

2026 ARCTIC FRONTIERS

TURN OF THE TIDE

2 - 5 FEB TROMSØ, NORWAY / DIGITAL

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Monday 2nd February

09:00-10:30

09:00 - 10:30 Science

High Tide for Arctic Preparedness - Part 1

Margarinfabrikken 1, the Edge

 **Helmi Aurora Rantala**
University of Helsinki

 **Frøydis Gillund**
Norwegian Institute of
Bioeconomy Researc

 **Magnus De Witt**
University of Alaska
Fairbanks

 **Magritt Brustad**
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 **Sebastian Maria Karl
Heinrich Kopf**
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 **Jennifer Spence**
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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

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

 **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
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 **Juditha Aga**
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 **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

Margarinfabrikken 3, the Edge

 **Sigurd Henrik J. Teigen**
Equinor

 **Øivind Bergh**
Senior Researcher
Institute of Marine
Research

 **Polona Itkin**
Norwegian Polar Institute

 **Corrado Chiatante**
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 **Nora Ytterbø**
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 **Hanne Sagen**
Nansen Environmental and
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 **Espen Storheim**
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Side Event

Nature and Culture in the Anthropocene

Margarinfabrikken 2, the Edge

Kirstine Møller Gray
Researcher
The Arctic Centre,
University of Groningen

Knut Rio
Professor
University of Bergen

Torjer Andreas Olsen
Professor
UiT The Arctic University of
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Lise Øvreås
President
European Academies
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Marit Reigstad
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UiT The Arctic University of
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**Malgorzata Smieszek-
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Research Fellow
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

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

Kristine Møller Gray
Postdoctoral Researcher
The Arctic Centre,
University of Groningen

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Side Event

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

Arbeidskontoret 2, the Edge

Truls Ræder
Senior Research Scientist
SINTEF Nord AS

Pia Jonsson
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Hermes AS

Petter Olsen
Senior Scientist
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Norway

Karolina Gruhn
Director of Quality
Management
Espersen AS

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Workshop

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

Nordsjeteén, Saga Hotel

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

Arja Rautio
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Lars-Otto Reiersen
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Elsa Helmsdal
Researcher
Faroeese Hospital System

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Science

High Tide for Arctic Preparedness - Part 2

Margarinfabrikken 1, the Edge

 Ole R. Øvretveit
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 Dewan Ashan
Department of Business
and Sustainability,
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Alfred Wegener Institute,
Helmholtz Center for Polar
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 Jereme M. Altendorf
University of Alaska
Anchorage

 Lokukaluge Prasad
Perera
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

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Science

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

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

 Tiffany Smythe
US Coast Guard Academy

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Fairbanks International
Arctic Research Center

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Institute

 Eirin Makopoulou
University of Oulu

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Sara
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Sciences

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Norwegian University of
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 Hanne Hvidtfeldt
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Professor
Aarhus University

 Alexandra Meyer
Researcher
University of Vienna &
Western Norway Research
Institute

 Anastasiya Halauniova
Researcher
Durham University

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Science

Ocean Observational Pyramid - Part 2 - From Seabed to Space Monitoring

Margarinfabrikken 3, the Edge

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Swedish Polar Research
Secretariat

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Copenhagen Business
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Korea Polar Research
Institute

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University of Bergen

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Side Event

Turning the Tide Through Engaged Arctic Humanities

Margarinfabrikken 2, the Edge

Lilli Mittner

Associate Professor /
Coordinator of the Centre
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Katrin Losleben

Professor
UiT Arctic University of
Norway



Kate Maxwell

Professor
UiT Arctic University of
Norway



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Side Event

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

Arbeidskontoret 2, the Edge

Berit Kristoffersen

Associate Professor
UiT the Arctic University of
Norway, Norway



Hans-Kristian Hernes

Professor
UiT - the Arctic University
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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
Energi i Nord



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Associate Vice Chancellor
University of Alaska -
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Gregory Poelzer

Associate Senior Lecturer
Luleå University of
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Geir Håvard Hanssen

Director of renewable
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Troms Kraft



Jo Jorem Aarseth

Research Manager
Norwegian Institute of
Bioeconomy Research
(NIBIO)



Stein Gunnar Bondevik

Staff Director
Fornybar Norge



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Side Event

Indigenous Engagement and Co-Creation in Arctic Research

Importkompaniet, the Edge

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



Rune Vistad

Director, Department for
International Cooperation
The Research Council of
Norway



Hanna-Maret Outakoski

Sámi University of Applied
Sciences
Professor



Jørgen Berge

Pro Rector for Research
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway



Virginia Mearns

Arctic Ambassador for
Canada



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Workshop

Use of AIS data for governing Arctic shipping

Sørsjetéen, Saga Hotel

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

 **Sian Prior**
Lead Adviser
Clean Arctic Alliance

 **Gunnar Sander**
Senior Researcher
NIVA

 **Rob Ayasse**
KSAT

 **Arnaud Tarroux**
Norwegian Institute for
Nature Research

Harald Åsheim
IS Specialist | Critical
 Maritime Infrastructure &
Arctic Operations
Norwegian Coastal
Administration

