

2026 ARCTIC FRONTIERS

TURN OF THE TIDE

2 - 5 FEB TROMSØ, NORWAY / DIGITAL

This is a snapshot of the program schedule as it looked like at 16:45 CET January 30th, 2026. For the most up-to-date program, please consult the [interactive version](#).

Monday 2nd February
09:00-10:30

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

Gökhane Aslan
Geological Survey of Norway

Sylvain Monteux
Tromsø Museum - UiT The Arctic University of Norway

Nathalie Y. Triches
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Juditha Aga
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Tilmann 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
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09:00 - 10:30 Science

High Tide for Arctic Preparedness - Part 1

Margarinfabrikken 1, the Edge

Helmi Aurora Rantala
University of Helsinki

Frøydile 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

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Director and Professor
Arctic Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School

James Badu
Nord University

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

Arbeidskontoret 2, the Edge

Truls Ræder
Senior Research Scientist
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Pia Jonsson
Senior Advisor
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Jan Roger Lerbukt
CEO
Hermes AS

Petter Olsen
Senior Scientist
Nofima

Signe Annie Sønvisen
Associate Professor
UiT Arctic University of
Norway

Karolina Gruhn
Director of Quality
Management
Espersen AS

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If you're not at the table, you're on the menu: How should Norway and the EU navigate the Arctic?

Importkompaniet, the Edge

Andreas Raspopnik
Nord University

Klaus Dodds
Professor
Middlesex University

Iselin Stensdal
Senior Researcher
Fridtjof Nansen Institute

Robert Habeck
German Vice Chancellor
and Federal Minister for
Economic Affairs and
Climate Action 2021-2025

Gunhild Hoogensen
Gjørv
UiT - The Arctic University
of Tromsø

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09:00 - 10:30 Side Event

Nature and Culture in the Anthropocene

Marginfabrikken 2, the Edge

Kirstine Møller Gray
Researcher
The Arctic Centre,
University of Groningen

Knut Rio
Professor
University of Bergen

Torger Andreas Olsen
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President
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Marit Reigstad
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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

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09:00 - 10:30 Workshop

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

Nordsjætæen, Saga Hotel

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

Arja Rautio
Professor
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Lars-Otto Reiersen
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Monitoring, Modeling, and Mitigating the Consequences of Arctic Permafrost Change - Part 2

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

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

 **Hanne Hvidtfeldt
Christiansen**
Professor
Aarhus University

 **Alexandra Meyer**
Researcher
University of Vienna &
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Institute

 **Anastasiya Halauniova**
Researcher
Durham University

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11:00 - 12:30 Science

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

Margarinfabrikken 3, the Edge

 **Ulf Y. Jonsell**
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Secretariat

 **Sasu Katajamäki**
Finnish National Defence
University

 **Philip A. McGillivray**
US Coast Guard

 **Karin Buhmann**
Copenhagen Business
School

 **Jeong-Hyun Kim**
Korea Polar Research
Institute

 **Håkon J. Sandven**
University of Bergen

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11:00 - 12:30 Science

High Tide for Arctic Preparedness - Part 2

Margarinfabrikken 1, the Edge

 **Ole R. Øvreteit**
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 **Linda Y. Brewer**
T-3 Strategies LLC

 **Sofia Tija**
George Washington
University

 **Volker Rachold**
German Arctic Office,
Alfred Wegener Institute,
Helmholtz Center for Polar
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 **Lokukaluge Prasad
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UIT The Arctic University of
Norway

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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

Marit Magelssen Vambheim
Director
Energi i Nord

Stein Gunnar Bondevik
Staff Director
Fornybar Norge

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

Gwen Holdman
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University of Alaska - Fairbanks, USA

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Claudia Cheng
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Gregory Poelzer
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Researcher
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Director of renewable energy
Troms Kraft

Greg Poelzer
Professor
University of Saskatchewan

Jo Jorem Aarseth
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Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO)

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Indigenous Engagement and Co-Creation in Arctic Research

Importkompaniet, the Edge

Torger Andreas Olsen
Professor
UiT The Arctic University of Norway

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

Sara Olsvig
Chair
Inuit Circumpolar Council

Virginia Mearns
Arctic Ambassador for Canada

Gunn-Britt Retter
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Saami Council

