



2023 Draft Arctic Encounter Agenda

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Wednesday, March 29, 2023
Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center
Anchorage, Alaska

8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration	Floor 2 Landing
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Light Breakfast & Coffee	Tikahtnu Foyer
9:00 - 9:20 AM	Opening Keynote & Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rachel Kallander, Founder & Executive Director, Arctic Encounter; CEO, Kallander & Associates; Owner & Publisher, The Cordova Times; Honorary Consul of Iceland for Alaska (United States) • Mr. Aaron Leggett, President & Chair, Native Village of Eklutna (United States) • Cultural Performance To be Announced 	Tikahtnu A & B
9:20 - 10:05 AM	PLENARY SESSION I Northern Indigenous Leaders on the future of the Arctic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: The Honorable Tara Sweeney, Former Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior; President & CEO, Tack-71 (United States) • Ms. Shauna Hegna, President, Koniag (United States) • Mr. Aaron Schutt, President & CEO, Doyon, Limited (United States) • Ms. Gail Schubert, President/CEO, BSNC (United States) • Dr. Pearl Brower, President & CEO, Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation (United States) 	Tikahtnu A & B

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Gunn-Britt Retter, Head of the Arctic and Environmental Unit, Saami Council (Norway) • Chief Bill Erasmus, Chief, Dene Nation, Turtle Island (Canada) 	
10:05 - 10:50 AM	<p>PLENARY SESSION II</p> <p>Disruption on the Peaceful Frontier: The State of Arctic Geopolitics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Michael Sfraga, Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; Chair & Distinguished Fellow, Polar Institute, Wilson Center (United States) • Ambassador Thomas Winkler, Arctic Ambassador, Senior Arctic Official, Head of Department of Arctic and North America, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Kingdom of Denmark) • Minister Kenneth Høegh, Head of Representation to the United States and Canada (Greenland) • Mr. Douglas Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European & Eurasian Affairs, Department of State (United States) • Ms. Sara Cohen, Deputy Head of Mission, Foreign Policy & National Security, Embassy of Canada in the United States (Canada) • Additional Participants to be Confirmed 	Tikahtnu A & B
10:50 - 11:00 AM	Coffee Break: Transition to Breakout Sessions	
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Break Out Session Block A	
	<p>SESSION ONE</p> <p>United States Arctic Research Commission 2023-2024 Goals and Objectives Report Release</p> <p>Hosted by: US Arctic Research Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Michael Sfraga, Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; Chair & Distinguished Fellow, Polar Institute, Wilson Center (United States) <p>Panel I.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jackie Richter-Menge, Commissioner, US Arctic Research Commission (United 	Kahtnu 1 Floor Two

	<p>States)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Nikoosh Carlo, Commissioner, US Arctic Research Commission • Ms. Deborah Vo, Commissioner, US Arctic Research Commission <p>Panel II.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Elizabeth “Liz” Qaulluq Cravalho, Vice President of Lands, NANA Regional Corporation; Commissioner, U.S. Arctic Research Commission (United States) • Dr. Mark Myers, Commissioner, US Arctic Research Commission (United States) • Mr. David Kennedy, Commissioner, US Arctic Research Commission (United States) 	
	<p>SESSION TWO</p> <p><i>Developing Critical Minerals: A Strategic Imperative</i></p> <p>Hosted by: University of Alaska</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Brett Watson, Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage (United States) • Dr. Greg Poelzer, Co-Lead, Fulbright Arctic Initiative, State Department (Canada) • Mr. Steve Douglas, Vice President, Alliance for Auto Innovation (United States) • Dr. Bill Schnabel, Dean, University of Alaska Fairbanks (United States) • Mr. Mads Frederiksen, Director, Arctic Economic Council (Norway) • Dr. Nettie La Belle-Hamer, Vice Chancellor, Research, University of Alaska Fairbanks (United States) • Ms. Elizabeth “Liz” Qaulluq Cravalho, Vice President of Lands, NANA Regional Corporation; Commissioner, U.S. Arctic Research Commission (United States) • Ms. Bonnie Gestring, Program Director, Earthworks (United States) 	<p>Kahtnu 2 Floor Two</p>