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Workshop

Arctic Wildfire Preparedness & Terrain Trafficability

Nordsjetéen, Saga Hotel

 **Benjamin Strong**
EPPR

 **Mikko Strahlendorf**
Finnish Meteorological
Institute

 **Saara Lilja**
CEO
Emergenssi Ltd.

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Science

Living with the Ocean - Exhibition Launch

Strandtorget (between Skarven and Nerstranda)

 **Jonas Stein**
Vice Rector
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

 **Lilli Mittner**
Associate Professor /
Coordinator of the Centre for
Arctic Humanities
UiT - The Arctic University of
Norway

 **Linus Johnsen**
Norwegian-Sámi Artist

 **Cathrine Paus**
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Arctic University Museum of
Norway

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Side Event

Space Weather: Prepare and Protect

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 Pål Brekke

Lead Space Science
Norwegian Space Agency



Magnar G. Johnsen
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Per Erik Opseth
Director, Geodetic Institute
Norwegian Mapping
Authority



Kåre Rudsar
Senior consultant
Statsnett

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Side Event

How can Industry Positively Contribute to Biodiversity?

Importkompaniet, the Edge

 Vicki Lee Wallgren

Director of the Global Arctic
Programme
World Wildlife Foundation



Gerry Larsson-Fedde
Chief Operating
Officer/Deputy CEO
Hurtigruten



Hans Kristian Strand
Researcher
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Biodiversity
Norwegian Environment
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Tone Kristin Reiertsen
Project leader
MARCIS



Solrun Skjellum
Chief Development Officer
NIVA

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Side Event

Fram Talks at Arctic Frontiers: Communicating Arctic Science!

Margarinfabrikken 1, the Edge

 Aksel Kjær Vidnes

Editor-in-Chief
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Nellie Sofie Body
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Laura Pirard
Researcher
Akvaplan-niva



Kari Anne Bråthen
Professor
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

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Side Event

The Arctic Deep Sea: Knowledge, Gaps and Next Steps

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 Pedro Ribeiro
Research Professor
University of Bergen



Mari H Eilertsen
University of Bergen
Researcher



Ida H Steen
University of Bergen
Professor



Eoghan Reeves
University of Bergen
Professor



Steffen L Jørgensen
University of Bergen
Associate Professor

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The Nordic Food Frontline: Resilience Through Production and Partnership

Arbeidskontoret 2, the Edge

Sigrid Agenäs
Professor
Swedish University of
Agricultural Science (SLU)

Anu Kaukovirta
Vice President Production
Technologies
Natural Resource Institute
Finland

Ivar H. Kristensen
Director general
NIBIO

Hildegunn Norheim
Director of Division of
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Gjermund Bahr
Senior Advisor
NIBIO

Jannik Traavik Mennen

Ida-Sofie Stryken
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UiT - The Arctic University
of Norway

Oskar Puschmann
Photographer and
landscape geographer
NIBIO

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Nordic Science Cooperation in the Arctic: Lessons That Matter

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

Sven Stafström
Professor
Linköping University

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Research Council of
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David Hik
Chief Scientist and
Executive Director
(Programs)
Polar Knowledge Canada

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Workshop

Sustainable Urban Development - Lessons from the Arctic

Nordsjeteen, Saga Hotel

Stefano Tornieri
Assistant Professor
Jade University of Applied
Sciences

Alenka Temeljotov Salaj
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Sobah Abbas Petersen
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Workshop

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

Sørsjetéen, Saga Hotel

 **Owen King**
Newcastle University

 **Bethan Davies**
Professor
Newcastle University

 **Klaus Dodds**
Professor
Middlesex University

 **Kirstine Møller Gray**
Researcher
The Arctic Centre,
University of Groningen

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Networking

Canadian Gathering

Radisson Blu, Sjøgata 7, 9259 Tromsø

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Science

Maintaining and Developing Arctic Observing Capabilities - Part 1

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

 **Kate Ortenzi**
Dalhousie University

 **Jon Rosales**
St. Lawrence University

 **Ann Eileen Lennert**
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the Norway

 **Alberto Roldán Sastre**
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 **Matthew S. Balazs**
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 **Michael Karcher**
Alfred Wegener Institute for
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Science

High Tide for Arctic Preparedness - Part 3

Margarinfabrikken 1, the Edge

 **Alexander Dalziel**
MacDonald-Laurier
Institute

 **Abbie Tingstad**
Center for Arctic Study and
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 **Maaïke Knol-Kauffman**
Norwegian Institute for
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 **Johan Schalin**
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 **Angela G. Jackson-
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U. S. Coast Guard
Academy