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

Hanna-Maret Outakoski
Sámi University of Applied Sciences
Professor

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Turning the Tide Through Engaged Arctic Humanities

Margarinfabrikken 2, the Edge

Lilli Mittner

Associate Professor /
Coordinator of the Centre
for Arctic Humanities
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of Norway

Kate Maxwell

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Anniken Førde
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UIT Arctic University of
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Arctic Wildfire Preparedness & Terrain Trafficability

Nordsjætén, Saga Hotel

Benjamin Strong
EPPR

Mikko Strahlendorf
Finnish Meteorological
Institute

Saara Lilja
CEO
Emergensi Ltd.

**Kristian Holmenes
Fredriksen**
Head of section, fire
prevention unit
Tromsø Fire and Rescue
service

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Use of AIS data for governing Arctic shipping

Sørsjætén, Saga Hotel

Maaike Knol-Kauffman
Norwegian Institute for
Water Research

Sian Prior
Lead Adviser
Clean Arctic Alliance

Gunnar Sander
Senior Researcher
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Rob Ayasse
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Arnaud Tarroux
Norwegian Institute for
Nature Research

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Administration

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Living with the Ocean - Exhibition Launch

Strandtorget (between Skarven and Nerstrand)

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

Cathrine Paus
Head of Public Operation
Arctic University Museum of Norway

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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
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Hans Kristian Strand
Researcher
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Norwegian Environment Agency

Tone Kristin Reiertsen
Project leader
MARCIS

Solrun Skjellum
Chief Development Officer
NIVA

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Nordic Science Cooperation in the Arctic: Lessons That Matter

Margarinfabrikken 2, the Edge

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

Sven Stafström
Professor
Linköping University

Christina Abildgaard
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Laura Forsström
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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
Survey and Statistics
NIBIO

Gjermund Bahr
Senior Advisor
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Space Weather: Prepare and Protect

Margarinfabrikken 3, the Edge

Pål Brekke
Lead Space Science
Norwegian Space Agency

Magnar G. Johnsen
Observatory Leader
Tromsø Geophysical
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University of Norway

Per Erik Opseth
Director, Geodetic Institute
Norwegian Mapping
Authority

Kåre Rudsar
Senior consultant
Statsnett

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Fram Talks at Arctic Frontiers: Communicating Arctic Science!

Margarinfabrikken 1, the Edge

Aksel Kjær Vidnes
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Nellie Sofie Body
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Laura Pirard
Researcher
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Kari Anne Bråthen
Professor
UiT The Arctic University of
Norway

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The Arctic Deep Sea: Knowledge, Gaps and Next Steps

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

Pedro Ribeiro
Research Professor
University of Bergen

Mari H Eilertsen
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Researcher

Ida H Steen
University of Bergen
Professor

Eoghan Reeves
University of Bergen
Professor

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University of Bergen
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Sustainable Urban Development - Lessons from the Arctic

Nordsjééen, Saga Hotel

Stefano Tornieri
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Alenka Temeljotov Salaj
Professor
NTNU

Sobah Abbas Petersen
Professor
NTNU & SINTEF

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Per Storrø Petersen
Researcher
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Igor Ezau
UiT - The Arctic University of Norway

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

Sørsjééen, Saga Hotel

Owen King
Newcastle University

Bethan Davies
Professor
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Klaus Dodds
Professor
Middlesex University

Kirstine Møller Gray
Researcher
The Arctic Centre, University of Groningen

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Canadian Gathering

Radisson Blu, Sjøgata 7, 9259 Tromsø

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High Tide for Arctic Preparedness - Part 3

Margarinfabrikken 1, the Edge

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Torleiv H. Bryne
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Science and Technology

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Maaike Knol-Kauffman
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Johan Schalin
The European Centre of
Excellence for Countering
Hybrid Threats

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

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Maintaining and Developing Arctic Observing Capabilities - Part 1

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

Kate Ortenzi
Dalhousie University

Jacqueline M. Grebmeier
University of Maryland
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Alberto Roldán Sastre
University of the Westfjords