	<p>SESSION THREE</p> <p>To Be Announced</p> <p>Hosted by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants to be Announced 	<p>Tubughneng' 3 Floor Two</p>
	<p>SESSION FOUR</p> <p>To Be Announced</p> <p>Hosted by: Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. Heather Reams, President, Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions Forum (United States) • Participants to be Announced 	<p>Tubughneng' 4 Floor Two</p>
	<p>SESSION FIVE</p> <p><i>Alaska: Rich in Resources & Responsible Arctic Development</i></p> <p>Hosted by: Alaska Oil and Gas Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. Kati Capozzi, President/CEO, Alaska Chamber (United States) • Ms. Deantha Skibinski, Executive Director, Alaska Mining Association (United States) • Ms. Carol Fraser, Vice President, Aspen Hotels of Alaska (United States) • Ms. Kara Moriarty, President & CEO, Alaska Oil and Gas Association (United States) • Participants to be Announced 	<p>Tubughneng' 5 Floor Two</p>
	<p>SESSION SIX</p> <p>To Be Announced</p> <p>Hosted by: Cold Climate Housing Research Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants to be Announced 	<p>Boardroom Floor Two</p>
	<p>SESSION SEVEN</p>	<p>Tikahtnu D Floor Three</p>

	<p>Greenland-US Relations: Unlocking Opportunities for Trade and Investment</p> <p>Hosted by: Polar Research Policy Initiative and the Government of Greenland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Dwayne Ryan Menezes, Founder and Managing Director, Polar Research and Policy Initiative (PRPI); Director, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Greenland, UK Parliament (United Kingdom) • Minister Kenneth Høegh, Head of Representation to the United States and Canada (Greenland) • Mr. Hugh Short, Chairman & CEO, Pt Capital (United States) • Participants to be Announced 	
12:00 - 12:10 PM	Coffee Break: Transition to Luncheon	
12:10 -1:15 PM	<p>Arctic Encounter Keynote Luncheon</p> <p>Welcome from the Arctic Encounter Board of Directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Meghan Gavin, Attorney, Cascadia Law Group; Member, Board of Directors, Arctic Encounter (United States) <p>Featured Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Marilyn Romano, Regional Vice President, Alaska Airlines (United States) <p>Sponsor Highlight: Alaska Airlines Sponsor Highlight: ConocoPhillips</p> <p>Remarks from the Government of Greenland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Vivian Motzfeldt, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Business and Trade, Government of Greenland (Greenland) <p>VIP Armchair Dialogue</p> <p>An Indo-Pacific Arctic: Emerging Regional Interests from Sub-Arctic Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Michael Sfraga, Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; Chair & Distinguished Fellow, Polar Institute, Wilson Center (United States) 	Idlughet (Eklutna) Floor One

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ambassador Keizo Takewaka, Ambassador for International Economic Affairs and Arctic Affairs (Japan) ● Mr. Sam Tan, Special Envoy for Arctic Affairs & Non-Resident High Commissioner to Canada, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Singapore) ● Additional Participants to be Announced <p>Sponsor Highlight: Pt Capital</p>	
1:15 - 1:30 PM	Transition to Plenary Sessions	
1:30 - 2:20 PM	<p>PLENARY SESSION III</p> <p>Resource Development and the Arctic: Striking a Balance in the Far North</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: Ms. Lori Townsend, News Director, Alaska Public Media (United States) ● The Honorable Tara Sweeney, Former Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior; President & CEO, Tack-71 (United States) ● Dr. Mark Myers, Commissioner, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; Former Director, U.S. Geological Survey (United States) ● Ms. Kara Moriarty, President/CEO, Alaska Oil and Gas Association (United States) ● Representative Josiah Aullaqsruaq Patkotak, State Representative, Alaska State Legislature (United States) ● Additional Participants to be Confirmed 	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three
2:20 - 3:10 PM	<p>PLENARY SESSION IV</p> <p>Innovating Now for the Future: Energy, Industry, Policy, and Decarbonization for the Arctic Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: Mr. Isaac Vanderburg, CEO, Launch Alaska (United States) ● Dr. Geri Richmond, Under Secretary for Science and Innovation, Department of Energy (United States) ● Dr. Jennifer Spence, Senior Fellow, Arctic Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School (Canada) ● Mr. Matt Perkins, CEO, Alaska Renewables (United States) ● Ms. Kiera O'Brien, Public Policy Representative, TOTAL Energies (United States) 	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Gwen Holdmann, Associate Vice Chancellor, Research for Innovation and Industry Partnerships, University of Alaska Fairbanks (United States) 	
3:10 - 3:45 PM	<p>FEATURED DISCUSSION</p> <p>Corporate Responsibility: Investments for a Sustainable Transportation Industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: To Be Announced • Mr. Scott Coughlan, Director of Sustainability, Alaska Airlines (United States) • Hold for Resource Development • Mr. Justin Poulsen, Vice President of Itinerary Planning & Destination Development, SilverSea Cruises (United States) • Mr. Art Dahlin, Vice President and Alaska General Manager, TOTE Maritime Alaska (United States) • Mr. Paul Fuhs, Goodwill Ambassador, The Northern Forum; Former Mayor of Unalaska (United States) 	
3:45 - 4:00 PM	Coffee Break	
4:00 - 5:15 PM	<p>PLENARY V</p> <p>The Next Ocean Era: Sustainable Fisheries, Policy, and the Blue Ocean Economy</p> <p>These continue to be dynamic and challenging times for the blue ocean economy. It appears that both subsistence and commercial activity on the Yukon will be halted for yet another season. Meanwhile, Bristol Bay continues to yield breathtaking salmon runs. Beyond traditional fishing economies, the industry also continues to be a key player in innovation. Over in the Atlantic, commercial and personal use fisheries also continue to adapt to changing environmental conditions and the region continues to build new pathways into the sustainable aquaculture economy. In this session, we'll explore some of these blue trends in sustainable fisheries and the blue economy. How have the fluctuating projections and changing environmental conditions in the oceans impacted the fishing economy? What emerging technologies are meeting the modern needs of this vital industry and way-of-life? How might governments and industry players alike better prepare for what's to come?</p>	Tikahtnu A & B