 **Torleiv H. Bryne**
Norwegian University of
Science and Technology

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Side Event

High Seas Biodiversity Conservation and Use in the Arctic

Arbeidskontoret 2, the Edge

 **Alf Håkon Hoel**
Professor
UiT Arctic University of
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 **Vito De Lucia**
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 **Shigeki Takaya**
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 **Linda Solstrand Dahlberg**
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 **Vicki Lee Wallgren**
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 **Marie Teigen**
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Section for Treaty Law,
Environmental law, and the
Law of the Sea, The
Norwegian Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

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Side Event

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

Importkompaniet, the Edge

 **Kristin Rosendal**
Research Professor
Fridtjof Nansen Institute

 **Ágúst Bogason**
Senior Research Adviser
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 **Guttorm Aanes**
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Side Event

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

Margarinfabrikken 3, the Edge

 **Benjamin Shultz**
Lead Researcher

American Sunlight Project

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Project manager and Arctic
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 **Sian Prior**
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 **Thomas Nilsen**
Editor
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 **Yury Sergeev**
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Side Event

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

Margarinfabrikken 2, the Edge

 **Silje Karine Muotka**
President
Sámi Parliament of Norway

 **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

 **Simon Holmström**
Senior Deep-Sea Mining
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Seas at Risk

 **Marianne Dobak Kvensjø**
Head of County Council
Nordland County

 **Nick Bæk Heilman**
Senior Associate
Kaya Partners

 **Kjell Magne Grønnli**
Country Manager
Kingsrose Finnmark

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Workshop

High-Level Roundtable on Green Shipping Corridors and Ports

Nordsjetéen, Saga Hotel

 **Gunnar Wilhelmsen**
Mayor
Tromsø Municipality

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

 **Sang-Hyup Kim**
Executive Director
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 **Mads Qvist Frederiksen**
Executive Director
Arctic Economic Council

 **Hyoung Chul Shin**
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Institute

 **Jon Arve Røyset**
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 **Jørn-Even Hanssen**
Director
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 **Øistein Kaarbø**
Maritime Director
Narvik Port

 **Karen Sandrini**
ESG and Sustainability
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Esbjerg Port

 **Ingvild Solvang**
Director of Program
Development
Global Green Growth
Institute

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Associate Director, Climate
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 **Kang-deok Lee**
Mayor of Pohang
Republic of Korea

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Science

Interdisciplinary Poster Session - In Person

Venue: Saga Hotel

 Sigurd Henrik J. Teigen Equinor	 Kate Ortenzi Dalhousie University	 Philip A. McGillivray US Coast Guard	 Magnus De Witt University of Alaska Fairbanks	 Tiril V. Hansen Nordland Research Institute
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 Marja Helena Sivonen Finnish Environment Institute	 Judith Vogt Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry	 Serafima Andreeva Fridtjof Nansen Institute	 Thea Grunwald UIT The Arctic University of Norway	 Jakub Petříček UIT The Arctic University of Norway
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 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	 Heli Routti Norwegian Polar Institute	 Jihoon Joeng Korea Arctic Research Consortium	 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	 Lise Øvreås President European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC)	 Torild Johansen Institute of Marine Research, Norway	 Marianne Tronstad Lund Forsker CICERO	 Dawn Harrison UK Meteorological Institute

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 **Kirsi H. Keskitalo**
Northumbria University

 **President**
European Academies
Science Advisory Council
(EASAC)

 **Torild Johansen**
Institute of Marine
Research, Norway

 **Marianne Tronstad Lund**
Forsker
CICERO

 **Dawn Harrison**
UK Meteorological Institute

 **Roger Birkeland**
Norwegian University of
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 **Fred Haugen**
National Institute of
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(STAMI)

 **Marthe Fivelstad**
Norwegian Polar Institute

 **Roman Zakoldaev**
UiT - The Arctic University
of Norway

 **Guðbjörg Á Ólafsdóttir**
Professor & Director
University of Iceland
Research Centre of the
Westfjords

 **Soheil Shayegh**
Researcher
Fondazione CMCC

 **Luke Macpherson**
PhD Candidate
Northumbria University

 **Claire Semerod**
United States Coast Guard
Academy

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Science

Digital Poster Session

Online

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

 **Madhushri Shrikant
Varunjikar**
Institute of Marine
Research

 **Rasa Zuzeviciute**
Norwegian University of
Science and Technology

 **Zsanett Greta Papp**
European Geosciences
Union

 **Sigríður Margrét
Sigurðardóttir**
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 **Thi Mai Lien Nguyen**
University of Helsinki