Matthew S. Balazs
University of Alaska
Fairbanks

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15:30 - 17:00 Side Event

High Seas Biodiversity Conservation and Use in the Arctic

Arbeidskontoret 2, the Edge

Alf Håkon Hoel
Professor
UiT Arctic University of
Norway

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

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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

Ksenia Vakhrusheva

Project manager and Arctic
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Sian Prior

Lead Adviser
Clean Arctic Alliance

Thomas Nilsen

Editor
The Barents Observer

Yury Sergeev

Arctic project advisor
Bellona Environmental
Transparency Centre

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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
Policy Officer
Seas at Risk

Marianne Dobak Kvænsjø

Head of County Council
Nordland County

Nick Bæk Heilman

Senior Associate
Kaya Partners

Kjell Magne Grønnli

Country Manager
Kingsrose Finnmark

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Side Event

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

Importkompaniet, the Edge

Kristin Rosendal

Research Professor
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Ágúst Bogason

Senior Research Adviser
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Guttorm Aanes

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Sustainable Development
Working Group / Ministry of
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Research, Greenland

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15:30 - 17:00 Workshop

High-Level Roundtable on Green Shipping Corridors and Ports

Nordsjætén, Saga Hotel

Gunnar Wilhelmsen
Mayor
Tromsø Municipality

Jon Arve Røyset
Project manager
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Administration & Protection
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Group (PAME), Arctic
Council

Peter Normann Vangsbo
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Arup

Umji Kim
Director of the Polar
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Jørn-Even Hanssen
Director
Tromsø Port

Kang-deok Lee
Mayor of Pohang
Republic of Korea

Sang-Hyup Kim
Executive Director
GGGI

Øistein Kaarbø
Maritime Director
Narvik Port

Karen Sandrini
ESG and Sustainability
Director
Esbjerg Port

Mads Qvist Frederiksen
Executive Director
Arctic Economic Council

Hyoung Chul Shin
President
Korea Polar Research
Institute

Ingvild Solvang
Director of Program
Development
Global Green Growth
Institute

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17:30 - 19:00 Science

Interdisciplinary Poster Session - In Person

Venue: Saga Hotel

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Tilmann Lübker
Alfred Wegener Institute
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Hayley McLennan
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Philip A. McGillivary
US Coast Guard

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Vivian Motzfeldt
Minister of Foreign Affairs
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Jaimeer B. Patel
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Julie Malenfant-Lepage
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Dyre Oliver Dammann
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Rimouski

Christian Rischer
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Morven Muilwijk Norwegian Polar Institute	Farzana Shakir Ali Rana	Jan Mikolajczyk University of Warsaw	Dianna Farrell University of Southern Maine	Johanne Albrightsen 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
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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	

17:30 - 19:00 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	Sigriður Margrét Sigurðardóttir University of Akureyri	Thi Mai Lien Nguyen University of Helsinki
Linara Salikhova Researcher Institute for Urban Development				

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Evening

19:00 - 22:00 Networking

Science Reception

The Fram Centre

Andreas Østhagen
Research Director Arctic and Ocean Politics
Fridtjof Nansen Institutt

Giuliana Panieri
Director
CNR, ISP ISTITUTO DI SCIENZE POLARI

Camilla Brekke
Director
Norwegian Polar Institute

Mike Sfraga
Ambassador & Interim Chancellor
University of Alaska Fairbanks

Henry Burgess
Head of British NERC Arctic Office
British NERC Arctic Office

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

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19:00 - 21:00 Networking

Indigenous Peoples' Reception

Nordnorsk Kunstmuseum, Sjøgata 1

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19:00 - 19:45 Open

Det store bildet live podcastinnspilling

Skirri restaurant, Kystens Hus, Stortorget 1

Kristina Torbergsen
Mayor
Troms County Council

Hilde Restad
Førsteamanuensis
Oslo Nye Høyskole

Jonas Stein
Vice Rector
UIT The Arctic University of Norway

Skjalg Fjellheim
Politisk redaktør
Amedia Finnmark

Mike Sfraga
Ambassador & Interim Chancellor
University of Alaska Fairbanks

Marte Gerhardsen
Statssekretær
Forsvarsdepartementet

Kåre Aas
tidligere diplomat

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20:00 - 21:00 Open

Nordområdene gjennom 20 år

Skirri restaurant, Kystens Hus, Stortorget 1

Bjørnar Skjæråen
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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20:00 - 21:30 Open

Hvordan påvirker klima folk flest?

