

2026 ARCTIC FRONTIERS

TURN OF THE TIDE

2 - 5 FEB TROMSØ, NORWAY / DIGITAL

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Monday 2nd February

09:00-10:30

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Science

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

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge



Sebastian Westermann
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Nathalie Y. Triches
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Max Planck Institute for
Biogeochemistry,

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Science

Ocean Observational Pyramid - Part 1: From Seabed to Space Monitoring

Margarinfabrikken 3, the Edge



Sigurd Henrik J. Teigen
Equinor



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Senior Researcher
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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



Frøydis Gillund
Norwegian Institute of
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Magnus De Witt
University of Alaska
Fairbanks



Magritt Brustad
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Norway



Sebastian Maria Karl
Heinrich Kopf
Norwegian Institute for
Water Research



Jennifer Spence
Director and Professor
Arctic Initiative, Harvard
Kennedy School



James Badu
Nord University

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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**
Senior Advisor
Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries

 **Jan Roger Lerbukt**
CEO
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 **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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09:00 - 10:30 Side Event

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 Raspotnik**
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 Gjørsvik**
UiT - The Arctic University
of Tromsø

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09:00 - 10:30 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 Norway

 **Lise Øvreås**
President
European Academies
Science Advisory Council
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 **Marit Reigstad**
Professor
UiT The Arctic University of Norway

 **Malgorzata Smieszek-Rice**
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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

Nordsjetteen, 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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University of Oulu

 **Lars-Otto Reiersen**
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Arctic Knowledge

 **Elsa Helmsdal**
Researcher
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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**
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 **Eirin Makopoulou**
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 **Ravdna Biret Marja E. Sara**
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Sciences

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

 **Hanne Hvidtfeldt Christiansen**
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Aarhus University

 **Alexandra Meyer**
Researcher
University of Vienna &
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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

 **Ulf Y. Jonsell**
Swedish Polar Research
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 **Sasu Katajamäki**
Finnish National Defence
University

 **Philip A. McGillivray**
US Coast Guard

 **Karin Buhmann**
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School

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

 **Håkon J. Sandven**
University of Bergen

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Science

High Tide for Arctic Preparedness - Part 2

Margarinfabrikken 1, the Edge

 **Ole R. Øvretveit**
University of Bergen

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

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

 **Sofia Tija**
George Washington
University

 **Volker Rachold**
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Alfred Wegener Institute,
Helmholtz Center for Polar
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 **Jereme M. Altendorf**
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Anchorage

 **Lokukaluge Prasad Perera**
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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

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

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

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

 **Greg Poelzer**
Professor
University of
Saskatchewan

 **Marit Magelssen
Vambheim**
Director
Energi i Nord

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

 **Gregory Poelzer**
Associate Senior Lecturer
Luleå University of
Technology

 **Geir Håvard Hanssen**
Director of renewable
energy
Troms Kraft

 **Jo Jorem Aarseth**
Research Manager
Norwegian Institute of
Bioeconomy Research
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 **Stein Gunnar Bondevik**
Staff Director
Fornybar Norge

 **Paul Bendik Jamå**
Member of the Governing
Council
Sámi Parliament

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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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Turning the Tide Through Engaged Arctic Humanities

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Lilli Mittner

Associate Professor /
Coordinator of the Centre
for Arctic Humanities
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Workshop

Arctic Wildfire Preparedness & Terrain Trafficability

Nordsjeteén, Saga Hotel



Benjamin Strong
EPPR



Mikko Strahlendorf
Finnish Meteorological
Institute



Saara Lilja
CEO
Emergenssi Ltd.



