High North Dialogue

The blue future of the Arctic
25th-26th May 2016, Bodø, Norway

PROGRAM

Foto: Bjørn-Enrik Olsen
Why: To discuss and develop ideas for the future of the Arctic region, with an emphasis on blue (marine and maritime) innovation, entrepreneurship and development.

How: Two-day conference at Nord University and Scandic Havet.

Participants: 250-300 postgraduate students, businesses, academics, policy-makers and politicians

Sub-Themes: Geopolitics of the Arctic
Arctic Innovation
Future Arctic Leaders
High North Scenarios
Worldwide interest in the Arctic is increasing. Changing ice-conditions, regional growth and international geopolitics have placed the High North at the center of attention.

On May 24-26, the High North Center for Business and Governance –a part of the Nord University Business School– invites you to participate in the High North Dialogue 2016. The theme of this year’s conference is The Blue Future of the Arctic.

Since 2007, the High North Dialogue conference series have brought together Arctic leaders – present and future – to discuss the dimensions of the changes taking place in the Arctic. Set in Bodø – the second largest community in North Norway and gateway to Lofoten – the High North Dialogue 2016 will provide you with a different perspective on the future of the Arctic.

We ask:

- How does a Blue Future look like for the Arctic?
- Who will be the Future Leaders of the Arctic?
- What roles do Innovation and Entrepreneurship play?
- What are the main challenges for Arctic development and sustainability?
- How is the Arctic linked to global trends and issues?
- Should the Arctic be left to its inhabitants or be part of the global commons?

Over two days we intend to address these questions, while promoting and provoking debate and dialogue.
Tuesday – May 24

18:00 Welcome Reception and Tapas at SydØst, Torvgata 2
Eirik Sivertsen
Head of the Stortinget’s Delegation for Arctic Parliamentary Cooperation
Tomas Norvoll
President of the Nordland County Government

Wednesday – May 25
Nord University

08:00 Bus transfer from Thon hotel to Nord University

08:00 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:05 Opening of HND16
Frode Mellemvik
Director of High North Center for Business and Governance, Nord University

09:05 – 10:30 Session 1: The Blue Future and the Arctic: Political Perspectives
Grete Ellingsen
State Secretary, Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation
Aaja Chemnitz Larsen
Member of Parliament Denmark (Greenland)
Tomas Norvoll
President of the Nordland County Government
Tony Penikett
Professor and Former Premier of Yukon Territory, Canada
Representative to the European Union, EU Arctic strategy (tbc)

Moderator:
Arne O. Holm
Editor in chief at High North News
10:30 – 10:50  Break

10:50 – 12:20  Session 2:
Politics and Economy of the Arctic

Michael Byers,  Professor at University of British Columbia
*From Extinction Tourism to Extreme Oil: Is Arctic Economic Development Such a Good Idea?*

Jan-Gunnar Winther  Director of the Norwegian Polar Institute
*Building blocks for a successful development of the Arctic*

Lassi Heininen  Professor at the University of Lapland, Chairman of the Steering Committee of Northern Research Forum
*The Arctic as an exceptional space in international relations - critical reading on IR and Geopolitics*

Frode Nilsen  CEO of Leonhard Nilsen & Sønner
*LNS – a contractor from the Arctic*

Anu Fredrikson  Director of the Arctic Economic Council Secretariat -
*Arctic Economic Council: Sustainable Business Development in the Arctic*

Sven Roald Nystø  Senior Advisor at ARRAN and former president of the Norwegian Sami Parliament
*Sami Future Business Development in Squeeze Between Sami Traditional Livelihoods and Global Industrial Marked Enterprises?*

Moderator:  Heather Nicol  Professor at Trent University, Canada

12:20 – 13:30  Lunch at Nord University

13:30 – 15:00  Session 3:
Blue Potential

Laurence C. Smith  Professor at University of California
*Climate model projections of future Arctic shipping access*

Geir Ove Ystmark  Managing Director at Norwegian Seafood Federation
*Aquaculture providing seafood for the world?*

Felix Tschudi  Chairman and owner of the Tschudi Group
*Arctic shipping - Has it been put on ice?*
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#### 15:00 – 15:20

**Break**

#### 15:20 – 17:00

**Session 4:**

**Arctic Innovation**

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Frode Alfheim  Vice President at Industri Energi

18:00 – 19:30 Dinner at University
Bjørn Olsen  Rector of Nord University

19:45 Bus to down town

20:00 Arctic Quiz at SydØst
Quizmaster Liv Boye Okkenhaug

Thursday – May 26
Scandic Havet

08.30 – 09:00: Registration (new conference participants)

09:00 – 10:10 Session 5: Presentations from Nord University
- High North Scenarios (Students, Indra Øverland and Anatoli Bourmistrov)
- Business Index North (Erlend Bullvåg, Dean, Nord University)

10:10 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:00 Session 6: The Arctic and the Blue Dimension
Tore Hattrem  State Secretary, Norwegian MFA
Erik Lundberg  Finland’s Ambassador to Norway
Jim DeHart  Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy
Helene Tofte  Acting Director National and International Politics, the Norwegian Shipowners’ Association
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Torgeir Edvardsen  OECD
Elana Wilson Rowe  NUPI and High North Center for Business and Governance

Moderator:
Jan-Gunnar Winther  Director of the Norwegian Polar Institute

12:00 – 12:30  High North Hero

12:30 – 13:30  Lunch

13:30 – 15:00  Session 7: Future Arctic Leaders – Talking Barents

Synne Bjørbæk, Deputy Mayor of Bodø
Andreas Østhagen, The Arctic Institute
Timothy Hughes, East China Normal University
August Sjøvoll, Representative from Norway
Tim Andersson, Representative from Sweden
Barbora Padrtová, Representative from Czech
Dmitrii Nesterov, Environmental NGO 'Aetas', Russia,

Moderator:
Victoria Herrmann, The Arctic Institute

15:00 – 15:30  Lessons learned: Future Perspectives on the Blue Potential

Laurence Smith, Professor at University of California
Pan Xingming, Professor at East China Normal University
Anatoly Zolotukhin, Professor of the Gubkin Russian State University
June Borge Doornich, Nord University

15:30  Welcome to High North Dialogue 2017!