



## Sustainable Development Goals in the Arctic – Local and Global Perspectives

International High-Level Conference  
Friday 1 December 2017

Eigtveds Pakhus  
Copenhagen

### *Draft programme*

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| 08.00 | Registration and coffee  |
| 09.00 | <b>Welcome</b> by H.R.H. Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark<br><br><b>Ministerial Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Anders Samuelsen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Denmark;</li><li>• Ms. Suka K. Frederiksen, Minister of Independence, Foreign Affairs and Agriculture, Greenland;</li><li>• Mr. Poul Michelsen, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Faroe Islands;</li></ul> <b>Keynote: The UN Sustainable Development Goals in an Arctic Setting:</b> Ms. Lise Kingo, CEO & Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact. |

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| 10.15 | Coffee |
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### **The SDGs & the Arctic**

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| 10.30 | <b>The SDGs from the Greenland perspective:</b> Mr. Aqqaluaq B. Egede, Minister of Finance and Internal Revenue, Greenland.<br><br><b>European Union and the Arctic:</b> Mr. Bernhard Friess, Director of Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, European Commission |
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10.45

### **Discussion panel: SDGs in an Arctic Setting**

The SDGs are universal in nature and highly relevant in the Arctic. The Arctic consists of different regions with varying economic, climate and social challenges. A common denominator is that people and societies in the region show a high degree of resilience, adaptability and innovation in a challenging natural environment and climate. Given the region's distinctive character, we ask the question how the SDG framework can help drive future growth in a fragile environment. Do we need to view the SDG's also through an "Arctic prism"? Which SDG-goals are the best for furthering sustainable economic development in an Arctic setting and how do we work with the goals in practice?

- Ms. Lise Kingo, CEO & Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact;
- Mr. Tero Vauraste, Chair of the Arctic Economic Council;
- Ms. Lotte Frank Kirkegaard, Chief of Secretariat, CSR Greenland;
- Mr. Magni Laksafoss, Director for VITorka.
- Representative from Finland, Chairmanship Arctic Council

12.00

Lunch

## **Sustainable Economic Development in the Arctic**

13.30

### **A Japanese Perspective on Economic Development in the Arctic:** Mr. Keiji Ide, Japanese Arctic Ambassador.

**How to do Sustainable Business in the Arctic?** Interview with Mr. Sturla Henriksen, CEO of Norway's Shipowners Association.

### **Interactive Discussion: Private Sector as Catalyst for Sustainable Economic Development**

Local and global businesses and partnerships play a vital role in securing sustainable development in the Arctic. In a unique and challenging environment, what are the opportunities and the barriers for driving sustainable growth and economic development? How can public-private sector partnerships promote sustainable investments and development in the Arctic? What are the possibilities for further engaging the private sector? Are the framework conditions for attracting investments in place?

- Mr. Sturla Henriksen, CEO of Norway's Shipowners Association;
- Mr. Alexander Shestakov, Director for Arctic Program, WWF;
- Mr. Kristian Reinert Davidsen, CEO of Tele-Post;
- Mr. Ólavur Ellefsen, Chairman of the Board, University of the Faroe Islands, Board member Ocean Rainforest;
- Private sector representative

**Q & A- session**

15.30

**Closing session.**

16.00

**Networking drink/reception w. cultural event**

**Moderator: Mr. Martin Breum, journalist, writer and TV-host.**