

# High North Dialogue 2018

## Growth in the Arctic

April 18-19, 2018  
Bodø, Norway

# PROGRAMME



**Nordland**  
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## Why:

To discuss and develop ideas for the economic development of the Arctic region, with an emphasis on future scenarios, development cross sectors and governance needed in order to ensure sustainable growth.

## How:

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

## Participants:

More than 350 students, businesses, academics, policy-makers, politicians and other stakeholders come together to increase their knowledge and to discuss the future of the Arctic.

## Sub-Themes:

- High North scenarios
- What opportunities for growth exists in the Arctic?
- Smart societies in the Arctic

# HND18 – Growth in the Arctic

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 April 18-19, 2018

we invite you to join us for two days dedicated to growth in the Arctic: **The High North Dialogue Conference 2018**.

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Since 2007, the High North Dialogue conference series has 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 2018 will provide you with a different perspective on the future of the Arctic.

This year, we are introducing High North Young Entrepreneur. Three start-ups will have an opportunity to pitch their business ideas to 350 conference participants and compete for the main prize; a check for 50 000 NOK.



# PROGRAM

## Tuesday – April 17

**19:00** Welcome reception and tapas at SydØst, Torvgata 2

Frode Mellemvik Director, High North Center, Nord University Business School  
Thierry Béchet European Union Ambassador to Norway

## Wednesday – April 18

Scandic Havet, Tollbugata 5, Bodø city center

**Facilitator:**

**Andreas Østhagen, Research Fellow at the Fridtjof Nansen Institute**

**08:00 – 09:00** Registration, coffee and mingling

**09:00 – 09:10** Welcome to the High North Dialogue 2018

Frode Mellemvik Director of High North Center, Nord University

### **09:10 – 10:50** State of Arctic Growth

Torbjørn Røe Isaksen	Minister of Trade and Industry
Silje Karine Muotka	Member of the Sámi Parliament Executive Council, Norway
Stefaan Depypere	DG MARE, Director for International Ocean Governance and Sustainable Fisheries
Lars Christian Aamodt	Major General and Second in command/Chief of Staff, Norwegian Joint Headquarters
Anu Fredrikson	Director, Arctic Economic Council
Geir Seljeseth	Regional Manager, Norwegian Oil and Gas Association
Tomas Norvoll	President, Nordland County Government

**Moderator:**

Andreas Østhagen Andreas Østhagen, Research Fellow at the Fridtjof Nansen Institute

**10:50 – 11:10 Break****11:10 – 12:30 Business Index North**

Business Index North (BIN) is a project that contributes to sustainable development and value creation in the Arctic

Erlend Bullvåg

Dean, Nord University Business School

Laurence Smith

Professor, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Erik Lundberg

Finnish Ambassador to Norway

Tonje Nermark

VP Strategic Communications and Public Affairs, Mo Industripark

**Moderator:**

June Borge Doornich

Associate Professor at Nord University Business School

**12:30 – 13:00 High North Hero**

The awards purpose is to honor a person, organization or company that has contributed to highlighting or developing the High North and the Arctic.

**13:00– 14:00 Lunch****14:00 – 15:10 Transport and logistics**

Vegard Johansen

CEO, SINTEF Ocean

Eero Hokkanen

Communications Manager, Arctia Ltd.

Charles Colgan

Director of Research and Editor-in-chief, Journal of Ocean and Coastal Economics, Center for the Blue Economy

**Moderator:**

Otto Gregussen

Secretary General of the Norwegian Fishermen's Association

**15:10– 15:20 Break**

**15:20 – 16:30 China's future role in the Arctic**

Liu Jun	Professor and Dean at School of Advanced International and Area Studies of East China Normal University
Julia Guifang Xue	Chair Professor at KoGuan School of Law and Director of Center for Polar and Deep Ocean Development, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Øystein Tunsjø	Professor, Institute for Defense Studies (IFS)
Iselin Stensdal	Research Fellow / Director of the Global Programme, Fridtjof Nansen Institute

**Moderator:**

Petter Nore Professor at the High North Center

**16:30 – 17:00 The former High North Hero**

Scott Miner, Managing Partner and Global Chief Investment Officer at Guggenheim Partners (video message)

**17:00 – 17:30 High North Young Entrepreneur**

Presentations of three innovation projects by young entrepreneurs. The winner will be given an award of 50 000 NOK, financed by Founding Managing Partner at Guggenheim Partners and High North Hero of 2017, Scott Miner and Nordland County Council.