Amtmandens etff. 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
universitet

 **Christoffer Winkler**
Tromsø Ungdomsråd

 **Trond Arne Kongslø**
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

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

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

 **Florian Vidal**
UIT Arctic University of
Norway

 **Yara Nieuwenhuis**
MA
UIT

 **Gunnar Rekvig**
Project Manager
Centre for the Ocean and
the Arctic, UiT

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

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

 **Hiroyuki Enomoto**
Professor
Sasakawa Peace
Foundation

 **Jun Inoue**

 **Tetsuo Sueyoshi**

 **Chris Rune Andresen**

 **Emil Vesleng Hansen**

 **Wang Shengrui William**

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09:00 - 10:30 Science

Climate Change and Cumulative Effects on Ecosystems - Part 1

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

 **Bérengére 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 Johannessen**
Forsker
Havforskningsinstituttet

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09:00 - 10:30 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)

William Manley
University of Colorado

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09:00 - 10:30 Side Event

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

Sørjetéen 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-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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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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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

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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09:00 - 10:30 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 Evensen
Department Director
Akvaplan-niva

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11:00 - 12:30 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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12:30-15:30

12:30 - 15:30 Workshop

National Developments and Infrastructure Investments for IPY V

By Invitation Only

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13:30-15:00

13:30 - 15:00 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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13:30 - 15:00 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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13:30 - 15:00 Side Event

Safety, Security and Social Sustainability in the Nordic Arctic

Roald Amundsen, Saga Hotel

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 2026

Martine Lødding

Project Leader

True North 2026

Patti Bruns

Secretary General
Arctic Mayors' Forum

Thomas Bentzen

Co-founder and CEO
LOCAT3D AS

Unni Kløvstad

Director

Nordic Council of Ministers

Gøril Johansen

ProTromsø

Petri Saravesi

Sales Manager
KL Mechanics

Agnete Masternes

Hanssen

State Secretary
Ministry of Local
Government and Regional
Development

Anniina Koivula-Olstad

Deputy Head of Mission
Embassy of Finland in
Norway

Tony Haugen

Chief Sales Officer
Avju Solutions

Mari Siljebråten

Chair of Main Committee
on Transport and
Infrastructure
Troms County Council

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13:30 - 15:00 Side Event

Building What Outlives Us: Arctic Youth in Unison

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

Ronja E. M. Wedegärtner

Project Leader
WWF Global Arctic
Programme

Brynjar Saus

Project Leader
True North 2026

Sarah Marie Strand

Executive Director
Association of Polar Early
Career Scientists

Julius Mihkjal Lindi

Project Advisor
Arctic and Environmental
Unit of the Saami Council

Louis Chemnitz

Member
Kingdom of Denmark's
Arctic Council Chairship
Youth Committee

Olga levleva

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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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

Halldan Melbye
Partner & Lawyer
SANDS Advokatfirma

Frank Bakke Jensen
Director
The Norwegian Fisheries
Directorate

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13:30 - 17:00 Workshop

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

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15:30-17:00

15:30 - 17:00 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 Pitus
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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15:30 - 17:00 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
Chancellor
University of Alaska
Fairbanks

Sigrun Aasland
Minister of Research and
Higher Education of
Norway

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15:30 - 17:00 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 Ø-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 Raspopnik

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

Amber Gell

Director of Strategy &
Partnerships
KSAT

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16:30-18:00

16:30 - 18:00 Workshop

Forging the Future of the Central Arctic Ocean

Roald Amundsen, Saga Hotel

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17:30-18:45

17:30 - 18:45 Big Picture

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)

Cecilie Myrseth

Minister of Trade and
Industry of Norway

Curtis Shaw

President
Northwestel

Liz Lloyd

Minister of Digital Economy
of the United Kingdom

Chehineze Bouafia

Head of Regulatory Policy
and International Affairs
Eutelsat

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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 Rottem

