
Manager
Alaska Native Tribal Health
Consortium

 **Jens Toft**
Project Coordinator
Arctic Council Secretariat

 **Pauke Schots**
Postdoctoral Researcher in
the Seafood Science
UiT - the Arctic University
of Norway

 **Conor Savage**
Edinburgh City Council
Member

 **Pouya Dabiran-Zohoori**
External Assistant General
Counsel
Crosslinx Transit Solutions

 **Linda Solstrand Dahlberg**
Head of Brussels Office
UiT - the Arctic University
of Tromsø in Norway

 **Caroline Buus Ponthieu**
PhD Candidate
NTNU

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Arctic State of Affairs

 **Espen Barth Eide**
Minister of Foreign Affairs of
Norway

 **Vivian Motzfeldt**
Minister of Foreign Affairs
and Research of Greenland

 **Åsa Rennermalm**
Professor
Rutgers University

 **Kaja Kallas**
High Representative of the
Union for Foreign Affairs and
Security Policy/ Vice
President
EU Commission

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National Developments and Infrastructure Investments for IPY V

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Governance and Policy for Sustainable Space Activities - Part 1

 **Fiammetta Borgia**
Professor
University of Rome Tor
Vergata, Italian Centre for
Law of the Sea

 **Fabio Calzolari**
Mae Fah Luang University

 **Giacomo Bruni**
Peace Research Institute
Oslo

 **Leonardo Cerisano**
Satta Romano & Associati

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13:30 - 15:00 Science

Climate Change and Cumulative Effects on Ecosystems - Part 2

 **Martin Lindegren**
DTU Aqua

 **Mikhail K.
Zhemchuzhnikov**
Mediterranean Institute for
Advanced Studies

 **Ingjerd S. Krogseth**
NILU

 **Martin Sommerkorn**
WWF Global Arctic
Programme

 **Khuong V. Dinh**
Section for Aquatic Biology
and Toxicology,
Department of
Biosciences, University of
Oslo

 **Kanchana Bandara**
Akvaplan-niva

 **Hao Xia**
University of Hamburg

 **Lia Laureen Schulz**
Alfred Wegener Institute

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Safety, Security and Social sustainability in the Nordic Arctic

 Kristina Torbergesen
Mayor
Troms County Council

 Dag Rune Olsen
Rector
UiT Arctic University of
Norway | Arctic Six

 Marie-Louise Rönmark
Mayor
Umeå Municipality

 Ari Alatossava
Mayor
Oulu Municipality

 Gunnar Wilhelmsen
Mayor
Tromsø Municipality

 Carina Sammeli
Mayor
Luleå Municipality

 Martin Nymo
Mayor
Målselv Municipality

 Brynjar Saus
Project Leader
True North Tromsø

 Martine Lødding
Project Leader
True North 2026

 Thomas Bentzen
Co-founder and CEO
LOCAT3D AS

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Side Event

Aquaculture Innovations in Environmental Monitoring and Early Warning

 Malin Johansen
CEO
NCE Aquaculture

 Knut Rudi
Professor
Norwegian University of
Life Sciences

 Silje Ramsvatn
Sustainability Manager
Cermaq Norway

 Tormod Skålsvik
Business Developer
Nova Sea

 Kathy Dunlop
Researcher
Institute of Marine
Research

 Merete N. Kristiansen
CEO
Akvaplan-niva

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Building What Outlives Us: Arctic Youth in Unison

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Workshop

Pan-Arctic Coexistence: Balancing Growth and Conservation along the Coasts

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Science

Governance and Policy for Sustainable Space Activities - Part 2

 Johannes Schmied-Wirén
Nord University

 Indrapal Gurjar
Jawaharlal Nehru
University

 James Francis
European Space Policy
Institute

 Marco Grasso
Kongsberg Defence &
Aerospace

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15:30 - 17:00

Science

Climate Change and Cumulative Effects on Ecosystems Part 3

 Doreen Kohlbach
Alfred Wegener Institute

 Mats A. Granskog
Norwegian Polar Institute

 Vanessa Pitusi
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

 Sanna Majaneva
Åkvaplan-niva

 Anna Vader
University Center in
Svalbard (UNIS)

 Maxime Geoffroy
Marine Institute of
Memorial University of
Newfoundland and
Labrador

 Dewi Ford
University of Exeter

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15:30 - 17:00

Side Event

Academia in Times of Geopolitical Change

 Andreas Østhagen
Research Director Arctic
and Ocean Politics
Fridtjof Nansen Institutt