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

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Workshop

Use of AIS data for governing Arctic shipping

Sørsjeteén, Saga Hotel



Maaïke Knol-Kauffman
Norwegian Institute for
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Sian Prior
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Gunnar Sander
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Arctic Operations
Norwegian Coastal
Administration



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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
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UiT - The Arctic University of
Norway

Linus Johnsen

Norwegian-Sámi Artist

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
Hurtigruten

Hans Kristian Strand

Researcher
Institute of Marine
Research

Ida Marie Evensen

Leading Advisor for Impact
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Biodiversity
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Vice President
Sustainability
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Norges Fiskerlag

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Head of Section for Ocean
Management and Marine
Biodiversity
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

Department Director
Research Council of
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Senior Science Adviser
Research Council of
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Malou Platou Johansen

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Ilisimatusarfik - University
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Chief Scientist and
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Camilla Brattland

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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
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 **Jannik Traavik Mennen**

 **Ida-Sofie Stryken**
PhD fellow
UiT - The Arctic University
of Norway

 **Oskar Puschmann**
Photographer and
landscape geographer
NIBIO

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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**
Observatory Leader
Tromsø Geophysical
Observatory, UiT Arctic
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**
Editor-in-Chief
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 **Nellie Sofie Body**
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 **Laura Pirard**
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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

Arbeidskontoret 1, the Edge

 **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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Workshop

Sustainable Urban Development - Lessons from the Arctic

Nordsjetéen, Saga Hotel

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

 **Alenka Temeljotov Salaj**
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NTNU

 **Sobah Abbas Petersen**
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NTNU & SINTEF

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 **Victoria Miles**
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(NERSC)

 **Per Storror 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

High Tide for Arctic Preparedness - Part 3

Margarinfabrikken 1, the Edge

 **Alexander Dalziel**
MacDonald-Laurier
Institute

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

 **Abbie Tingstad**
Center for Arctic Study and
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 **Maaïke Knol-Kauffman**
Norwegian Institute for
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 **Johan Schalin**
The European Centre of
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Hybrid Threats

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

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Science

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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 **Jon Rosales**
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UiT The Arctic University of
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 **Alberto Roldán Sastre**
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 **Matthew S. Balazs**
University of Alaska
Fairbanks

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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
Norway

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

 **Vito De Lucia**
Professor & Director
Norwegian Centre for the
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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
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Ida Soltvedt Hvinden
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Simon Holmström
Senior Deep-Sea Mining
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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
Fridtjof Nansen Institute

Ágúst Bogason
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Nordregio

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**Helga Bårdsdatter
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Arctic Council's
Sustainable Development
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Foreign Affairs and
Research, Greenland

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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
GGGI

Mads Qvist Frederiksen
Executive Director
Arctic Economic Council

Hyoung Chul Shin
President
Korea Polar Research
Institute

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Jørn-Even Hanssen
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Tromsø Port

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

Peter Normann Vangsbo
Associate Director, Climate
and Sustainability Services
Arup

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
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Tillmann Lübker
Alfred Wegener Institute
Helmholtz Centre for Polar
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Angela G. Jackson-Summers
U. S. Coast Guard
Academy

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Julie Malenfant-Lepage
Norwegian University of
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Royal Holloway

Emily Cook
Alaska Center of Energy
and Power

Vivian Motzfeldt
Minister of Foreign Affairs
and Research of
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Mark CJ Stoddart
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Marta Koch
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Lucie Goraguer
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Hayley McLennan
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Asia Mantovan
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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
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 Gareth Rees Scott Polar Research Institute	 Zsanett Greta Papp European Geosciences Union	 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
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Science

Digital Poster Session

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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

 **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
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Université Laval

 **Giuliana Panieri**
Director
CNR, ISP ISTITUTO DI
SCIENZE POLARI

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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

 **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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20:00 - 21:00

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

 **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
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

09:00 - 10:30 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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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

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-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
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Norway

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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

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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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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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

Brynjør 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

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

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Barent Regional Youth Council

Kaja Kulsvehagen

Troms Regional Youth Council

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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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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 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
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 **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 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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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

 **Amber Gell**
Director of Strategy &
Partnerships
KSAT

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16:30-18:00

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Workshop

Forging the Future of the Central Arctic Ocean

Roald Amundsen, Saga Hotel

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17:30-18:45

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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

 **Cehineze Bouafia**
Head of Regulatory Policy
and International Affairs
Eutelsat

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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

 **Sigrid 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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18:00 - 19:30 Open

Fremtidens energi i Arktis: Ditt valg

Parkgata 27/29, 9008, TROMSØ

 **Thomas Henriksen**
Operational Leader &
Emerging Leader
Hammerfest LNG

 **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

 **Ole Aune Ødegård**
Senior Advisor
Nordic Energy Research

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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. Øvretveit**
University of Bergen

