

## of the Arctic Region

DIGITAL CONFERENCE 13 – 14 APRIL 2021





## 13 APRIL

### 14:00 Opening of the Conference

- ◆ MsTone Wilhelmsen Trøen, President of the Storting
- ◆ Ms Aili Keskitalo, President of the Sami Parliament of Norway
- ◆ Moderator: Mr Eirik Sivertsen, MP, Norway

### 14:20 Reports

- ◆ Report from the Icelandic Chairmanship of the Arctic Council  
Mr Guðlaugur Þór Þórðarson, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- ◆ Report from the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region  
Mr Eirik Sivertsen, Chair of the Standing Committee
- ◆ Presentation of the youth panel's report to the Norwegian Government's White Paper on a new Arctic Strategy
- ◆ Ms Aurora S. Møllersen and Mr Martin Tjelde Haga
- ◆ Moderator: Ms Margunn Ebbesen, MP, Norway

### 15:30 Break

### 15:40 The impact of Covid-19 in the Arctic

- ◆ Economic and Societal Consequences of Covid-19  
Senator Lisa Murkowski, USA
- ◆ The situation in Greenland and the impact on Indigenous Peoples  
Ms Aaja Chemnitz Larsen, MP, Denmark/Greenland
- ◆ Report from the Arctic Council on Covid-19  
Ms Eydis Kristin Sveinbjarnardottir, Chair, Arctic Human Health Expert Group, Arctic Council
- ◆ Discussion
- ◆ Moderator: Ms Else-May Norderhus, MP, Norway

### 16:40 Break

### 16:45 The Arctic in 2050

- ◆ Introductory speech  
Ms Ine Eriksen Søreide, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- ◆ Panel  
Ms Maria Grånemo, member of Barents Regional Youth Council, Sweden  
Ms Niina Pietikäinen, CEO of Harriniva Hotels & Safaris operating in Muonio, Lapland, Finland  
Ms Erin Linklater, Co-Chair of the Gwich'in Council International  
Ms Ine Eriksen Søreide, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- ◆ Discussion
- ◆ Moderator: Eirik Sivertsen, MP, Norway

### 18:00 End of day one

## 14 APRIL

### 14:00 Arctic Climate Change

- ◆ Mr Rasmus Benestad, Researcher, Norwegian Meteorological Institute
- ◆ Mr Andreas Schwab, Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation for Northern cooperation, relations with Switzerland, Norway, the EU-Iceland JPC and the EEA JPC
- ◆ Mr Eirik Sivertsen, Chair of the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region
- ◆ Discussion
- ◆ Moderator: Ms Margunn Ebbesen, MP, Norway

### 15:30 Break



**15:40 Sustainable Arctic Business**

- ◆ Status of Economic Activities in the Arctic  
Mr Mads Qvist Frederiksen, Director, Arctic Economic Council
- ◆ Arctic Business Development from a Russian Perspective  
Senator Yury Vazhenin, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
- ◆ Presentation of two Norwegian business cases:
  - ArcticZymes Technologies ASA  
Dr Olav Lanes, Director R&D and Applications.
  - Ms Inger Anita Smuk, Sámi reindeer herder and owner of Varjnárga Mobile Slaughterhouse & Processing, Varanger.
- ◆ Discussion
- ◆ Moderator: Mr Svein Harberg, MP, Norway

**17:00 Break**

**17:05 Closing of conference**

- ◆ Presentation of Conference Statement
- ◆ Presentation by host of conference in 2022

**17:30 End of Conference**