

# 6<sup>th</sup> Arctic Leaders' Summit

13 – 15 November 2019 | Rovaniemi, Finland

## Practical information

### CONFERENCE VENUE

The 6<sup>th</sup> Arctic Leaders' Summit takes place in Rovaniemi on 13 - 15 November 2019 at:

#### **Arktikum House, Polarium Room**

Address: Pohjoisranta 4, 96200 Rovaniemi, Finland

Phone: +358 16 341 341

Website: <https://www.arktikum.fi>

The complementary Youth Summit will take on 12 - 13 November at:

#### **Scandic Hotel Pohjanhovi**

Address: Pohjanpuistikko 2, 96200 Rovaniemi

Phone: +358 16 4654014

Website: <https://bit.ly/2odL8Uo>

### HOTEL ACCOMODATION

For your convenience, the organizers have pre-booked hotel rooms at Scandic Rovaniemi City Hotel for all participants. Rooms are free for all Indigenous leaders and youth; State and Observer delegations may be invoiced for their stay.

#### **Scandic Rovaniemi City Hotel**

Address: Koskikatu 23, 96200 Rovaniemi, Finland

Phone: +358 16 4606000

Email: [rovaniemicity@scandichotels.com](mailto:rovaniemicity@scandichotels.com)

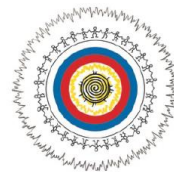
### MEALS

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided to all participants. Breakfast is served in hotels, lunch is served at the conference venue, and evening dinners will be hosted by the Saami Council at:

#### **Restaurant Valdemari - Ravintola Valdemari**

Address: Jäämerentie 9, Rovaniemi, Finland

Website: <http://www.valdemari.fi/index.php/yhteystiedot>



## BADGE PICKUP

Registration and badge pickup will be open on 12 November from 19:00 to 21:00 at the Scandic Rovaniemi City Hotel, as well as 13 November from 10:00 to 12:30 at the Arktikum. Please note that all participants must be registered and must wear badges throughout the meeting.

## INTERPRETATION SERVICES

English-Russian translation will be available during all Arctic Leaders' Summit sessions and outside the meeting room. The software we will use during sessions is called Interactio, and it is transmitted via Wi-Fi to your own smartphone or laptop. Therefore, you will need to:

1. Download Interactio from the App Store/Google Play to your smartphone
2. Bring and use your own headset/earpods/airpods/handsfree
3. For laptop/mac users, use this link: <https://app.interactio.io/>
4. Enter the event code "ALS2019" in the app and choose language

Those of you who don't have a smartphone or laptop/mac; please let us know beforehand and we will try to find a solution.

If you have trouble with the app on-site, please visit the registration desk. We will bring some extra headphones you can borrow if needed.

All questions related to **interpretation** should be addressed to:

Anne Henriette Nilut

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Phone: +47 957 43 079

## CONTACTS

In case of **on-site emergencies**, please contact: Enni Similä

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Phone: +358 40 419 9601

All questions related to the **agenda and substantive program** should be addressed to:

Gunn-Britt Retter, Head of Environment Unit, The Saami Council

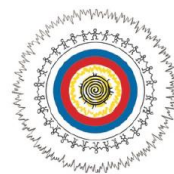
Email: [gbr@saamicouncil.net](mailto:gbr@saamicouncil.net)

All questions related to **administrative and logistical preparation** should be addressed to the ALS6 Organizing Team ([ALS6@saamicouncil.net](mailto:ALS6@saamicouncil.net)) and:

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## SHORT SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Meeting	Venue
12 – 13 November	9:00 – 16:30	Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit Conference	Korundi/Arktikum
12 – 13 November	9:00 – 17:00	Youth Summit	Scandic Hotel Pohjanhovi
13 November	10:30 – 12:30	Permanent Participant Leaders' high-level discussion (closed session)	Scandic Hotel Pohjanhovi
13 November	11:00 – 12:30	Side event: International Arctic Science Committee Action Group on Indigenous Involvement	TBC
13 November	13:30 – 17:00	Opening A look back to the ALS history	Arktikum, Polarium room
13 November	18:30 – 20:30	Dinner	Restaurant Valdemari
14 November	9:00 – 12:30	Arctic Indigenous languages and environmental changes	Arktikum, Polarium room
14 November	13:30 – 17:00	Why do people still live in the Arctic?	Arktikum, Polarium room
14 November	18:30 – 20:30	Dinner	TBC
15 November	9:00 – 12:30	Arctic Indigenous Peoples and Arctic Council Observers dialogue	Arktikum, Polarium room
15 November	13:30 – 14:30	Conclusions and closing	Arktikum, Polarium room

## ROVANIEMI CITY

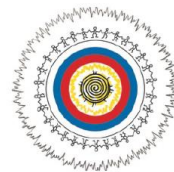
### Events

The fourth Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit Conference takes place on 12–13 Nov 2019, immediately prior to the 6<sup>th</sup> Arctic Leaders' Summit. The theme of the Arctic Spirit Conference is 'Climate Change and the Future Generations.'