TRACK ONE: POLICY & TRENDS

- **Ms. Rachel Kallander**, Founder & Executive Director, Arctic Encounter; CEO, Kallander & Associates; Owner & Publisher, The Cordova Times; Honorary Consul of Iceland for Alaska (United States)
- **Ambassador David Balton**, Executive Director, Arctic Executive Steering Committee, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President (United States)
- **Mr. Manuel Carmona Yebra**, Counsellor for Environment and Oceans, Delegation of the European Union to the United States
- **Rear Admiral Nathan Moore**, Commander, Seventeenth District, U.S. Coast Guard (United States)
- **Ms. Sheyna Wisdom**, Director, Alaska Ocean Observing System (United States)
- **Dr. Zachary Penney**, Senior Advisor, Office of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce (United States)

TRACK TWO: INNOVATION & THE BLUE ECONOMY

- **Mr. Mike Conathan**, Senior Policy Fellow, Aspen Institute (United States)
- **Mr. Justin Sternberg**, Director, Alaska Blue Economy Center, University of Alaska Fairbanks (United States)
- **Mr. Garrett Evridge**, Director, Startup Accelerator, Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation (United States)
- **Ms. Harmony Jade Sugaq Wayner**, Commercial Fisher, Alaska Sea Grant Fellow (United States)



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7:30 - 8:30 AM	Registration	Floor 2 Landing
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Light Breakfast & Coffee	Tikahtnu Foyer
8:30 - 9:20 AM	<p>FEATURED DISCUSSION</p> <p>The Arctic Council and New Forms of Engagement: Indigenous Identity in a Changing Arctic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. Lori Townsend, News Director, Alaska Public Media (United States) • Mr. Edward Alexander, Co-Chair, Gwich'in Council International (United States) • Ms. Gunn-Britt Retter, Head of the Arctic and Environmental Unit, Saami Council (Norway) • Chief Gary Harrison, Chickaloon Native Village; Arctic Athabaskan Council (United States) • Ms. Nicole Wojciechowski, Alaska Vice President, Inuit Circumpolar Council (United States) • Invited: Aleut International Association 	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three
9:20 - 9:25 AM	<p>SPOTLIGHT REMARKS FROM THE GOVERNMENT GREENLAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Erik Jensen, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, Government of Greenland (Greenland) 	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three
9:25 - 10:10 AM	<p>FEATURED DISCUSSION</p> <p><i>Growing Strong Communities: The Intersection of</i></p>	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three