 **Linara Salikhova**
Researcher
Institute for Urban
Development

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Evening

19:00 - 21:00

Networking

Indigenous Peoples' Reception

Nordnorsk kunstmuseum, Sjøgata 1

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Networking

Science Reception

The Fram Centre

 **Andreas Østhagen**
Research Director Arctic
and Ocean Politics
Fridtjof Nansen Institutt

 **Camilla Brekke**
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Norwegian Polar Institute

 **Mike Straga**
Ambassador & Interim
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University of Alaska
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 **Henry Burgess**
Head
British NERC Arctic Office

 **Martin Fortier**
Associate Vice-Rector for
Research and Innovation
Université Laval

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Skirri restaurant, Kystens Hus, Stortorget 1



Kristina Torbergsen
Mayor
Troms County COuncil



Jonas Stein
Vice Rector
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway



Mike Sfraga
Ambassador & Interim
Chancellor
University of Alaska
Fairbanks



Marte Gerhardsen
Statssekretær
Forsvarsdepartementet



Kåre Aas
tidligere diplomat



Hilde Restad
Førsteamanuensis
Oslo Nye Høyskole



Skjalg Fjellheim
Politisk redaktør
Amedia Finnmark

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Open

Nordområdene gjennom 20 år

Skirri restaurant, Kystens Hus, Stortorget 1



Bjørnar Skjæran
Kommunal- og
distriktsminister



Salve Dahle
Grunnlegger
Arctic Frontiers



Else Berit Eikeland
Tidligere ambassadør



Toril Inga Røe Utvik
Sr Manager Northern Area
Unit
Equinor



Rolf Skatteboe
CEO, President
KSAT

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Open

Hvordan påvirker klima folk flest?

Amtmandens efft. 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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Tuesday 3rd February
08:00-09:15

08:00 - 09:15

Open

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

Tromsø Rådhus, Rådhusgata 2, 9008 Tromsø

 **Cecilie Myrseth**
Minister of Trade and
Industry of Norway

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

 **Gaute Svensson**
Forsker
UiT Norges arktiske
universitetet

 **Christoffer Winkler**
Tromsø Ungdomsråd

 **Trond Arne Kongsli**
CEO
Best Arctic

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08:30-11:00

08:30 - 11:00

Workshop

JSPS Norway-Japan Academic Network

Fram Centre, Room: Kompasset

 **Yui Nakama**
NEC Corporation

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

 **Rasmus Gjedssø
Bertelsen**
UiT - The Arctic University of
Norway

 **Jose Puppim de Oliveira**
Professor
Fundação Getulio Vargas

 **Florian Vidal**
UiT Arctic University of
Norway

 **Yara Niewenhuis**
MA
UiT

 **Gunnar Rekvig**
Project Manager
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the Arctic, UiT

 **Andrea Krokan**
MSc
UiT Arctic University of
Norway

 **Magne Olav Sydnes**

 **Katsuhiko Takahashi**
Ambassador
Arctic Region & WPS,
Government of Japan

 **Hiroyuki Enomoto**
Professor
Sasakawa Peace
Foundation

 **Takashi Kikuchi**

 **Jun Inoue**

 **Mariko Hatta**

 **Tetsuo Sueyoshi**

 **Asaki Abumi**

 **Hajime Kimura**

 **Chris Rune Andresen**

 **Emil Vesleng Hansen**

 **Wang Shengrui William**

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09:00-10:30

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Science

Maintaining and Developing Arctic Observing Capabilities - Part 2

Arbeidskontoret 2, the Edge

 **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

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

 **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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09:00 - 10:30

Side Event

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

Roald Amundsen, Saga Hotel

 **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

 **Liz Lloyd**
Minister of Digital Economy
of the United Kingdom

 **Sara Björk**
DevOps developer
KSAT

 **Kristoffer Wickstrøm**
Associate Professor in
Machine Learning
UiT - the Arctic University
of Norway

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09:00 - 10:30

Side Event

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

Sørsjetéen og Nordsjetéen, Saga Hotel

 **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-Zohoory**
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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09:00 - 10:30

Side Event

Rising Voices: Indigenous Women Leading Arctic Transformation

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

 **Mary Simon**
Governor General of
Canada

 **Silje Karine Muotka**
President
Sámi Parliament of Norway

 **Sara Olsvig**
Chair
Inuit Circumpolar Council

 **Virginia Mearns**
Arctic Ambassador for
Canada

 **Taylor Jobin**
Representative of Canada
Kingdom of Denmark
Chairship Youth Committee

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Side Event

Seabed Minerals - Where Are We Today?

