

6th Arctic Leaders' Summit

Pre-conference events

11. November: Youth delegates arrive
12. November: Delegates arrive, badge pickup at Scandic Rovaniemi City Hotel (19:00 – 21:00)
12. – 13. November: Arctic Leaders' Youth Summit
12. – 13. November: Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit Conference
(Separate conference, program and organisers)

Wednesday 13 November

- 10:00 – 12:30 Badge pick-up – Arktikum
- 10:30 – 12:30 *Permanent Participant Leaders' high-level discussion – Hotel Santa Claus (closed session)*
- 11:00 – 12:30 *Side event: International Arctic Science Committee Action Group on Indigenous Involvement – Science Centre Pilke, Room Porstua (1st floor)*

Recognizing the need to create meaningful and longer-term involvement platforms for Indigenous Peoples in international research communities, in 2017, International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) formed an Action Group on Indigenous Involvement. This group is drafting recommendations for how IASC can improve involvement of Indigenous people and Indigenous Knowledge in the work that IASC does and supports. This session will introduce and provide a discussion around IASC, the Action Group, and the group's preliminary recommendations.

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 **Opening**

Facilitator: Åsa Larsson Blind, President, the Saami Council

Opening remarks:

Dr. Dalee Sambo Dorough, Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council
Grigory Ledkov, President, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON)
Sally Swetozof, President, Aleut International Association
Chief Bill Erasmus, International Chair, Arctic Athabaskan Council
Anne Nuorgam, Chair, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples
Einar Gunnarsson, Senior Arctic Officials' Chair
Petteri Vuorimäki, Ambassador for Arctic and Antarctic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland
Dr. Laila Susanne Vars, Member, UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous People (EMRIP) and Rector, Sámi University of Applied Sciences
Tuomas Aslak Juuso, Sámi Parliamentarian Council and II Vice-president, Sámi Parliament in Finland
Speaker nominated by the Arctic Leaders' Youth Summit

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15:00 – 15:30 *Coffee Break*

15:30 – 17:00 **Theme: A look on Arctic Leaders' Summit history**

The first Arctic Leaders' Summit took place in 1991 – a time when international borders began to open and Indigenous Peoples across the Arctic could join together. Many Arctic initiatives emerged since then, and Arctic Indigenous Peoples must stretch their capacity to ensure that the Indigenous perspectives are heard. Nearly 30 years after the first Summit, where do we stand with the Arctic cooperation? Can the Arctic Leaders' Summit provide guidance for the future?

Facilitator: *Christina Henriksen*, Vice President, the Saami Council

Keynote: *Gunn-Britt Retter*, Head of the Arctic and Environment Unit, the Saami Council

Panel: Challenges and opportunities in Arctic cooperation today and in the future
Hjalmar Dahl, President, Inuit Circumpolar Council Greenland
Chief Bill Erasmus, International Chair, Arctic Athabaskan Council
Lars Anders Baer, Chair, Working Group on Indigenous Peoples, Barents Euro-Arctic Cooperation
Olga Nikolaeva, Chair, RAIPON Youth Council
Representative from Arctic Leaders' Youth Summit

18:30 – 20:30 *Dinner*

Thursday 14 November

9:00 – 12:30 **Theme: Arctic Indigenous languages and environmental change**

Indigenous knowledge and Indigenous languages are inextricably linked, which again are linked to the environment in which they are developed. The environments to which the Indigenous languages apply are changing dramatically, putting the Indigenous languages under threat. The languages also contain knowledge about addressing these changes and can thus hold solutions to face the changing Arctic. The Arctic Leaders' Summit provides a unique venue for Arctic Indigenous leaders to discuss Indigenous languages and their role in connecting the Indigenous Peoples, their surroundings and environmental change.