	<p>Wellness, Health and Development in the Rural North</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: Ms. Libby Casey, On-Air Reporter & Expert Moderator, <i>The Washington Post</i> (United States) ● Ms. Jackie Schaeffer, Director of Climate Initiatives, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; Board of Directors, Arctic Encounter (United States) ● Professor Christina Viskum Lytken Larsen, Head of Research, Center for Public Health in Greenland, University of Southern Denmark and University of Greenland (Denmark) ● Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska (United States) ● Mr. Joe Sarcone, Assistant Professor, Director of Environmental Public Health, Alaska Pacific University (United States) ● Ms. Margaret Salazar, Regional Administrator, Department of Housing and Urban Development (United States) ● Dr. Pearl Brower, President & CEO, Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation (United States) 	
<p>10:10 - 11:05 AM</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION VI</p> <p>Geopolitics, Climate and Russia: Security in a Changing Arctic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: Mr. Matt Hickey, Director of Engagements, Ted Stevens Center, U.S. Department of Defense (United States) ● Mr. Margus Särglepp, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Estonia in the United States (Estonia) ● Mr. Nick Williams, Minister Counsellor Foreign Security Development, British Embassy in Washington, D.C. (United Kingdom) ● Deputy Ambassador Michael Curtis, Deputy Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to the United States of America ● Major General Randy “Church” Kee, USAF (Ret)., Senior Advisor, Arctic Security Affairs, Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies, Department of Defense (United States) ● Mr. Adam Krzywosądzki, Deputy Chief of 	<p>Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three</p>

	<p>Mission, Embassy of the Republic of Poland in the United States (Poland)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Torsten Kjølby Nielsen, Senior Chief Counsellor for Arctic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Kingdom of Denmark) • Additional Participant to be Confirmed 	
11:05 - 11:10	Coffee Break: Transition to Breakouts	
11:10 - 12:00 PM	Break Out Session Block B	
	<p>SESSION EIGHT</p> <p>Women Reclaiming the Arctic Narrative: A Legacy of Leadership</p> <p>This panel will discuss generational leadership among the Indigenous women in the Arctic and across Alaska. Panelists will share their stories of how they are filling the shoes of women that came before them with their commitment to community, values, protecting and promoting their culture and making it more accessible to the world while bringing change to the region.</p> <p>Hosted by: GCI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. Heather Handyside, Chief Communications Officer, GCI (United States) • Ms. Jenifer Nelson, Chair, The Aleut Corporation (United States) • Ms. Ana Hoffman, President & CEO, Bethel Native Corporation, Co-Chair Alaska Federation of Natives (United States) • Ms. Shauna Hegna, President, Koniag Corporation (United States) 	<p>Kahtnu 1 Floor Two</p>
	<p>SESSION NINE</p> <p>To Be Announced</p> <p>Hosted by: Voice of the Arctic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Mr. Nagruk Harcharek, President, The Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat (United States) • Dr. Pearl Brower, President & CEO, Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation (United States) • Ms. Justina Wilhelm, President, Illisagvik College (United States) 	<p>Kahtnu 2 Floor Two</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Bridget Anderson, Vice President of External Affairs, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (United States) • Ms. Doreen Leavitt, Inupiaq Community of the Arctic Slope (United States) • Ms. Taqulik Hepa, North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management (United States) 	
	<p>SESSION TEN</p> <p>To Be Announced</p> <p>Hosted by: Arctic Youth Ambassadors, Arctic Resilient Youth Fellowship, and the Arctic Youth Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: To Be Announced 	Tubughnenq' 3 Floor Two
	<p>SESSION ELEVEN</p> <p>To Be Announced</p> <p>Hosted by: Launch Alaska</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. Penny Gage, Managing Director, Launch Alaska 	Tubughnenq' 4 Floor Two
	<p>SESSION TWELVE</p> <p>“Our Vision for the Future of the Bering Strait Region and the Arctic”</p> <p>Hosted by: Bering Straits Native Corporation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. Gail Schubert, President & CEO, Bering Straits Native Corporation (United States) 	Tubughnenq' 5 Floor Two
	<p>SESSION THIRTEEN</p> <p>To Be Announced</p> <p>Hosted by: McKinley</p>	Boardroom Floor Two
	<p>SESSION FOURTEEN</p> <p>Supply Chains in the Arctic — Arctic Maritime’s New Frontier — Maritime Opportunities of the</p>	Tikahtnu D Floor Three