Importkompaniet, the Edge

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

 **Anette BM Tvedt**
CEO
aDepth

 **Simon Holmström**
Senior Deep-Sea Mining
Policy Officer
Seas at Risk

 **Endre Tvinnereim**
Professor
University of Bergen

 **Stig-Morten Knutsen**
TC-Improved Exploration
The Norwegian Offshore
Directorat

 **Anita Evenset**
Department Director
Akvaplan-niva

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09:00 - 10:30

Side Event

Russia's War in Ukraine: Arctic Impacts

Gamle Tromsø, Saga Hotel

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

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

 **Thomas Nilsen**
Editor
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

 **Marc Lanteigne**
Professor
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

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Big Picture

Arctic State of Affairs

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

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

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

 **Mary Simon**
Governor General of Canada

 **Åsa Rennermalm**
Professor
Rutgers University

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

 **Christian Danielsson**
State Secretary at the Prime
Minister of Sweden's Office

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Workshop

National Developments and Infrastructure Investments for IPY V

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Science

Climate Change and Cumulative Effects on Ecosystems - Part 2

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

 **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

 **Hao Xia**
University of Hamburg

 **Lia Laureen Schulz**
Alfred Wegener Institute

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Science

Governance and Policy for Sustainable Space Activities - Part 1

Arbeidskontoret 2, the Edge

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

 **Giacomo Bruni**
Peace Research Institute
Oslo

 **Leonardo Cerisano**
Satta Romano & Associati

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Side Event

Safety, Security and Social Sustainability in the Nordic Arctic

Roald Amundsen, Saga Hotel

 **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

 **Brynjør Saus**
Project Leader
True North 2026

 **Martine Lødding**
Project Leader
True North 2026

 **Thomas Bentzen**
Co-founder and CEO
LOCAT3D AS

 **Unni Kløvstad**
Director
Nordic Council of Ministers

 **Petri Saravesi**
Sales Manager
KL Mechanics

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Side Event

Aquaculture Innovations in Environmental Monitoring and Early Warning

Importkompaniet, the Edge

 **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

 **Halfdan Melbye**
Partner & Lawyer
SANDS Advokatfirma

 **Frank Bakke Jensen**
Director
The Norwegian Fisheries
Directorate

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Side Event

Building What Outlives Us: Arctic Youth in Unison

Margarinfabriken, the Edge

 **Ronja E. M. Wedegärtner**
Project Leader
WWF Global Arctic
Programme

 **Brynjør Saus**
Project Leader
True North 2026

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

 **Julius Mihkkal Lindi**
Project Advisor
Arctic and Environmental
Unit of the Saami Council

 **Louis Chemnitz**
Member
Kingdom of Denmark's
Arctic Council Chairship
Youth Committee

 **Olga Ievleva**
Chair
of Arctic Youth Network
Board of Directors

 **Ole Martin M. Nygård**
Vice Chair
Barent Regional Youth
Council

 **Kaja Kulsvehagen**
Troms Regional Youth
Council

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Workshop

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

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Science

Climate Change and Cumulative Effects on Ecosystems Part 3

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

 **Doreen Kohlbach**
Alfred Wegener Institute

 **Mats A. Granskog**
Norwegian Polar Institute

 **Vanessa Pitusi**
UIT The Arctic University of Norway

 **Sanna Majaneva**
Akvaplan-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

Science

Governance and Policy for Sustainable Space Activities - Part 2

Arbeidskontoret 2, the Edge

 **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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Side Event

Academia in Times of Geopolitical Change

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

 **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**
President
European Academies
Science Advisory Council
(EASAC)

 **Mike Sfraga**
Ambassador & Interim
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University of Alaska
Fairbanks

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Side Event

Space Made Simple - Unlocking Opportunities Across Industries

Gamle Tromsø, Saga Hotel

Phillip Thomas

Head of ScaleUp Division
ESA

Ole Morten Olsen

Director of Business
Development and
Innovation
Norwegian Space Agency

Maja-Stina Ekstedt

EVP Sustainability, Public
Relations &
Communication
KSAT

Giuseppe Borghi

Head of the Φ-lab Division
ESA

Nils Haga

ESA Business Applications
Ambassador
Kjeller Innovasjon AS

Arne Gjennestad

Marketing Manager,
Defence Space &
Surveillance (Missiles &
Space)
Kongsberg Defence &
Aerospace (KDA)

Martin Modell Grande

CEO
Tycho Space

Anders Tørud

Senior Advisor
KPB

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15:30 - 17:00

Side Event

Reconciling Security, Development, and Sustainability in the Arctic

Importkompaniet, the Edge

Jan-Gunnar Winther

Director
Centre for the Ocean and
the Arctic at UiT

Oda Bjerkan

CEO
UN Global Compact
Norway

Andreas Raspotnik

Nord University

Morten Albertsen

Harbor Master
Båtsfjord

Lars Saunes

Professor/Rear Admiral
Royal Norwegian Navy
(ret), USNWC

Øyvind Dunsæd

Commodore and
Commander
Norwegian Coast Guard

Gunnar Rekvig

Project Manager
Centre for the Ocean and
the Arctic, UiT

Michael Reiffenstuel

Director for the Western
Balkans, Türkiye, Council
of Europe and OSCE and
Arctic Policy
German Federal Foreign
Office