Facilitator: *Áslat Holmberg*, Vice President, the Saami Council

Keynote: *Aili Keskitalo*, President, Sámi Parliament in Norway and Co-chair, Steering Committee on the UN International Year of Indigenous Languages

Panel – Part I: Promoting Indigenous languages in a changing Arctic environment

Aili Keskitalo, President, Sámi Parliament in Norway
Dr. Dalee Sambo Dorough, Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council
Johannes Lampe (TBC), President, Nunatsiavut Government
Fenya Lekhanova, Vice Chair, Teacher's Association on Languages, Cultures and Literature of Small-numbered Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East of the Russian Federation

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

Keynote: *Vera Metcalf*, Executive Council Member, Inuit Circumpolar Council Alaska

Panel – Part II: Addressing environmental change with Indigenous languages and the languages' inherent knowledge

Vera Metcalf, Executive Council Member, Inuit Circumpolar Council Alaska

Sally Swetozof, President, Aleut International Association

Liubov Tayan, President, Inuit Circumpolar Council Chukotka

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch*

13:30 – 17:00 **Theme: Living conditions and sustainable development in a changing Arctic**

Economic development is key to ensure good living conditions among Arctic Indigenous Peoples. Can Arctic Indigenous Peoples' traditional livelihoods like fishing, hunting and reindeer herding serve as the basis for development? Modern industries also provide opportunities, but are the benefits felt in Indigenous communities? Keeping the UN Sustainable Development Goals in mind, leaders will discuss how to ensure sustainable economic development and good living conditions for their Peoples in a changing Arctic.

Facilitator: *Liza Mack*, Executive Director, Aleut International Association

Keynote: *Rosa Maren Magga*, Councilor of the Secretary General, Association of World Reindeer Herders

Panel: Indigenous economies in new times

Rosa Maren Magga, Councilor of the Secretary General, Association of World Reindeer Herders

Chief Gary Harrison, Founding Member, Arctic Athabaskan Council and Traditional Chief of Chickaloon Village

Liudmila Danilova, Executive Director, "Kupol" Social Development Fund, Chukotka

Tønnes Berthelsen, CEO, Greenlandic Hunters' and Fishers' Association (KNAPK)

15:00 – 15:30 *Coffee Break*

Panel: Modern industries in Indigenous homelands

Amy Foster, Board Member, Aleut International Association

Grigorii Ledkov, President, RAIPON

Chief Bill Erasmus, International Chair, Arctic Athabaskan Council

Tuomas Aslak Juuso, II-Vice President, Sámi Parliament in Finland

18:30 – 20:30 *Dinner*

Friday 15 November

9:00 – 12:30 **Theme: Arctic Indigenous Peoples and Arctic Council Observer dialogue**

Observers are crucial actors in the Arctic Council and make unique contributions, especially in the Working Groups. The Arctic Council set criteria on the admission of new Observers at the Nuuk Ministerial meeting in May 2011. Importantly, the criteria included: 1) “Respect the values, interests, culture and traditions of Arctic Indigenous Peoples and other Arctic inhabitants,” and 2) “Have demonstrated a political willingness as well as financial ability to contribute to the work of the Permanent Participants and other Arctic Indigenous Peoples.” How can Permanent Participants and Arctic Council Observers work together to strengthen their contributions to Arctic Council work?

Facilitator: *Gunn-Britt Retter*, Head of the Arctic and Environment Unit, the Saami Council

Opening address: *Hjalmar Dahl*, Vice Chair, Arctic Council Indigenous Peoples’ Secretariat

Observer statement: *Piotr Rakowski*, Senior Advisor for Polar Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

Facilitated dialogue – Part I:

Piotr Rakowski, Senior Advisor for Polar Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

Hjalmar Dahl, Vice Chair, Arctic Council Indigenous Peoples’ Secretariat

Outi Snellman, Vice President, UArctic

Christina Henriksen, Vice President, the Saami Council

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee Break*

Facilitated dialogue – Part II:

Jacques de Noray, First Secretary, Embassy of France in Finland

Ozlem Canel, Deputy Ambassador, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Dr. Stanislav Ksenofontov, IASC Fellow, International Arctic Science Committee

Grigory Ledkov, President, RAIPON

Dr. Liza Mack, Executive Director, Aleut International Association

Chief Bill Erasmus, International Chair, Arctic Athabaskan Council

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch*

13:30 – 14:30 Indigenous leaders’ vision for the future of the Arctic: VI Arctic Leaders’ Summit Declaration and signing

Facilitator: *Áslat Holmberg*, Vice President, the Saami Council