	<p>North</p> <p>Hosted by: TOTE Maritime Alaska</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: To Be Announced 	
11:50 - 12:00 PM	Coffee Break: Transition to Luncheon	
12:00 -1:15 PM	<p>Arctic Encounter Keynote Luncheon</p> <p>Welcome from the State of Alaska:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lt. Governor Nancy Dahlstrom, State of Alaska (United States) <p>Featured Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Pat Pitney, President, University of Alaska (United States) <p>Sponsor Highlight: University of Alaska</p> <p>Introduction of Special Guest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major General Randy “Church” Kee, USAF (Ret)., Senior Advisor, Arctic Security Affairs, Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies, Department of Defense (United States) <p>Featured Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Be Announced <p>Sponsor Highlight: GCI Sponsor Highlight: TOTE</p> <p>VIP Armchair Dialogue</p> <p>Contemporary Northern Security for the 21st Century</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. Libby Casey, On-Air Reporter & Expert Moderator, <i>The Washington Post</i> (United States) • Participant To Be Announced • Brigadier General William Radiff, Royal Canadian Air Force; Deputy Commander, Alaska NORAD Region (Canada) • Vice Admiral Andrew Tiongson, Commander, Pacific Area; Commander, Defense Force West, U.S. Coast Guard 	Idlughet (Eklutna) Floor One

	<p>(United States)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Gail Schubert, President & CEO, Bering Straits Native Corporation (United States) 	
1:15 - 1:30 PM	Transition to Plenary Sessions	
1:30 - 1:35 PM	<p>FEATURED REMARKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Vivian Motzfeldt, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Business and Trade, Government of Greenland (Greenland) 	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three
1:35 - 2:25 PM	<p>PLENARY SESSION VII</p> <p>Partnering for the Future: Europe and the Arctic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. Anu Fredrikson, Executive Director, Arctic Frontiers (Norway) • Ambassador Emily Haber, Ambassador of Germany to the United States (Germany) • Ambassador Morten Høglund, Ambassador of Arctic Affairs, Senior Arctic Official, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Norway) • Ambassador Thomas Winkler, Arctic Ambassador, Senior Arctic Official, Head of Department of Arctic and North America, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Kingdom of Denmark) • Deputy Ambassador Michael Curtis, Deputy Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to the United States of America • Mr. Margus Särglepp, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Estonia in the United States (Estonia) • Mr. Adam Krzywośadzki, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Republic of Poland in the United States (Poland) 	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three
2:25 - 3:05 PM	<p>FEATURED DISCUSSION</p> <p>The Arctic Investment Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. Libby Casey, On-Air Reporter & Expert Moderator, <i>The Washington Post</i> (United States) • Mr. Hugh Short, Chairman & CEO, Pt Capital (United States) • Mr. Benedikt Gíslason, CEO, Arion Banki (Iceland) 	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Participants to be Confirmed 	
3:05 - 3:50 PM	<p>YOUTH SPOTLIGHT</p> <p>Decisions Today, Our Legacy Tomorrow: Young Commentary on Contemporary Arctic Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Mr. Jackson Blackwell, Managing Director, Arctic Encounter; Senior Associate, Kallander & Associates (United States) • Ms. Mercedes Blancaflor, Board Treasurer, Arctic Youth Network; Program Director, Arctic Encounter (United States) • Ms. Alice Glenn, Founder & Host, Coffee & Quaq; Alaska Native Iñupiaq, Utqiagvik (United States) • Additional Participants to be Confirmed 	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three
3:50 - 4:00 PM	Coffee Break	
4:00 - 4:05 PM	<p>FEATURED REMARKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sue Biniaz, Deputy Envoy for Climate, Department of State (United States) 	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three
4:05 - 5:05 PM	<p>PLENARY SESSION VIII</p> <p>Consensus and the Climate: International Science and Diplomatic Understandings</p> <p>After COP 27 in Egypt, COP 15 in Montreal, the lasting legacy of the Paris Agreement, and the upcoming IPCC report on the state of the world’s progress on climate change targets, it’s necessary to revisit where we stand in our efforts. While political deliberations are ongoing, federal investment in clean energy is increasing, and consensus is stronger than ever on the need to act, the scientific community seems to continue releasing ever more dire reports. In this session, we’ll hear from the world of climate science and climate diplomacy and receive an update on where the science is pointing. What progress, if any, has been made toward climate mitigation and net zero targets? What are scientists discussing now about current implications of climate change for the future? What particular policy mechanisms or technologies might prove most important for meeting the world’s goals?</p>	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moderator: Dr. Brendan Kelly, Science Director, Study of Environmental Arctic Change; Board of Directors, Arctic Encounter (United States) ● Ms. Sue Biniatz, Deputy Envoy for Climate, Department of State (United States) ● Dr. John Holdren, Co-Director, Arctic Initiative, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs & Emeritus Professor of Environmental Science and Policy, Harvard University; Former Science Advisor to President Obama and Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (United States) ● Dr. Larry Hinzman, Executive Director, Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee; Assistant Director for Polar Sciences, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President (United States) ● Dr. Sue Natali, Arctic Program Director, Senior Scientist, Woodwell Climate Research Center (United States) ● Ms. Elizabeth “Liz” Qaulluq Cravalho, Vice President of Lands, NANA Regional Corporation; Commissioner, U.S. Arctic Research Commission (United States) ● Ms. Maria Varteressian, Political Adviser, Minister of Climate and Environment (Norway) ● Ms. Vera Kingeekuk Metcalf, Executive Director, Eskimo Walrus Commission; Co-Principal Investigator, Study of Environmental Arctic Change (United States) 	
5:00 PM	Transition to Reception	
5:00 - 6:15 PM	<p>Arctic Encounter’s Friends of the Far North Networking Reception</p> <p><i>Enjoy heavy appetizers, cocktails, wine, and other libations in advance to the fourth annual Far North Fashion Show on the catwalk at The Anchorage Museum. Please remember to wear your Arctic Encounter badge to gain entry. Take in an all-indigenous fashion show and live performances with access to all exhibit halls in this museum-wide experience.</i></p>	Tikahtnu Foyer
6:30 - 9:30 PM	<p>THE MUSEUM AFTER DARK</p> <p><i>Join the Arctic Encounter for its fourth production of</i></p>	The Anchorage Museum