**19:30 – 22:00 Dinner at Scandic Havet**

# Thursday – April 19

Knut Hamsun (A1), Nord University

**Facilitator: Andreas Raspotnik, Senior Fellow at The Arctic Institute**

**08.30 – 09:00:** Coffee and mingling  
Registration for new conference participants

**09:00 – 09:30 High North Scenarios: Smart cities**

Introduction by Anatoli Bourmistrov, Professor, Nord University Business School  
and Presentation by Master's students

**09:30 – 10:40 Smart Societies**

Panelists:

Reija Viinanen	Director of Aurora Collaboration
Giuseppe Grossi	Professor, Nord University Business School
Marianne Bahr-Simonsen	Project Leader of Smart City Bodø
Alexander Kholodnov	Co-founder, Managing Partner, Urbanica

**Moderator:**

Morten Alexander Mossin      Advisor at the Municipality of Bodø

**10:40 – 11:00 Break**

**11:00 – 12:00 Knowledge-based growth in the Arctic**

Grete Hovelsrud	Professor, Nord University
Lars Kullerud	President, University of the Arctic
Ken Coates	Director, The International Centre for Northern Governance and Development, University of Saskatchewan

**Moderator:**

Christin Kristoffersen      [Studiesenteret.no](http://Studiesenteret.no)

**12:00 – 13:00 Talking Barents – Growth in the Barents region**

## Panelists:

Zhanna Guzenko	Executive Director, Friday Milk
Aleksandra Seljeseth	Youth politician, Labour party
Tim Andersson	Barents Press

**Moderator:**

Amanda Åsberg	Communications Adviser at the Barents Secretariatø
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**13:00 – 13:40 Lunch****13:40 – 15:20 Locomotives in the Arctic**

Audun Halvorsen	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
Kenneth J. Braithwaite	U.S. Ambassador to Norway
Erik Lundberg	Finnish Ambassador to Norway
Artur Wilczynski	Canadian Ambassador to Norway
Thierry Béchet	European Union Ambassador to Norway
Dong Fengming	Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Norway
Vladimir Isupov	First Counsellor, Embassy of the Russian Federation in Norway

**Moderator:**

Arne O. Holm	Editor of High North News
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**15:20 – 15:40 Break****15:40 – 17:10 Plastic pollution – from source to recipient**

Peter Dauvergne	Professor at University of British Columbia, Canada
Wang Juying	Senior Scientist and Deputy Director General at the National Marine Environmental Monitoring Centre and State Oceanic Administration, China
Kerstin Magnusson	Researcher at IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute, Sweden
Kjersti Eline Busch	Co-founder and CEO of SALT
Mona Aarhus	Policy Director, Ministry of Climate and Environment

**Moderator:**

Jan-Gunnar Winther	Director, Centre for the Ocean and the Arctic
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**17:10 – 17:30 Arctic Growth**

Michael Byers

Professor at University of British Columbia, Canada

Elana Wilson Rowe

Senior Research Fellow at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)  
and Adjunct Professor at the High North Center

**Welcome to  
High North Dialogue 2019!**

## Side events

In addition to the conference programme, a number of side events will take place in Bodø in conjunction with High North Dialogue.

### Monday – April 16 / Nord University, Bodø

10:00-15:00:

#### HIGH NORTH STUDENT FORUM

– Growth in the Arctic from the perspectives of Economy and Law

Why: Designed to form the next scientists' generation, to facilitate the students' research, to promote dialogue, information exchange and research planning on the Arctic region development issues from different fields and disciplines.

Whom: Bachelor students from the Barents region who are interested in issues of the economic and social growth in the Arctic.

### Tuesday – April 17 / Nord University, Bodø

09:00-15.30:

#### YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS OF THE BARENTS REGION

The workshops connects to High North Young Entrepreneur competition

Purpose: Sharing of experiences of how to be an entrepreneur in the North in Russia and Norway and network building between the future Arctic leaders in business.

Participants: Young entrepreneurs who applied to High North Young Entrepreneur competition and representatives of innovation and start-up support infrastructure from Barents region of Russia (Arkhangelsk, Murmansk, Karelia) and Northern Norway (Bodø, Tromsø).

09:30–13:00:

#### HIGH NORTH'S RESEARCH WORKSHOP – Growth in the Arctic

Why: To present and discuss researchers' work concerned with economic growth in the Arctic, with a particular emphasis on industries and regions.

Whom: Post doctor scholars and High North Dialogue PhD alumni. The workshop seeks to gather

researchers who are interested in growth in the Arctic from different fields and discipline.

16:30-17:45:

#### ARCTIC HORIZON: Boosting Research and Innovation in the High North

Why: Present and discuss EU funding opportunities for research and innovation in the High North. Disseminate best practices and encourage the researchers and industries in the High North to apply for EU funding. Gain valuable insights into the content and structure of the forthcoming Framework Programme 9; the successor to Horizon 2020.

Who: Researchers, scholars, students, public sector employees, entrepreneurs, SMEs, among others. The seminar seeks to gather those interested in current EU funding opportunities and future research and development opportunities.

### Thursday – April 19 / Nord University, Bodø

10:00 – 12:00:

#### Arctic Rescue and Oil Spill Response exercise at NORDLAB-Nord University Emergency Management Laboratory

Whom: HND participants, students and others with interest in emergency preparedness and crisis management.

14:00 – 16:00:

#### BUSINESS INDEX NORTH MEETING – International seminar: University-industry interlink towards value creation in the Barents Region.

About 20 participants from universities, government and business from regions in Northern Norway and North-West Russia.

# Join the discussion on social media

Ask questions to the panels by using the hashtag

**#HND18**

or by sending them to

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