



2017 ASSEMBLY

October 13-15, 2017

THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA IN THE ARCTIC

An Arctic Circle Forum in Washington, June 21-22



ADMISSION OPTIONS

GENERAL	48.000 ISK (400 Euro)
PLENARY SPEAKER	FREE
BREAKOUT SESSION SPEAKER	30.000 ISK (250 Euro)
ACADEMIC / SCIENTIFIC / CITIZENS*	30.000 ISK (250 Euro)
STUDENT	9.000 ISK (75 Euro)
MEDIA	FREE

**The Citizens category comprises individuals with no organizational, institutional or company affiliation.*

Registration fees for the Arctic Circle Assembly include the following:

- Full access to all Plenary and Breakout Sessions
- Pre-events on Thursday, October 12
- Welcome Reception on Thursday, October 12
- Morning Coffee on all Assembly days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
- Assembly Lunches on all Assembly days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
- Afternoon coffee on all Assembly days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
- Evening Reception on Friday, October 13
- Admission to the Arctic Circle Club on all Assembly days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
- Evening entertainment on Saturday, October 14

Registered participants may also book networking rooms for special meetings on the first floor of Harpa during the Assembly.

Please select from the following drop-down menu:

Admission category:

If you wish to be a volunteer at this years event please email your request to arcticcirclevolunteer@icelandtravel.is

» submit

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PROPOSALS



Call for Breakout Session Proposals

The Arctic Circle Secretariat is now accepting proposals for Breakout Sessions at the Arctic Circle Assembly to be held October 13-15, 2017, in Reykjavík, Iceland.

Submissions will be accepted until Friday, May 12, 2017.

Breakout sessions typically run 60–90 minutes and are held in auditoriums, lecture halls, board rooms, and open spaces throughout Harpa and nearby venues.

Types of Breakout Sessions at the 2017 Arctic Circle Assembly:

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morning sessions

: On Saturday and Sunday, Breakout Sessions can be held between 8:00–9:00 in the morning prior to plenary sessions. Light breakfast can be offered outside the meeting rooms of those sessions at the expense of the organizers.

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60-minute sessions:

time has been created for Breakout Sessions between 11:00 and 12:00 a.m. on each Assembly day following morning Plenary Sessions. This session slot is ideal for sessions with 2-4 presentations and a short Q&A or discussion.

90-minute sessions:

Following the tradition of the previous Assemblies, there will be Breakout Sessions in the afternoon of each Assembly day immediately after the end of Plenary Sessions.. This session slot is ideal for sessions with 4-6 presentations (plus discussions and Q&A), workshops, roundtables, or innovation

sessions. Organizers may buy light food and/or drinks from Harpa catering.

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vening sessions

: Sessions running 45 minutes may take place in the early evening following the receptions and other social events that would be held earlier in the evening. These evening breakout sessions could be held in more relaxed settings with drinks or other refreshments offered at the expense of the organizers or the participants; or they could be held in the same style as the afternoon sessions. This slot is meant for discussions, interactive brainstorming sessions, game nights and film screenings.

We kindly ask that Breakout Session organizers indicate their views on these different time slots and especially indicate if they are interested in the early morning or the evening sessions. This new framework could, of course, be changed as we come closer to the Assembly on the basis of the demands and wishes from the organizers of the various Breakout Sessions.

How to submit a proposal:

Please send written proposals to
secretariat@arcticcircle.org
in .doc/.docx format.

Proposals must include the following:

- The session's proposed name (80 characters maximum)
- Organizing body/bodies
- Contact person
- Room setup (auditorium seating / round tables)
- Description of the session
- List of speakers and speaker topics
- Preferred length and time of day:

Morning (45-60 minutes)
Before lunch (60 minutes)
Afternoon (90 minutes)
Evening (45 minutes)
Any special requirements

At least half of proposed speakers must be confirmed by the time of submission.

Organizers are asked to indicate if they are interested in having their sessions recorded (audio/video) for a reasonable price.

Organizers of accepted breakout sessions will later be asked to provide additionally a 150-word summary of the session description and a black/white photo and short bio for each speaker before August 1st.

Criteria:

Governments, institutions, organizations, universities, think tanks, companies and other such bodies are eligible to submit proposals. Individuals may not submit proposals without institutional affiliation / support.

Proposals must indicate the session topic's relevance to Arctic dialogue. Proposals must indicate how each session contribution to increased knowledge, discussion or awareness of Arctic issues.

Diversity among speaker backgrounds, affiliations and nationality is encouraged.

What topics should the sessions cover?

Proposed sessions can cover any topics related to the Arctic, such as the following:

- Climate change
- Energy and natural resources
- Environment and ecosystems
- Fisheries
- Glaciology and geology
- Health and well-being
- Indigenous rights
- Infrastructure and development
- Investment and finance
- Music and art
- Ocean science and research
- Polar law
- Security and geopolitics
- Shipping and transport
- Tourism

Programs from the 2013-2016 Assemblies include all sessions that have been accepted in the past and can be viewed on our website.

What if another organization is presenting on a similar topic?

We will make every effort to make sure that presentations on similar topics will not be scheduled at the same time to encourage participation in both sessions. When appropriate, we also encourage organizations to collaboratively organize sessions together.

When will I know if my session has been accepted?

Organizations will be notified whether their proposals have been accepted by June 15th, 2017.

What formats can the sessions take?

Sessions can take various forms, such as:

- Announcements and presentations
- Press conferences
- Open or moderated dialogues
- Forum debates
- Workshops and interactive sessions
- Town hall meetings
- Panel discussions
- Small group forums

Breakout sessions typically run 60-90 minutes and are held in auditoriums, lecture halls, board rooms, and open spaces throughout Harpa and nearby venues.

As an open, demographic forum, the Arctic Circle encourages sessions to include time for Q&A or other forms of audience involvement.

How can I promote my session?

Sessions submitted by the deadline of May 12, 2017 will be promoted on our website, on social media, and at the assembly in the printed program.

Is there a fee for participation?

There is no fee for organizing breakout sessions at the Arctic Circle Assembly, but organizers and speakers are responsible for their own travel and accommodations, as well as the applicable registration fee for Assembly participation.

Organizers interested in recording video and audio of their breakout sessions are responsible for all associated costs.

Can my session be scheduled for a specific day?

Due to the complexity of scheduling several dozen sessions and the number of scheduling requests received, breakout session speakers should prepare to attend all three days of the Assembly. The Secretariat takes all requests into account but cannot guarantee that they will be met -- speakers and whole sessions have been dropped in the past because they were unable to attend during the allotted time slot.