	<i>the Far North Fashion show featuring designers, models, and music at the internationally recognized Anchorage Museum.</i>	625 C Street <i>Six minute walk from the Arctic Encounter venue.</i>
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9:00 - 9:10 AM	Welcome & Introductory Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Kristi Nguyen, Alaska Fellow, Arctic Encounter (United States) • Mayor Dave Bronson, Mayor, Municipality of Anchorage (United States) • Ms. Heather Reams, President, Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions Forum (United States) 	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three
9:10 - 9:15 AM	FEATURED REMARKS FROM THE NORTH SLOPE OF ALASKA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Rex Rock Sr., President/CEO, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (United States) 	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three
9:15 - 10:00 AM	PLENARY SESSION IX An Investment Frontier: Bringing Private	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three

	<p>Capital to the Arctic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Mr. Mads Frederiksen, Director, Arctic Economic Council (Norway) • Mr. Rob Gillam, Chief Executive and Chief Investment Officer, McKinley (United States) • Mr. Alex Friedman, CEO, Novata; Board of Directors, Franklin Resources (Franklin Templeton) (United States) • Mr. Doug Bernauer, CEO, Radiant (United States) • Mr. Aaron Schutt, CEO, Doyon, Limited (United States) 	
10:00 - 10:50 AM	<p>FEATURED DISCUSSION</p> <p>Shared Crisis, Common Future: Moving the Need for Bipartisan Climate Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. Heather Reams, President, Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions Forum (United States) • Congressman John Curtis, United States House of Representatives — Utah (United States) • Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, United States House of Representatives — Maine (United States) • Congresswoman Mary Sattler Peltola, United States House of Representatives — Alaska (United States) • Additional VIP Participants to be Announced 	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three
10:50 AM - 11:00 AM	COFFEE BREAK	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<p>PLENARY SESSION X</p> <p>Arctic Cooperation: Current Realities and Future Prospects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Michael Sfraga, Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; Chair & Distinguished Fellow, Polar Institute, Wilson Center (United States) • Additional Participants to be Announced 	Tikahtnu A & B Floor Three