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

 **Rasmus Gjedssø 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 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

 **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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08:15-08:45

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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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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Side Event

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

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

 **Sara Olsvig**
Chair
Inuit Circumpolar Council

 **Hanna Katrín 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

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

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Side Event

Intergenerational Capacity Sharing: The Connection between Nature and Youth

Sørsjetéen, Saga Hotel

 **Vesa Orassalo**
Skolt Sámi Fisherman and
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 **Jessica Aquino**
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 **Lemet M. Hætta**
Student | Saami Council -
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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

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

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

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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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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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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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Side Event

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

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

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
Hanssen
State Secretary
Ministry of Local
Government and Regional
Development

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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
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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13:30 - 15:00

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
d'Océanographie de
Villefranche

Keith Larson
Director
Arctic Centre, Umeå
University

Philippe Archambeault
Professor
Université Laval

Mette Mila
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Research Council of
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Executive Secretary
AMAP

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Research Fellow
AMAP

Sarah Marie Strand
Executive Director
Association of Polar Early
Career Scientists

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Department Director
Institute of Marine
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Research Council of
Norway

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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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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 efft. Grønnegata 83, 9008 Tromsø

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

 **Endre Tvinneheim**
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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Main Reception

Radisson Blu Hotel

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08:00-09:15

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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**

 **Birgitta Larsson**
Mayor of Gällivare

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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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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 Alatulkkila**
Director
Oulun Energia

 **Magnus Fors Haigen**
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

 **Igor Eulaers**
Research Scientist
Norwegian Polar Institute

 **Rolf Rødven**
Executive Secretary
AMAP

 **Raul Primicerio**
Professor
UiT - The Arctic University
of Norway

 **Bastiaan Klerk**
PhD Candidate
UiT - The Arctic University
of Norway

 **Anna Woodhead**
Researcher
Stockholm University

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Side Event

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

Margarinfabrikken 1-3, the Edge

 **Andreas Raspotnik**
Nord University

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

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

 **Alejandra del Río**
Ambassador
Embassy of Spain

 **Florence Robine**
Ambassador
Embassy of France

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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

 **Daazhrai Alexander**
Youth Delegate
Gwich'in Council
International

 **Jordan Peterson**
President & CEO
Affinity North

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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 Nordic Innovation	 Sigurd S. Pettersen DNV
 Unni Kløvstad Director Nordic Council of Ministers	 Sigri Stokke Nilsen Centre for the Ocean and the Arctic	 Benedek Regoczy Iceland Ocean Cluster	 Terje Jørgensen Director Port of Kirkenes	 Karen Motzfeldt Special Advisor Oceans North Kalaallit Nunaat

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Side Event

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

Importkompaniet, the Edge

 Andreas Raspochnik 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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Side Event

Arctic Ocean 2050

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

 Bodil A. Bluhm UiT The Arctic University of Norway	 Michael Karcher Senior Scientist in Sea Ice Physics 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	 Clare Andvik Doctoral Research Fellow University of Oslo	 Morven Muilwijk Norwegian Polar Institute
 Tor Eldevik Head of Geophysical Institute University of Bergen	 Jørgen Berge Pro Rector for Research UiT The Arctic University of Norway	 Svein Vigeland Rottem Senior Researcher Fridtjof Nansen Institute	 Zoe Koenig Postdoctoral Researcher UiT the Arctic University of Norway	 Eva Falleth Executive Director of Sustainable Development Research Council of Norway
 Henry Burgess Head of British NERC Arctic Office British NERC Arctic Office	 Trygve Sparr Director of Sensor and Surveillance Systems Division Norwegian Defence Research Establishment	 Elizabeth Jones Researcher Institute of Marine Research, Norway		

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Stories from the Coast

Margarinfabrikken, the Edge

Jakob Dörr

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

Charitie Ropati

Youth Climate Advisor to the
UN Secretary General

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Ocean Policy of Norway

Vesa Orassalo

Skolt Sámi Fisherman and
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Mayor of Tórshavn
Municipality

Hanna Katrín Friðriksson

Minister of Industries of
Iceland

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Evening

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Open

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 Johannesen

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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Open

A date with Aurora (external event - tickets required)

Polaria

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