 Jonas Stein
Vice Rector
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

 Camilla Brekke
Director
Norwegian Polar Institute

 Tor Eldevik
Head of Geophysical
Institute
University of Bergen

 Lise Øvreås
Professor
University of Bergen

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Side Event

Reconciling Security, Development, and Sustainability in the Transpolar Arctic

 Jan-Gunnar Winther
Director
Centre for the Ocean and
the Arctic at UiT

 Oda Bjerkan
CEO
UN Global Compact
Norway

 Andreas Raspotnik
Nord University

 Alf Håkon Hoel
Professor
UiT Arctic University of
Norway

 Morten Albertsen
Harbor Master
Båtsfjord

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Side Event

Space Made Simple - Unlocking Opportunities Across Industries

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The Space to Collaborate

 **Josef Wiedemann**
Sales Director
Isar Aerospace

 **Géraldine Naja**
Director of
Commercialisation, Industry
and Competitiveness
European Space Agency
(ESA)

 **Curtis Shaw**
President
Northwestel

 **Liz Lloyd**
Parliamentary Under-
Secretary of State
Department for Science,
Innovation and Technology
and the Department for
Business and Trade

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Evening

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[Open](#)

Båtsfjordkveld

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19:30 - 22:00

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Emerging Leaders Reception

Cafe Sønn

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20:00 - 22:00

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Science on Tap!

Storgata Camping

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Wednesday 4th February

08:00-09:15

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Open

Hvordan kan samiske verdier forme framtidens Tromsø?-

Tromsø Rådhus. Rådhusgata 2, 9008 Tromsø

 Gunnar Wilhelmsen
Mayor
Tromsø Municipality

 Joar Nango
Arkitekt og kunstner

 Brynhild Granås
Forsker
UIT Norges arktiske
universitet

 Juhán Nikolaus Wuolab
Wollberg
Medlem i styringsgruppen
Europeisk
Ungdomshovedstad

 Bodil Kjelstrup
Direktør
Hålogaland Teater

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09:00-10:30

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Science

Maritime Extremes: Communication, Uncertainty and Emerging Technologies Part 1

 Irja Malmio
Swedish Defence
University

 Odd Sveinung Hareide
Norwegian Coastal
Administration

 Sebastian Maria Karl
Heinrich Kopf
Norwegian Institute for
Water Research

 Alexandra Middleton
Oulu Business School

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09:00 - 10:30

Science

Climate Change and Cumulative Effects on Ecosystems - Part 4

 Kate Ortenzi
Dalhousie University

 Morgen G. Bertheussen
McGill University

 Justin Langan
O'KANATA

 Shivangi Mishra
Arctic Institute of North
America, University of
Calgary

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09:00 - 10:30

Side Event

Looking Back, Moving Forward: 30 Years of Nordic Arctic Cooperation

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Side Event

Looking Back, Moving Forward: 30 Years of Nordic Arctic Cooperation

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09:00 - 10:30

Side Event

Intergenerational Capacity Sharing: The Connection between Nature and Youth

 Vesa Orassalo
Skolt Sami Fisherman and
Student
University of Lapland

 Jessica Aquino
Associate Professor
Hólar University

 Rauni Äärelä-Vihriälä
Senior Researcher
University of Lapland

 Lemet M. Hætta
Saami Council -
Sáttanourat/Sami Youth
Delegate

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09:00 - 10:30

Side Event

Strengthening and Sustaining Pan-Arctic cooperation: Arctic Urban and Regional Cooperation (AURC) and its future collaboration with the Arctic Mayors' Forum

 Carina Sammeli
Mayor
Luleå Municipality

 Patti Bruns

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09:00 - 10:30

Side Event

Thriving Together in a Globally-Connected Arctic: Re-framing Governance Beyond Exceptionalism

 Gosia Smieszek-Rice
Research Fellow
AMAP

 Umji Kim
Director of the Polar
Strategy Research Division
Korea Maritime Institute

 Charles E. Morrison
Distinguished Senior
Fellow
East-West Center in
Honolulu

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11:00-12:30

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Big Picture

Building Up the Arctic

 Jonas Gahr Støre
Prime Minister of Norway

 Silje Karine Muotka
President
Sámi Parliament of Norway

 Natan Obed
President
Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

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Science

Climate Change and Cumulative Effects on Ecosystems - Part 5

 Ronja E. M. Wedegärtner
WWF Global Arctic
Programme

 Benjamin Planque
Institute of Marine
Research

 Eirik Mikkelsen
Nofima

 Bodil A. Bluhm
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

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13:30 - 15:00

Science

Maritime Extremes: Communication, Uncertainty and Emerging Technologies Part 2

 Malte Müller
Norwegian Meteorological
Institute

 Jereme M. Altendorf
University of Alaska
Anchorage

 Ed Blockley
Met Office UK

 Benjamin Strong
United States Coast Guard
& EPPR

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13:30 - 15:00

Side Event

Mohn Prize Laureate Seminar

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Side Event

"Who is the Arctic?" – A True North 2026 Townhall

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13:30 - 15:00

Side Event

The Maritime Transportation System in Northern Norway – Ongoing Challenges and Future Solutions