12:00 - 12:10 PM	Break: Transition to Luncheon	
12:30 - 1:30 PM	<p>Arctic Encounter Keynote Luncheon</p> <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jackson Blackwell, Managing Director, Arctic Encounter; Senior Associate, Kallander & Associates (United States) <p>Featured Remarks from the Government of Canada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sara Cohen, Deputy Head of Mission, Foreign Policy & National Security, Embassy of Canada in the United States (Canada) <p>Featured Remarks from the U.S. Department of the Interior:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Tommy Beaudreau, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior (United States) <p>Sponsor Highlight: McKinley</p> <p>Sponsor Highlight: Bering Straits Native Corporation</p> <p>Facing Climate Realities and Relocation: The Perspective of Three Mothers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. Libby Casey, Journalist, <i>The Washington Post</i> (United States) • Ms. Lisa Charles, Tribal Workforce & Benefits Navigator, Association of Village Council Presidents, Newtok (United States) • Ms. Della Carl, Resident, Mertarvik (United States) • Ms. Carolyn George, Lower Kuskokwim School District; Resident, Newtok (United States) • Ms. Jackie Schaeffer, Director of Climate Initiatives, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; Board of Directors, Arctic Encounter (United States) <p>Additional VIPs to be Announced</p>	Idlughet (Eklutna) Floor One

<p>1:30 - 1:35 PM</p>	<p>Mapping the Future: Priorities from the New Chairmanship of the Kingdom of Norway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Morten Høglund, Ambassador of Arctic Affairs, Senior Arctic Official, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Norway) 	<p>Idlughet (Eklutna) Floor One</p>
<p>1:35 - 1:40 PM</p>	<p>Science, Diplomacy and Policy: Mapping the Next Era of the US Arctic Research Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Michael Sfraga, Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; Chair & Distinguished Fellow, Polar Institute, Wilson Center (United States) 	<p>Idlughet (Eklutna) Floor One</p>
<p>1:40 - 2:15 PM</p>	<p>From the Ground Up: Local Leaders, Resilient Communities, and Economic Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: To Be Announced • Mayor Bryce Ward, Mayor, Fairbanks North Star Borough (United States) • Mayor Vincent M. Tutiakoff Sr., Mayor, City of Unalaska (United States) • Mr. Logan Birch, President, McKinley Alaska Growth Capital (United States) • Additional Participants to be Announced 	<p>Idlughet (Eklutna) Floor One</p>
<p>2:15 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>	
<p>2:30 - 3:10 PM</p>	<p>Arctic Partners and Neighbors: Growing Partnerships In and Out of the Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: The Honorable Mead Treadwell, Chairman/CEO, QilakLNG; Former Lieutenant Governor of Alaska; Former Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission 2006-2010 (United States) • Ambassador Balz Abplanalp, Consul General of Switzerland in San Francisco (Switzerland) • Ambassador Keizo Takewaka, Ambassador for International Economic Affairs and Arctic Affairs (Japan) • Mr. Sam Tan, Special Envoy for Arctic Affairs & Non-Resident High 	<p>Idlughet (Eklutna) Floor One</p>

	<p>Commissioner to Canada, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Singapore)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Margus Särglepp, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Estonia in the United States (Estonia) • The Honorable Micheál Smith, Consul General of Ireland, Western United States (Ireland) • Additional Participants to be Announced 	
3:10 - 3:50 PM	<p>VIP Armchair Dialogue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. Libby Casey, Journalist, <i>The Washington Post</i> (United States) • Ambassador David Balton, Executive Director, Arctic Executive Steering Committee, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President (United States) • Additional Participants to be Announced 	Idlughet (Eklutna) Floor One
3:50 - 4:00 PM	Transition to Breakout Sessions	
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Break Out Session Block C	
	<p>SESSION FIFTEEN</p> <p>To Be Announced</p> <p>Hosted by: Alaska Native Heritage Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated: Ms. Emily Edenshaw, President & CEO, Alaska Native Heritage Center (United States) • Additional Participants to be Announced 	Kahtnu 1 Floor Two
	<p>SESSION SIXTEEN</p> <p>Indigenizing Education - Systemic Transformations</p> <p>Hosted by: UAA Institute of Social & Economic Research (ISER) & UAF Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Charlene Stern, Vice 	Kahtnu 2 Floor Two

