



ARCTIC SHIPPING ROUTES & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS

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Founder of the Arctic Policy and Economic Forum

The conference is free of charge and opened to institutions, companies, media or by invitation.

Registration is mandatory: registration@apeforum.org

The 2013 Arctic Policy and Economic Forum will focus on the link between Arctic shipping routes and economic developments in the region. A keynote speech will highlight the case of Greenland. Conclusion remarks will look at the potential of Denmark's rising 'Arctic hub', Aalborg, in relation to both Greenland and Denmark as well as in a broader European context.

09.00-9.45 Welcome coffee and registration of participants

09.45-10.15 Opening session

Welcome remarks by Ambassador Erik Vilstrup Lorenzen
Arctic Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark

Keynote speech by Palle Christiansen
Former Greenlandic Minister for Finance and Nordic Cooperation

10.15-12.00 Arctic Shipping Routes

Jan Fritz Hansen
Deputy Director General, Danish Shipowners' Association

Rear Admiral Nils Wang
Commandant, Royal Danish Defence College

Ambassador Damien Miller
Australian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark, Norway and Iceland

Ambassador Sturla Sigurjónsson
Icelandic Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark

Moderator: Dr. Damien Degeorges

12.00-13.00 Networking lunch buffet

13.00-14.45 Economic Developments in the Arctic

Philippe Cambos
Technical Director, Marine and Offshore Division, Bureau Veritas

Patrick Brandt
Head of the Polar Affairs Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

Ugo Miretti
Policy Officer, Raw Materials, Metals, Minerals and Forest-based Industries Unit, Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry, European Commission

Peter Bay Kirkegaard
Senior Advisor, International Market Policy, Confederation of Danish Industry

Moderator: Dr. Damien Degeorges

14.45-15.00 Conclusion remarks by Thorkild M.R. Lauridsen

Director, Arctic Consensus, Denmark

Dr. Damien Degeorges is the founder of the Arctic Policy and Economic Forum. A former freelance foreign correspondent for the Greenlandic newspaper 'AG/Grønlandsposten' (2003-2007), he visited the Arctic for the first time in 1998. He graduated in Nordic studies (Danish) from Paris Sorbonne university and holds a doctoral degree in political science from Paris Descartes university after a thesis on 'The Role of Greenland in the Arctic'. He collaborated on several occasions with the cabinet of then French Minister for Ecology Jean-Louis Borloo on Arctic issues (2007-2009) and taught international politics at the University of Greenland (2012). Dr. Degeorges heads an International Business Diplomacy Chair at Paris School of Business and is notably associated to the Raoul-Dandurand Chair of Strategic and Diplomatic Studies (UQAM, Canada).

Ambassador Erik Vilstrup Lorenzen is the Arctic Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark. Prior to his current position, he served as Danish Ambassador to Canada (2009-2013) and as Chief Advisor on European Union policy to then Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen (2006-2009). Erik Vilstrup Lorenzen was Head of Department at the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in charge of EU Policy (2005-2006) and Policy Planning (2003-2005). He was also posted to the Danish Embassy in London as European Policy Advisor (2001-2003) and to the Permanent Representation of Denmark to the European Union (1994-1997). Erik Vilstrup Lorenzen holds a degree in political science from the University of Aarhus (Denmark) and studied political science and journalism in the United States.

Palle Christiansen was Greenland's Minister for Finance and Nordic Cooperation (2009-2011) and Minister for Education, Research and Nordic Cooperation (2011-2013). He served in the Parliament of Greenland between 2002 and 2013 as a member of the socio-liberal party *Demokraatit* which he co-founded in 2001. As Minister, he delivered speeches at international conferences such as Expo 2010 in Shanghai and the Rio+20 – United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012. He was keynote speaker at the International Polar Year 2012 Conference in Montreal. Palle Christiansen decided to leave Greenlandic politics as of 2 October 2013 to work in Denmark as a dentist, an occupation he managed to have part-time in Greenland while in office as Minister. He does however continue politics, as a member of the Danish party *Liberal Alliance*.

Jan Fritz Hansen is Deputy Director General of the Danish Shipowners' Association (DSA). He graduated as an economist from the University of Copenhagen. A former DSA's Permanent Representative to the European Communities and Director of DSA's Brussels Office, Jan Fritz Hansen is also a member of several governmental and business advisory committees concerning domestic and international transport, taxation and general policy matters. Jan Fritz Hansen is Chairman of the European Shipowners' Anti-Piracy Task Force.