Senior Researcher
Fridtjof Nansen Institute

Bjørn Willy Robstad
Seniorrådgiver
Stortinget

Sigrid Bjørnhaug Hammer

Varaordfører
Tromsø Kommune

Wenche Pedersen

Leder i Øst-Finnmarksrådet
Ordfører i Vadsø

Håkon Vahl

Fylkesvaraordfører Troms
(H)

Gudrun Sylte

Kommunikasjonsleder
Bjerknessenteret

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18:00 - 19:30 Open

Fremsidens energi i Arktis: Ditt valg

Parkgata 27/29, 9008, TROMSØ

Thomas Henriksen

Operational Leader &
Emerging Leader
Hammerfest LNG

Ole Aune Ødegård

Senior Advisor
Nordic Energy Research

Inger Johnsen

Director of Communication
and Community
Troms Kraft

Daniel Smirat

Chair of the Municipal
Executive Board
Luleå Municipality

Kristoffer Karlsen

Emergency preparedness
advisor
Tromsø Municipality

Mari Bondevik

Communications
True North 2026

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18:00 - 20:00 Open

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. Øvreteit
University of Bergen

 Espen Barth Eide
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway

 Rasmus Gjedssøe
Bertelsen
UiT - The Arctic University of Norway

 Malou Platou Johansen
Lecturer
Ilisimatusarfik - University of Greenland

 Kerim Nisancioglu
Professor
University of Bergen

 Aaja Chemnitz
Member of the Danish Parliament
Folketinget

 Tone Huse
Head of Research
Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research, OsloMet

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19:30 - 21:30 Networking

Emerging Leaders Reception

Cafe Sånn, 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

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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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08:15 - 08:45 Keynote

Why the Arctic is Important for Us and Our Allies

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

Jonas Gahr Støre
Prime Minister of Norway

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)

 Matthew Zammit-Maempel
Director of Policy Initiatives
ICC Canada

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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

 Hanna Katrin Friðriksson
Minister of Industries of Iceland

 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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09:00 - 10:30 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

 Jihoon Joeng
Secretary General
Korea Arctic Research Consortium (KoARC)

 Rolf Rødven
Executive Secretary
AMAP

 Gosia Smieszek-Rice
Research Fellow
AMAP

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

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09:00 - 10:30 Side Event

Intergenerational Capacity Sharing: The Connection between Nature and Youth

Sørsjetéen, Saga Hotel

Vesa Orassalo
Skolt Sámi Fisherman and
Student
University of Lapland

Hans Ravna-Pieski
Student

Jessica Aquino
Associate Professor
Hólar University

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

Rauni Äärelä-Vihriälä
Senior Researcher
University of Lapland

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

Ingrid Eline Barrabés
Gørriksen
Leader
Arktis Natur og Ungdom
(NU Arktis)

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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

Gamle Tromsø & Roald Amundsen, Saga Hotel

Carina Sammeli
Mayor
Luleå Municipality

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

Patti Bruns
Secretary General
Arctic Mayors' Forum

Avaaraq Olsen
Mayor of Sermersooq and
Chair of the Arctic Mayors'
Forum

Elsa Berg
Mayor of Tórshavn
Municipality

Julia Seljeseth
International Advisor,
Political Secretariat
Tromsø Kommune

Ben Hendriksen
Mayor of Yellowknife

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11:00 - 12:30 Big Picture

Building Up the Arctic

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

 **Jonas Gahr Støre**
Prime Minister of Norway

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

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

 **Natan Obed**
President
Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

 **Baiba Braže**
Minister of Foreign Affairs of
Latvia

 **Samu Paukkunen**
Deputy Director
Finnish Institute of
International Affairs

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13:30-15:00

13:30 - 15:00 Science

Climate Change and Cumulative Effects on Ecosystems - Part 5

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

 **Ronja E. M. Wedegärtner**
Project Leader
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

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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13:30 - 15:00 Side Event

“Who is the Arctic?” – A True North 2026 Townhall

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

Ylva Helene Schwenke

Emilia Taimi
Doctoral Researcher
University of Lapland

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13:30 - 15:00 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
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Camilla Brattland
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Maria Bulinová
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13:30 - 15:00 Workshop

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

Nordsjéén, 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
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15:30-16:45