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16:00-18:00

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Workshop

Forging the Future of the Central Arctic Ocean

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The Space to Collaborate

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

🎤 **Josef Wiedemann**
Sales Director
Isar Aerospace

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

🎤 **Curtis Shaw**
President
Northwestel

🎤 **Liz Lloyd**
Minister of Digital Economy
of the United Kingdom

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Evening

17:45 - 19:00 [Open](#)

En kveld for partnerskap i nord

Mack Direksjonen, Storgata 4, 9008 Tromsø. (Etasjen over Ølhallen)

🎤 **Svein Vigeland Røttem**
Senior Researcher
Fridtjof Nansen Institute

🎤 **Sigrud Bjørnhaug Hammer**
Varaordfører
Tromsø Kommune

🎤 **Wenche Pedersen**
Leder i Øst-Finnmarksrådet
Ordfører i Vadsø

🎤 **Håkon Vahl**
Fylkesvaraordfører Troms
(H)

🎤 **Gudrun Sylte**
Kommunikasjonsleder
Bjerknessenteret

🎤 **Bjørn Willy Robstad**
Seniorrådgiver
Stortinget

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Fremtidens energi i Arktis: Ditt valg

Parkgata 27/29, 9008, TROMSØ

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Båtsfjordkveld: In Cod We Trust – Kulturaften om og med Båtsfjord m/ eksklusiv kinofilmsniktitt

Tankrommet, Bryggeriet Scene

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19:00 - 20:00 Open

Breaking with colonial practices and strengthening collaboration with Greenland - bridging local and scientific knowledge

Mack Direksjonen, Storgata 4, 9008 Tromsø. Above Mack Ølhallen.

👤 Ole R. Øvretveit
University of Bergen

👤 Kerim Nisancioglu
Professor
University of Bergen

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19:30 - 21:30 Networking

Emerging Leaders Reception

Cafe Sønn, Erling Bangsunds plass 1, 9008 Tromsø

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20:00 - 22:00 Open

Science on Tap!

Storgata Camping

👤 Vanessa Pitusi
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

👤 Johanne Albrigtsen
University of Nevada

👤 Delphin Ruché
Director
Rissa Citizen Science

👤 Jane Zimmermann
Illustrator
Pixiepencil

👤 Fieke Rader
Research coordinator
Norwegian Polar Institute

👤 Maura Guzmán
Student

👤 Simone Eringfeld
Scott Polar Research
Institute
University of Cambridge

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Wednesday 4th February
08:00-09:15

08:00 - 09:15 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

09:00 - 10:30 Science

Maritime Extremes: Communication, Uncertainty and Emerging Technologies Part 1

Arbeidskontoret 2, the Edge

 **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

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

 **Kate Ortenzi**
Dalhousie University

 **Morgen G. Bertheussen**
McGill University

 **Justin Langan**
O'KANATA

 **Shivangi Mishra**
Arctic Institute of North America, University of Calgary

 **Kristian Louis Jensen**
Head of External Relations
Bellona (Centre for Marine Restoration)

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Side Event

Intergenerational Capacity Sharing: The Connection between Nature and Youth

Sørsjetéen, Saga Hotel

 **Vesa Orassalo**
Skolt Sámi Fisherman and
Student
University of Lapland

 **Jessica Aquino**
Associate Professor
Hólar University

 **Rauni Äärelä-Vihriälä**
Senior Researcher
University of Lapland

 **Lemet M. Hætta**
Student | Saami Council -
Sáttanourat/Sámi Youth
Delegate

 **Ingrid Eline Barrabés
Gørrissen**
Leader
Arktis Natur og Ungdom
(NU Arktis)

 **Hans Ravna-Pieski**
Student

 **Camilla Aviaja Olsen**
International Chair / Head
of Section
Arctic Council's
Sustainable Development
Working Group / Ministry of
Foreign Affairs and
Research, Greenland

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09:00 - 10:30

Side Event

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

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

 **Sara Olsvig**
Chair
Inuit Circumpolar Council

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

 **Unni Kløvstad**
Director
Nordic Council of Ministers

 **Ole Martin Melbøe
Nygård**
Vice Chair
Barents Regional Youth
Council

 **Inga M. W. Nyhamar**
Senior Adviser
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Norway

 **Eivind Vad Petersson**
State Secretary
Norwegian Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

 **Lars Kullerud**
President
University of the Arctic
(UArctic)

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Side Event

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

Importkompaniet, the Edge

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

 **Rolf Rødven**
Executive Secretary
AMAP

 **Gosia Smieszek-Rice**
Research Fellow
AMAP

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

 **David Balton**
Senior Fellow
Harvard Kennedy School's
Arctic Initiative

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Side Event

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

Gamle Tromsø & Roald Amundsen, Saga Hotel

 Carina Sammeli
Mayor
Luleå Municipality

 Patti Bruns
Secretary General
Arctic Mayors' Forum

 Elsa Berg
Mayor of Tórshavn
Municipality

 Julia Seljeseth
International Advisor,
Political Secretariat
Tromsø Kommune

 Ben Hendriksen
Mayor of Yellowknife

 Claude Véron-Réville
European External Action
Service
EU Special Envoy for Arctic
Matters