Rear Admiral Nils Wang is one of the leading experts in Denmark on Arctic Security issues. In 2011 he was invited by the Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs as special advisor on Arctic Security during the finalization of the Kingdom of Denmark's Arctic Strategy. Rear Admiral Nils Wang is frequently commenting Arctic matters on national and international media and he is an often used guest speaker on conferences dealing with climate change. Prior to his present position as Commandant of the Royal Danish Defence College, he was Head of the Danish Navy from 2005 to 2010. As junior officer, Nils Wang spent more than five years of sea duty in Arctic waters around Greenland, including two years as Commanding Officer.

Ambassador Damien Miller is the Ambassador of Australia to the Kingdom of Denmark, with side accreditations to Norway and Iceland. Damien Miller is the first Indigenous Australian to be appointed as head of an overseas mission. He is a career officer with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and was prior to his current appointment Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Germany (2010-2013). Damien Miller has previously served in the Australian High Commission in Malaysia (2000-2003), was desk officer in the DFAT's South-East Asia Division (2003-2006) and Director of the Corporate Planning Section in the DFAT's Executive, Planning and Evaluation Branch (2007-2009). He was in 2009 Director of the DFAT's Afghanistan Section. Damien Miller holds a Graduate Diploma in Foreign Affairs and Trade from Monash University and a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales. He was selected "Aboriginal Scholar of the Year" by the National NAIDOC Committee in 1993.

Ambassador Sturla Sigurjónsson is the Ambassador of Iceland to the Kingdom of Denmark, with side accreditations to Turkey, Romania and Bulgaria. Prior to his current position, he was in a short period of time Icelandic Ambassador to India (2006) before becoming Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister of Iceland (2006-2009). In this capacity, he was involved in the organization of a NATO seminar on “Security Prospects in the High North”, which took place in Reykjavik in January 2009. Sturla Sigurjónsson held key positions at the Icelandic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, serving as Director of the Political Department (2003-2006) and Director of the Defence Department (2002-2003). He was notably also Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Iceland (EU Mission) in Brussels (2000-2002), Iceland’s Deputy Permanent Representative to NATO and WEU in Brussels (1997-2000) and to the UN in New York (1996-1997). He worked also at NATO HQ in Brussels (1988-1991). Sturla Sigurjónsson holds a degree in English Literature and History from the University of Iceland.

Philippe Cambos has been Technical Director at the Marine and Offshore Division of Bureau Veritas since 2012. Prior to his current position, he was appointed in 2008 Project Manager for the classification and certification of a project of FPU in the Barents Sea. A naval architect by education, Philippe Cambos joined Bureau Veritas (calculation team) in 1991. In 1994 he joined the development team of VeriSTAR software, where he was in charge of the development of fatigue methodologies. In 1997 he was appointed Head of the tanker section in the Paris plan approval office. In 2002 he was appointed Head of the Oil & Gas section in the Technical Department of Bureau Veritas Marine Department. Within this section he was in charge of drawing review for hull part of Oil tankers, Gas carriers and offshore units, including mooring systems and was involved in engineering studies of maintenance of in-service FPSOs. This experience was used in the development of the Bureau Veritas Rules for the classification of offshore units.

Patrick Brandt is Head of the Polar Affairs Section at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands. He is Secretary to the Netherlands’ Interdepartmental Polar Consultations, Representative of the Netherlands to the Arctic Council and Member of the Netherlands’ delegation to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ACTM).

Ugo Miretti is Policy Officer in the Raw Materials, Metals, Minerals and Forest-based Industries Unit of the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry, where he notably deals with aluminium, Greenland and the Arctic. Prior to that, he worked in the fields of energy efficiency and economic competitiveness.

Peter Bay Kirkegaard works at the Confederation of Danish Industry (DI), which is the largest Danish business organisation. DI is a private organisation funded, owned and managed entirely by 10,000 companies within manufacturing, trade and service industry covering virtually all sub-sectors. Also, a number of sectoral employers’ associations and branch federations are included in DI’s framework, being integrated in part or in full in DI. DI has around 600 employees. Peter Bay Kirkegaard works at the division for International Market Policy, where he works on trade policy issues. He is also responsible for DI’s political work related to the Arctic region.

Thorkild Mørk Rønbøl Lauridsen has been the Director of Arctic Consensus since March 2013. Arctic Consensus has been established by the North Denmark Region, Aalborg University, the Port of Aalborg and Aalborg Municipality. Previously to his current position, Thorkild M.R. Lauridsen was Director of Infrastructure and Environment in Nuuk, the capital city of Greenland (2007-2013). He also worked as a Chief Consultant in Local Government Denmark, which is the interest group and member authority of Danish municipalities. Thorkild M.R. Lauridsen holds a M.Sc. in Public Administration from Aalborg University (Denmark).