Website: <https://www.rovaniemiarticspirit.fi/EN/>

### History

There has probably been continuous settlement in the Rovaniemi area since the Stone Age. The name of the city of Rovaniemi comes from the Sámi nature word "Roavvi," which means woody hill or old burned forest area. Official Finnish documents first mentioned Rovaniemi by name in 1453, describing it as a set of small villages whose inhabitants earned their living mainly in agriculture and animal husbandry with additional fishing and hunting. Logging and natural resource exploitation in Lapland caused Rovaniemi's growth in the 1800s; Rovaniemi became the business center of the Lapland province. Rovaniemi is not part of Finland's Sámi administrative area – which includes the municipalities of Enontekiö, Inari and Utsjoki as well as the reindeer-herding district in the municipality of Sodankylä – but was traditionally part of Sámi homelands



according to local placename etymology. In the past few decades Rovaniemi has grown into a busy and active town. The population of Rovaniemi is over 62,000 (2016). The vast majority (84 percent) of the population is employed in the service sector (2015). Two percent of the people earn their living from primary production and 13 percent from processing.

### **Expertise**

Rovaniemi is the educational center of Lapland and there are two universities located in Rovaniemi. The University of Lapland is the northernmost university in Finland and in the European Union. Lapland University for Applied Sciences has its home base in Rovaniemi.

### **Economics**

Tourism has grown strongly in Rovaniemi region since the nineties. Approximately 500,000 tourists visit Rovaniemi each year. The unique location of Rovaniemi on the Arctic Circle has attracted visitors from all over the world and almost 60 percent of the visitors come from abroad.

### **Tourist information**

For more tourist information, please visit [www.visitrovaniemi.fi/](http://www.visitrovaniemi.fi/).

Rovaniemi Tourist Information Address: Lordi's Square, Maakuntakatu 29-31

Tel: +358 15 346 270

[info@visitrovaniemi.fi](mailto:info@visitrovaniemi.fi)

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **How to get to Rovaniemi?**

The closest airport is the Rovaniemi airport. There are good flight connections to Rovaniemi from all over the world via Helsinki. Numerous daily one-hour-flights between Rovaniemi and Helsinki are operated by Finnair ([www.finnair.com](http://www.finnair.com)) and Norwegian ([www.norwegian.com/en/](http://www.norwegian.com/en/)). Rovaniemi airport (RVN) is located 10 kilometers from the city center, approximately 15 minutes' drive. For more information about Rovaniemi airport:

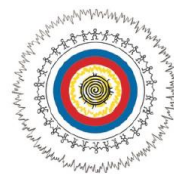
<https://www.finavia.fi/en/airports/rovaniemi>

There is regular taxi service right outside the airport's main exit. All delegations are responsible for their own transportation to and from Rovaniemi airport. Airport Bus Service is also available for all arriving flights. More information about joint transportation via Airport Bus Service can be found at <http://airportbus.fi/?language=en>.

### **Taxis in Rovaniemi area**

Tel: +358 200 880 00 / Lähitaksi Rovaniemi Ltd, <https://www.lahitaksirovaniemi.fi/eng/index>

Tel: +358 600 300 30 / Rovaniemen Taksipalvelu Ltd



## ARRIVAL & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### Customs

Travelers to Finland are not required to fill in a customs clearance form unless they are bringing an item that needs to be customs cleared. Please visit the Customs for more information at <http://tulli.fi/en/private-persons/travelling/going-through-customs>.

### Visas

The Schengen states have jointly agreed which countries' citizens are required to present a visa. Each Schengen state decides which passports and travel documents it accepts from different countries' citizens. Schengen member states are Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

Even if you do not need a visa to visit Finland, you need a valid passport or some other travel document accepted by Finland. It must be valid for at least ninety days after your intended date of departure from the Schengen area. In addition, the passport or other travel document must have been issued less than ten years ago.

If you do not need a visa to enter the Schengen region, you can stay in Finland or in the territory of other Schengen states for ninety days in any 180-day period.