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Big Picture

Building Up the Arctic

Margarinfabriken, the Edge

 Jonas Gahr Støre
Prime Minister of Norway

 Silje Karine Muotka
President
Sámi Parliament of Norway

 Natan Obed
President
Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

 Baiba Braže
Minister of Foreign Affairs of
Latvia

 Benjamin Haddad
Minister Delegate for
European Affairs of France

 Samu Paukkunen
Deputy Director
Finnish Institute of
International Affairs

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Science

Maritime Extremes: Communication, Uncertainty and Emerging Technologies Part 2

Arbeidskontoret 2, the Edge

 Malte Müller
Norwegian Meteorological
Institute

 Jereme M. Altendorf
University of Alaska
Anchorage

 Ed Blockley
Met Office UK

 Benjamin Strong
EPPR

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Science

Climate Change and Cumulative Effects on Ecosystems - Part 5

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

 **Ronja E. M. Wedegärtner**
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Side Event

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

Importkompaniet, the Edge

 **Bjørn Gunnarsson**
Associate Professor
Nord University

 **Kjell Stokvik**
Director
Centre for High North
Logistics

 **Jørn-Even Hanssen**
Director
Tromsø Port

 **Audun Celius**
Managing Director
Tschudi Kirkenes

 **Sven Tønnessen**
Director of Transport, Ports
and Fairways
Norwegian Coastal
Administration

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Side Event

Mohn Prize 2026 Panel Debate: Arctic Monitoring - Understanding Current and Future Challenges through Examining the Past

Gamle Tromsø & Roald Amundsen, Saga Hotel

 **John Smol**
Mohn Prize Laureate

 **Nils Christian Stenseth**
Professor
University of Oslo

 **Anders Schomacker**
Professor
UiT - The Arctic University
of Norway

 **Camilla Brattland**
Associate Professor
UiT the Arctic University of
Norway

 **Maria Bulínová**
PhD Candidate
UiT the Arctic University of
Norway

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Side Event

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

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 **Ylva Helene Schwenke**

 **Emilia Taimi**
Doctoral Researcher
University of Lapland

 **Brett Campeau**
Government of Nunavut

 **Julius Mihkkal Lindi**
Project Advisor
Arctic and Environmental
Unit of the Saami Council

 **Kathrin Kuhn**
Director of Mission
Andøya Spaceport

 **Agnete Masternes
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State Secretary
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Government and Regional
Development

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Workshop

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

Nordsjetéen, Saga Hotel

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

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

 **Héloïse Caraty**
Researcher
Laboratoire
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Villefranche

 **Keith Larson**
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Arctic Centre, Umeå
University

 **Philippe Archambeault**
Professor
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 **Mette Mila**
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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

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 **Håkon Haugli**
CEO
Innovation Norway

 **Ben Mallott**
President
Alaska Federation of Natives

 **Whitney Lackenbauer**
Professor
Trent University

 **Miki Jensen**
Director
Innovation South Greenland

 **Joanna Kuntunen-van't Riet**
Corporate Affairs Manager
AA Sakatti Mining Oy

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Evening

17:30 - 18:30

Open

Thirty years of Arctic Cooperation

Storgata Camping

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

 **Benjamin Strong**
EPPR

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

 **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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18:00 - 19:30

Open

Hva skjer når EU stemmer nei til Norge?

Amtmandens eftf. Grønnegata 83, 9008 Tromsø

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

 **Endre Tvinnereim**
Professor
University of Bergen

 **Troy Saghaug
Broderstad**
Associate Professor
UiT - The Arctic University
of Norway

 **Arne O. Holm**
Redaktør
High North News

 **Maja Sojtaric**
Politisk redaktør
Nordlys

 **Wenche Pedersen**
Leder i Øst-Finnmarksrådet
Ordfører i Vadsø

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19:30 - 22:00

Networking

Main Reception

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08:00-09:15

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Open

Fremtidens stemmer –Hvordan ser Arktis ut i 2050?