	<p>Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks (United States)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Diane Hirshberg, Director, ISER, University of Alaska Anchorage (United States) • Dr. Michele Yatchmeneff, Executive Director, Alaska Native Education & Outreach, University of Alaska Anchorage (United States) • Dr. Tuija Turunen, Dean of Education, University of Lapland (Finland) 	
	<p>SESSION SEVENTEEN</p> <p>Hosted by: Ted Stevens Center, U.S. Department of Defense</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: 	<p>Tubughnenq' 3 Floor Two</p>
	<p>SESSION EIGHTEEN</p> <p>Hosted by: The Ocean Conservancy and AKWA-DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: 	<p>Tubughnenq' 4 Floor Two</p>
	<p>SESSION NINETEEN</p> <p>Carbon Credit Markets in Alaska</p> <p>This breakout session will explore the role of carbon credit markets in promoting sustainable development and reducing carbon emissions. The session will provide practical insights and strategies for businesses and organizations looking to participate in carbon credit markets, with a focus on the experiences of Alaskan companies and the State of Alaska.</p> <p>Hosted by: 7 Glaciers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: 	<p>Boardroom Floor Two</p>
	<p>SESSION TWENTY</p> <p>Federal Coordination and Support for Sustainable Arctic Communities</p> <p>Hosted by: The Denali Commission</p>	<p>`Tikahtnu D Floor Three</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. Jocelyn Fenton, Director of Programs, Denali Commission, (United States) • Ms. Tami Fordham, Operations Director Alaska, Environmental Protection Agency, (United States) • Ms. Amy Holman, Alaska Regional Coordinator, NOAA, (United States) • Dr. Erin Whitney, Director, Arctic Energy Office, Department of Energy, (United States) • Ms. Julia Hnilicka, State Director, USDA-Rural Development, Anchorage, AK, (United States) • Ms. Raina Thiele, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs and Strategic Priorities, U.S. Department of the Interior (United States) 	
	<p>SESSION TWENTY-ONE</p> <p>Hosted by: Study of Environmental Arctic Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: 	
5:00 - 5:45 PM	<p>Arctic Encounter Cocktail Reception</p> <p><i>Enjoy passed appetizers, cocktails, and music from the Far North prior to the seated dinner and performances.</i></p>	Tikahtnu Foyer
5:45 PM - 8:30 pm	<p>Arctic Encounter 2023 Keynote Dinner</p> <p>Welcome Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rachel Kallander, Founder & Executive Director, Arctic Encounter; CEO, Kallander & Associates; Owner & Publisher, The Cordova Times; Honorary Consul of Iceland for Alaska (United States) • Land Acknowledgement: Mr. Aaron Leggett, President & Chair, Native Village of Eklutna (United States) <p>Featured Performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance Group To Be Announced 	Tikahtnu B-F

Keynote Introduction

- **Ms. Marilyn Romano**, Regional Vice President, Alaska Airlines (United States)

Keynote Remarks

- **U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski**, United States Senate, Alaska (United States)

Congressional Armchair Dialogue:

- **Moderator: Ms. Libby Casey**, Journalist, *The Washington Post*
- **U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski**, United States Senate — Alaska
- **U.S. Congressman John Curtis**, United States House of Representatives — Utah
- **U.S. Congresswoman Chellie Pingree**, United States House of Representatives — Maine
- **U.S. Congresswoman Mary Sattler Peltola**, United States House of Representatives — Alaska
- **Additional Participants to be Announced**

VIP Armchair Dialogue:

- **Moderator: Ms. Libby Casey**, Journalist, *The Washington Post* (United States)
- **Ambassador Mark Green**, President, Director, and CEO of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Former Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development & U.S. Ambassador to Tanzania
- **U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski**, United States Senate — Alaska
- **Additional Participants to be Announced**

Performance by Byron Nicholai

Byron Nicholai, Uqill'aq or Ukila is a Yup'ik musician from Toksook Bay, Alaska. He is best known for his viral videos singing and rapping in the Yup'ik language and dancing. Byron's new album – Ayagnera – was released March 25,

2022. Two days later, it ranked among the top 10 new albums in the worldwide genre on iTunes.

Friends of the Far North Award

- **Presented by Ms. Rachel Kallander,** Founder & Executive Director, Arctic Encounter; CEO, Kallander & Associates; Owner & Publisher, The Cordova Times; Honorary Consul of Iceland for Alaska (United States)
- **Presented by Mr. Jackson Blackwell,** Managing Director, Arctic Encounter; Senior Associate, Kallander & Associates (United States)