For more detailed information on visas, please visit: <https://um.fi/visa-to-visit-finland>

For more detailed information on accepted travel documents and if a visa is required, please visit: <https://um.fi/visa-requirement-and-travel-documents-accepted-by-finland>

### BUSINESS HOURS

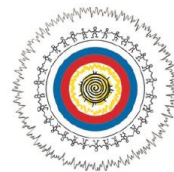
Regular business hours are Monday to Friday 9:00/10:00 17:00/19:00. Businesses are also generally open on weekends. Some supermarkets are open until 21:00.

### CLIMATE

The average temperature in November is around -3°C. If you want to check out the latest weather forecast for Rovaniemi, please visit <http://ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/saa/rovaniemi>. The weather can be everything from sunny to sleet and snow.

### ELECTRICITY

The standard electricity supply in Finland is 220-240 Volts. Although some hotels will provide converters and adapters, you are strongly advised to bring your own. You may wish to check directly with the hotel in advance, there may be limited availability of foreign converters for purchase.



## **CURRENCY & BANKING**

### **Currency and ATMs**

The official currency is the Euro (€). Retailers do not accept other currencies. Visitors wishing to make cash payments must change foreign currency into euros. Foreign currency can be exchanged at the airport, at banks, and at Forex service points.

Automatic teller machines (ATMs) are widely available and can be used to withdraw euros. The most common is a yellow ATM machine called "Otto". Participants are advised that many banks impose fees on cash withdrawals. Such fees may be higher for international transactions. The nearest ATM can be found on the opposite side of the road from Hotel Santa Claus.

### **Credit Cards**

Major credit cards are widely accepted in all shops and restaurants. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Diners Club are the most widely accepted and can be used at most establishments. Please remember to save the emergency phone number for any credit card in case it is lost. Please note that almost all transactions by credit card require PIN verification.

## **LANGUAGE**

Finland has two official languages: Finnish and Swedish. Three Sámi languages are spoken: North Sámi, Inari Sámi and Skolt Sámi. North Sámi is the most widely used with approximately 2,000 speakers in Finland. There are about 300 Inari Sámi and 300 Skolt Sámi speakers in the country, most of whom live in Inari. English is widely spoken.

## **TAXES & FEES**

All taxes are included in the marked prices in department stores, restaurants and hotels.

## **TELEPHONE**

To call Finland from abroad or from an international mobile phone, the international dialing code is +358.

## **TIME**

Rovaniemi standard time is GMT +2 hours.

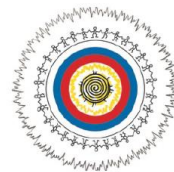
## **TIPPING**

Tipping is not required in restaurants, bars or taxis. In case of excellent service, a tip of your choice is much appreciated.

## **WATER**

Tap water is safe to drink all over Finland. It is said to be even better than bottled water. You can drink water from any faucet unless clearly indicated otherwise.





## **MEDICAL INSURANCE & FACILITIES**

All participants are strongly advised to have international health insurance coverage before they travel. All patients are responsible for own medical expenses.

Medical clinic Mehiläinen

Address: Vartiokatu 32, 96200 Rovaniemi

Tel: +358 207 199 780

Open hours:

Mon-Thu: 7:45 – 17:00

Fri: 7:45 – 16:00

Medical clinic Terveystalo

Address: Shopping center Revontulikeskus, Koskikatu 27, A-entrance, 5th Floor, 96100

Rovaniemi Tel: +358 30 6000 (switchboard, 24-hour)

Open hours:

Mon-Thu: 7:30 – 20:00

Fri: 7:30 – 16:00

Central hospital Lapland

Address: Ounasrinteentie 22, 96400 Rovaniemi

Tel: +358 16 3281

**In all serious emergencies, please call ambulance 112.**

## **PHARMACY**

Sampo Pharmacy

Address: Sampokeskus Shopping Center, Rovakatu 28, 96100 Rovaniemi

Tel: +358 16 362 661 [www.sampoapteekki.fi](http://www.sampoapteekki.fi)

## **SPECIAL NEEDS**

All public buildings have access for the disabled. Any delegate who requires handicap-accessible or other special arrangements are requested to contact the logistics team with a brief description of needs in order to ensure that appropriate arrangements can be made.

## **SMOKING**

Smoking is prohibited in government buildings, public buildings, restaurants, hotels and indoor bars. Additionally, hotels often charge a substantial cleaning fee to guests who smoke in non-smoking rooms, so smokers should make sure to confirm the smoking status of their room during hotel check-in. Unless otherwise indicated, smoking is permitted outdoors away from non-smoking building entrances.

## **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Emergency (Police, Fire, and Medical): **112**