15:30 - 16:45 Big Picture

The Ebb & Flow of Economies

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

Håkon Haugli
CEO
Innovation Norway

Ben Mallott
President
Alaska Federation of Natives

Whitney Lackenbauer
Professor
Trent University

Miki Jensen
Director
Innovation South Greenland

Joanna Kuntonen-van't
Riet
Corporate Affairs Manager
Anglo American Finland

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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 etff. Grønnegata 83, 9008 Tromsø

Tor Eldevik
Head of Geophysical
Institute
University of Bergen

Endre Twinnereim
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

Radisson Blu Hotel

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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

Martine Lødding
Project Leader
True North 2026

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

Sigrid Bjørnhaug Hammer
Varaordfører
Tromsø Kommune

Parahini Parabaran

Birgitta Larsson
Mayor of Gällivare

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09:00-10:30

09:00 - 10:30 Side Event

Young Entrepreneurs Future-proofing the North

Importkompaniet, the Edge

Kenneth Stålslett
Director
The Norwegian Barents
Secretariat

Nils Kristian Sørheim
Nilsen
Director
Northern Norway European
Office

Rannveig Edda
Hjaltadottir
Associate Professor
Nord University

Kristiane Mauno Krystad
Arctic Energy Partners

Elias Nyheim Såstad
Solberg
Program coordinator
Norinnova

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

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

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

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 Alatalkkila
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Oulun Energia

Magnus Fors Haugen
Avju Solutions
Co-founder and CMO

Klaus Skytte
Nordic Energy Research
CEO

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

Arbeidskontoret 2, the Edge

 Martin Lindegren
DTU Aqua

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 Anna Woodhead
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Stockholm University

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09:00 - 10:30 Side Event

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

Margarinfabrikken 1-3, the Edge

 Andreas Rasputnik
Nord University

 Katsuhiko Takahashi
Ambassador
Arctic Region & WPS,
Government of Japan

 Soumya
Chandrashekharachari
Director of the UN
Economic and Social
Division
Ministry of External Affairs,
India

 Alejandra del Rio
Ambassador
Embassy of Spain

 Florence Robine
Ambassador
Embassy of France

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11:00-12:30

11:00 - 12:30 Side Event

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

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

 Devlin Fernandes
Executive Director
Gwich'in Council
International

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

 Oscar Gamelin
Youth Delegate
Gwich'in Council
International

 Daazhraii Alexander
Youth Delegate
Gwich'in Council
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 Jordan Peterson
President & CEO
Affinity North

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Blue Economy in a Nordic perspective

Arbeidskontoret 2, the Edge

Øivind Bergh

Senior Researcher
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Research

Gustav Kågesten
HUB Ocean

Marianne Sivertsen Næss
Minister of Fisheries and
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Nordic Council of Ministers

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Karen Motzfeldt
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Oceans North Kalaallit
Nunaat

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11:00 - 12:30 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
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11:00 - 12:30 Side Event

Arctic Ocean 2050

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

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Jakob Dörr
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Arctic Office
British NERC Arctic Office

Trygve Sparr
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Norwegian Defence
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Researcher
Institute of Marine
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Stories from the Coast

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

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Charitie Ropati
Youth Climate Advisor to the
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Marianne Sivertsen Næss
Minister of Fisheries and
Ocean Policy of Norway

Vesa Orassalo
Skolt Sámi Fisherman and
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University of Lapland

Elsa Berg
Mayor of Tórshavn
Municipality

Hanna Katrín Friðriksson
Minister of Industries of
Iceland

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Tilstand og tillit i norske fiskerier

Kantinen på Kystens Hus, Stortorget 1

Jan Roger Lerbukt
CEO
Hermes AS

Geir Huse
Department Director
Institute of Marine
Research

Edda Johannessen
Forsker
Havforskningsinstituttet

Anne-May Johansen
Nofima

Frank Bakke Jensen
Director
The Norwegian Fisheries
Directorate

Nils Gunnar Kvamstø
Director
Institute of Marine
Research, Norway

Martin Skaug
Communications Director
Norwegian Seafood
Council

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15:30 - 18:00 Open

Living with the Ocean: Closing Gathering

Storgata Camping

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18:00 - 20:00 Open

A date with Aurora (external event - tickets required)

Polaria

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