# High North Dialogue 2017

### Innovations in the Arctic

Improving Communication & Understanding among Key Stakeholders

When: April 4-6, 2017

Where: Nord University, Bodø, Northern Norway

**Why:** To discuss and develop ideas for the future of the Arctic region, with an emphasis on innovation, entrepreneurship and development. How and why to be innovative in the most northern regions in the world. Why is innovation in the Arctic significant?

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

Participants: 350-400 students, businesses, academics, policy-makers, politicians and entrepreneurs.

#### **Sub-themes:**

- High North scenarios
- What role do Innovation and Entrepreneurship play in developing the Arctic?
- Arctic innovation business opportunities?
- The regional dimension

### Tuesday 4 April

When	What	Who	
19:00	Welcome Reception and Tapas at SydØst, Torvgata 2 Welcome speeches, food and mingling	•	Ida Pinnerød, Mayor of Bodø Eirik Sivertsen, Head of Stortinget's Delegation for Arctic Parliamentary Cooperation

### Wednesday 5 April

Venue: A1, Nord University

Facilitators: Andreas Østhagen, The Arctic Institute

When	What	Who
08:00-09:00	Registration, coffee and mingling	
09:00—09:10	Opening of High North Dialogue 2017 Welcome and practicalities	<ul> <li>Frode Mellemvik, Director, High North Center, Nord University</li> </ul>
09:10—10:40	Innovation as a driver for development Short presentations, the discussion/ questions  Moderator: Victoria Herrmann, The Arctic Institute	<ul> <li>Grete Ellingsen, State         Secretary, Norwegian Ministry         of Local Government and         Modernisation</li> <li>Ken Coates, Professor,         University of Saskatchewan,         Canada</li> </ul>

10:40—11:10 11:10—13:10	Coffee break and mingling  Presentations of innovative projects in the Arctic  Format: Short presentations and Q/A.  Moderator: Bård Borch Michalsen, Asscociate professor at UiT, The Arctic University of Norway	<ul> <li>Lars Theodor Kintel, Sami entrepreneur</li> <li>Otto Gregussen, Secretary General, The Norwegian Fishermen's Association</li> <li>Linda Beate Randal, Director Arctic, Innovation Norway</li> <li>Marius Ytterstad, CEO, Ytterstad Fiskeriselskap</li> <li>Øistein Aleksandersen, CEO, Nofir</li> <li>Oil/ gas:         <ul> <li>Øystein Braathen, Leader Arctic Development Program, Statoil</li> <li>tba</li> </ul> </li> <li>Other</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Daniel Skjeldam, CEO,         Hurtigruta</li> <li>Mikko Niini, Navidom Ltd,         Chairman of the Board</li> <li>Ivan C. Burkow, CEO, Norut</li> <li>Lars Bäckström, Municipality         strategist, Kiruna, Sweden</li> <li>Arne O. Holm, Arctic Now</li> </ul>
13:10—14:10	Lunch	
14:10—14:40	<b>Paavo Lipponen</b> in conversation with Arne O. Holm, Editor in Chief, High North News	Interview with Lipponen, former Finnish Prime Minister and winner of High North Hero 2016
14:40—16:00	Innovating Arctic governance Moderator: Petter Nore, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	<ul> <li>Suzanne Lalonde, Professor at University of Montreal</li> <li>Laurence C. Smith, Professor at University of California</li> <li>Sergey Katikov, Adviser for the President of the Russian Geographic Society</li> <li>Gry Alsos, Nord University Business School</li> <li>Pan Xingming, Professor at School of Advanced International and Area Studies, East China Normal University</li> <li>Ajay Mathur, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute, India</li> </ul>
16:00—16:30	FIRST LEGO League / Newton: How to stimulate activity and creativity in arctic brains	Ingvill Berg, Education Manager, FIRST Scandinavia

17:00—19:00	Dinner at Nord University The main cantina, Nord University 19:30 Bus to down town and Sydøst	
20:30	Arctic Quiz Venue: Sydøst	Quizmaster Helle Hamnevoll

# Thursday 6 April

Venue: Scandic Havet, Bodø City Centrum

Facilitators: Andreas Raspotnik, The Arctic Institute

When	What	Who	
08:30—09:00	Coffee and mingling	Registration for new conference members	
09:00—09:30	<b>High North Scenarios</b> Presentation by winners of the competition on Tuesday	Anatoli Bourmistrov, Professor, Nord University, winning student team, and Heidi Thommesen, Chief of Business Development, Bodø Municipality	
09:30—10:00	Business Index North	Erlend Bullvåg, Dean, Nord University	
10:00—10:30	Coffee Break		
10:30—12:00	Innovative cross-border cooperation in the Arctic Moderator: Andreas Østhagen, The Arctic Institute	<ul> <li>Marit Berger Røsland, State Secretary, Norwegian MFA</li> <li>Tomas Norvoll, President of the Nordland County Government</li> <li>Odd Jarl Borch, Professor at Nord University</li> <li>Michael Byers, Professor at University of British Columbia</li> <li>Anders Oskal, Executive Director at International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry</li> <li>Karen Everett, PhD candidate, Trent University</li> </ul>	
12:00—12:30	High North Hero Award of NOK 50 000 to honour a person/ organization/ company who has contributed to highlighting or developing the High North	Introduction by committee leader Anu Fredrikson, Director of the Arctic Economic Council Secretariat, followed by a speech from the award winner	
12:30—13:30	Lunch		

13:30—14:30	Talking Barents: Being a young Entrepreneur in the High North Moderator: Amanda Åsberg, NRK Nordland and journalist student  Panel discussion in cooperation with the Norwegian Barents Secretariat. Young entrepreneurs from the Arctic countries present their business ideas and discuss opportunities and challenges, which are special for innovation in the Arctic.	<ul> <li>Christine Galschjødt, Graphic designer</li> <li>Max Gouchan, Narvik / Murmansk and coffee shop proprietor in London</li> <li>Julius Oförsagd, Finnish entrepreneur</li> <li>Lars Theodor Kintel, entrepreneur</li> </ul>
14:30—15:00	The Ocean and Possibilities  Moderator: Arne O. Holm	<ul> <li>Jonas Gahr Støre, Leader of the Norwegian Labour Party</li> <li>Roy Angelvik, State Sectretary, The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries</li> </ul>
15:00—15:40	Arctic in the Global World Moderator: Elana Wilson Rowe, Senior Research Fellow, NUPI and High North Center	<ul> <li>Teimuraz Ramishvili,         Ambassador of the Russian         Federation to the Kingdom         of Norway</li> <li>Erik Lundberg, Finland's         Ambassador to Norway</li> <li>Jim DeHart, Chargé         d'Affaires, US Embassy</li> </ul>
15:40—16:00	Lessons learned: Future perspectives	<ul> <li>Sergei Vasiliev, Director at filial Odintsovo, MGIMO</li> <li>Snjólaug Árnadóttir, Doctoral Researcher, University of Edinburgh</li> <li>Alexandra Middleton, University of Oulu</li> </ul>

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