 Bjørn Gunnarsson
Associate Professor
Nord University

 Kjell Stokvik

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13:30 - 15:00

Workshop

Arctic Ocean: New Challenges, New Frontiers, and the Role of Science Diplomacy in Sustainable Cooperation'

 **Steeve Comeau**
Research Scientist
Laboratoire
d'Océanographie de
Villefranche-sur-Mer

 **Héloïse Caraty**
Researcher
Laboratoire
d'Océanographie de
Villefranche

 **Keith Larson**
Director
Arctic Centre, Umeå
University

 **Philippe Archambeault**
Professor
Université Laval

 **Vito de Lucia**
Professor
UiT - The Arctic University
of Norway

 **Mette Milla**
Special Advisor
Research Council of
Norway

 **Rolf Rødven**
Executive Secretary
AMAP

 **Gosia Smieszek-Rice**
Research Fellow
AMAP

 **Sarah Marie Strand**
Executive Director
Association of Polar Early
Career Scientists

 **Geir Huse**
Department Director
Institute of Marine
Research

 **Christina Abildgaard**
Department Director
Research Council of
Norway

 **Arild Sundfjord**
Senior Researcher
Norwegian Polar Institute

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Big Picture

The Ebb & Flow of Economies

 **Håkon Haugli**
CEO
Innovation Norway

 **Ben Mallott**
President
Alaska Federation of Natives

 **Whitney Lackenbauer**
Professor
Trent University

 **Miki Jensen**
Director
Innovation South Greenland

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Evening

17:30 - 18:30

Open

Thirty years of Arctic Cooperation

Storgata Camping

 **Vivian Motzfeldt**
Minister of Foreign Affairs
and Research of Greenland

 **Kenneth Høegh**
Chair Senior Arctic Officials
Kingdom of Denmark

 **Mathieu Parker**
Director
Arctic Council Secretariat

 **Morten Høglund**
Former Arctic Council Chair
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
Norway

 **Svein Vigeland Rottem**
Senior Researcher
Fridtjof Nansen Institute

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18:00 - 19:30

Networking

Tideturner reception

By invitation only

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19:30 - 22:00

Networking

Main Reception

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Thursday 5th February

08:00-09:15

08:00 - 09:15 Open

Fremtidens stemmer –Hvordan ser Arktis ut i 2050?

Tromsø Rådhus, Rådhusgata 2, 9008 Tromsø

 **Sigríð Bjørnhaug Hammer**
Varaordfører
Tromsø Kommune

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09:00 - 10:30 Side Event

Nature-Based Solutions

 **Martin Lindegren**
DTU Aqua

 **Martin Sommerkorn**
WWF Global Arctic
Programme

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09:00 - 10:30 Side Event

Future-Proofing the North: Innovation for a Sustainable Future

 **Kenneth Stålsett**
Director
The Norwegian Barents
Secretariat

 **Nils Kristian Sørheim
Nilsen**
Director
Northern Norway European
Office

 **Rannveig Edda
Hjaltadóttir**
Associate Professor
Nord University

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09:00 - 10:30 Side Event

From Self-Sufficiency to Energy Leaders: How Arctic Solutions Can Create an Energy Secure Region

 **Jan-Gunnar Winther**
Director
Centre for the Ocean and
the Arctic at UiT

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Arctic Ocean 2050

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11:00 - 12:30 Side Event

Arctic Sovereignty, Self-Determination and Indigenous Knowledge in a Precarious Future

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11:00 - 12:30 Side Event

Blue Economy in a Nordic perspective

 Emil Gejrot
Nordic Innovation

 Sigurd S. Pettersen
DNV

 Unni Kløvstad
Nordic Council of Ministers

 Sigri Stokke Nilsen
Centre for the Ocean and
the Arctic

 Benedek Regoczy
Iceland Ocean Cluster

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11:00 - 12:30 Side Event

Society and Advanced Technology in the Arctic 2.1: Transdisciplinary Arctic Graduate Education Across Borders

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13:30-14:45

13:30 - 14:45 Big Picture

Stories from the Coast

 Jakob Dörr
Postdoctoral Researcher in
Oceanography and Climate
Dynamics
Geophysical Institute,
University of Bergen

 Charitie Ropati
Youth Climate Advisor to the
UN Secretary General

 Marianne Sivertsen Næss
Minister of Fisheries and
Ocean Policy of Norway

 Vesa Orassalo
Skolt Sami Fisherman and
Student
University of Lapland

 Elsa Berg
Mayor of Tórshavn
Municipality

 Hanna Katrín Friðriksson
Minister of Industries of
Iceland

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Open

Tilstand og tillit i norske fiskerier

Kantinen på Kystens Hus, Stortorget 1



Geir Huse

Department Director

Institute of Marine Research



Anne-May Johansen

Nofima

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