Tromsø Rådhus, Rådhusgata 2, 9008 Tromsø

 **Martine Lødding**
Project Leader
True North 2026

 **Lemmet M. Hætta**
Student | Saami Council -
Sáttanourat/Sámi Youth
Delegate

 **Sigríð Bjørnhaug Hammer**
Varaordfører
Tromsø Kommune

 **Parahini Parabaran**

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Side Event

Through the looking glass: Non-Arctic States in the Arctic

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09:00 - 10:30

Side Event

Young Entrepreneurs Future-proofing the North

Importkompaniet, the Edge

 **Kenneth Stålsett**
Director
The Norwegian Barents
Secretariat

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

 **Rannveig Edda**
Hjaltadóttir
Associate Professor
Nord University

 **Kristiane Mauno Krystad**
Arctic Energy Partners

 **Elias Nyheim Såstad**
Solberg
Program coordinator
Norinova

 **Sivert Bottolfsen**
Master's student
UiT - The Arctic University
of Norway

 **Ólavur Ellefsen**
Chairman
University of the Faroe
Islands

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09:00 - 10:30

Side Event

Can Nature-Based Solutions present a turn of the tide for area-based management of the Arctic?

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 **Martin Lindegren**
DTU Aqua

 **Martin Sommerkorn**
WWF Global Arctic
Programme

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

 **Igor Eulaers**
Research Scientist
Norwegian Polar Institute

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Side Event

Self-sufficiency to energy leaders: Arctic solutions for an energy secure region

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Clara Good

UIT The Arctic University of Norway

Carina Sammeli

Mayor
Luleå Municipality

Jan-Gunnar Winther

Director
Centre for the Ocean and the Arctic at UiT

Greg Poelzer

Professor
University of Saskatchewan

Patti Bruns

Secretary General
Arctic Mayors' Forum

Ole Gunnar Håland

Emergency Preparedness Manager
Tromsø Municipality

Kimmo Alatalukila

Director
Oulun Energia

Magnus Fors Haigen

Avju Solutions
Co-founder and CMO

Klaus Skytte

Nordic Energy Research
CEO

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Side Event

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

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Devlin Fernandes

Executive Director
Gwich'in Council International

Kris Statnyk

Head of Delegation and Co-Chair
Gwich'in Council International

Charleen Fisher

Director
Gwich'in Council International

Oscar Gamelin

Youth Delegate
Gwich'in Council International

Daazhraii Alexander

Youth Delegate
Gwich'in Council International

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Side Event

Blue Economy in a Nordic perspective

Arbeidskontoret 2, the Edge

Øivind Bergh

Senior Researcher
Institute of Marine Research

Gustav Kågesten

HUB Ocean

Marianne Sivertsen Næss

Minister of Fisheries and Ocean Policy of Norway

Emil Gejrot

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Side Event

Society and Advanced Technology (SATA) 2.1 - transdisciplinary Arctic graduate education

Importkompaniet, the Edge

 **Andreas Raspotnik**
Nord University

 **Whitney Lackenbauer**
Professor
Trent University

 **Rasmus Gjedssø Bertelsen**
UiT - The Arctic University of Norway

 **Federica Scarpa**
UiT Arctic University of Norway

 **Jose Puppim de Oliveira**
Professor
Fundação Getulio Vargas

 **Florian Vidal**
UiT Arctic University of Norway

 **Nina Eredics**
LLM-Candidate
UiT Arctic University of Norway

 **Yara Niewenhuis**
MA
UiT

 **Andrea Krokan**
MSc
UiT Arctic University of Norway

 **Pelagia Tsalamponi**
Master's Student
UiT Arctic University of Norway

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11:00 - 12:30

Side Event

Arctic Ocean 2050

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 **Bodil A. Bluhm**
UiT The Arctic University of Norway

 **Michael Karcher**
Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research

 **Jakob Dörr**
Postdoctoral Researcher in Oceanography and Climate Dynamics
University of Bergen and Bjerknes Centre for Climate Research

 **Morven Muilwijk**
Norwegian Polar Institute

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

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

 **Zoe Koenig**
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 **Eva Falleth**
Executive Director of Sustainable Development Research Council of Norway

 **Henry Burgess**
Head
British NERC Arctic Office

 **Trygve Sparr**
Director of Sensor and Surveillance Systems Division
Norwegian Defence Research Establishment

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Stories from the Coast

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Postdoctoral Researcher in Oceanography and Climate Dynamics
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Charitie Ropati

Youth Climate Advisor to the UN Secretary General

Marianne Sivertsen Næss

Minister of Fisheries and Ocean Policy of Norway

Vesa Orassalo

Skolt Sámi Fisherman and Student
University of Lapland

Elsa Berg

Mayor of Tórshavn Municipality

Hanna Katrín Friðriksson

Minister of Industries of Iceland

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Afternoon/evening

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Tilstand og tillit i norske fiskerier

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The Norwegian Fisheries Directorate

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Director
Institute of Marine Research, Norway

Martin Skaug

Communications Director
Norwegian Seafood Council

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Living with the Ocean: Closing Gathering

Storgata Camping

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A date with Aurora (external event - tickets required)

Polaria

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