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DAY 1



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## DAY 1      03 October 2019

Location: Aula Nordica, Umeå University

08:00 – 09:00      Registration and welcome coffee

09:00                      Opening

**H.R.H. The Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden**

09:10 – 09:20      Welcome

**Magdalena ANDERSSON,**  
Governor of Västerbotten County, Sweden

**Åsa LARSSON-BLIND,**  
President of the Saami Council

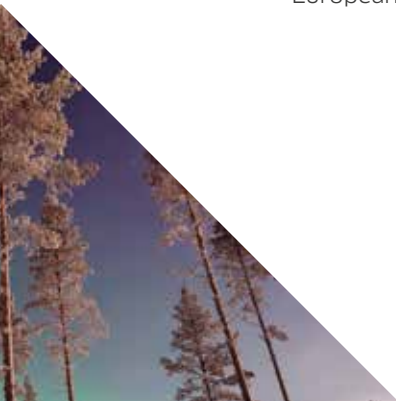
09:20-09:50      Keynote addresses

**H.E. Ann LINDE,**  
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

**H.E. Pekka HAAVISTO,**  
Finland's Presidency of the Council of Ministers of the  
European Union

**H.E. Marie-Anne CONINSX,**  
EU Ambassador at large for the Arctic

**H.E. Karmenu VELLA,**  
Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries,  
European Commission (message read by **Antonina ROUSSEVA**)



03 October

09:50 – 11:00

Panel session :

## International Cooperation in the Arctic

Moderator: **Erika BJERSTRÖM**, Swedish Television SVT

### PANEL

**H.E. Pekka HAAVISTO**,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Finland

**H.E. Gudlaugur Thór THÓRDARSON**,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Iceland

**H.E. Ann LINDE**,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

**H.E. Ine ERIKSEN SØREIDE**,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Norway

**H.E. Edgars RINKĒVIČS**,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Latvia

**H.E. Carmelo ABELA**,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion, Malta

**H.E. V. MURALEEDHARAN**  
Minister of State for External Affairs, India

**H.E. Carsten GRØNBECH-JENSEN**,  
State Secretary for European Affairs and the Arctic,  
Kingdom of Denmark

### Discussion and Q&A

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break



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**11:30 – 12:30**    **Panel session :**

## **Sustainable Arctic**

Moderator: **Erika BJERSTRÖM**, Swedish Television SVT

### **PANEL**

**Hans-Otto PÖRTNER,**

Vice-Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

**Joyce MSUYA,**

Deputy Executive Director, United Nations  
Environment Programme (UNEP)

**Peter WINSOR,**

Director, Arctic Programme, World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

**Heidar GUDJONSSON,**

Chair, Arctic Economic Council (AEC)

**Niklas NORDSTRÖM,**

Mayor of Luleå, Sweden

### **Discussion and Q&A**

**12:30 – 14:00**    **Lunch**

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14:00 – 15:15 Panel session :

## Sustainable Investments in the Arctic

Moderator: **Stephen HART**, European Investment Bank

### PANEL

**Martin KOCH,**

Policy Officer, European Commission  
(Directorate-General for Financial Stability,  
Financial Services and Capital Markets Union):  
*"EU Financing Sustainable Growth"*

**Sebastian Boel BYTH,**

Head of Section, Ministry for Foreign Affairs,  
Kingdom of Denmark:  
*"Business Finance in the Arctic"*

**Johannes LITH,**

Project Manager, Regional Council of Lapland:  
*"Arctic Investment Platform"*

**Søren MORTENSEN,**

Senior Director, Nordic Investment Bank (NIB):  
*"Arctic Financing Facility"*

### Discussion and Q&A



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15:15 – 16:30 Panel session :

## White, Green and Blue Arctic

Moderator: **Martin BREUM**, Journalist

### PANEL

**Astrid SCHOMAKER**,

Director, European Commission  
(Directorate-General for Environment):  
*“EU Circular Economy and Plastics Strategy”*

**Sir Robert WATSON**,

former Chair, Intergovernmental Science-Policy  
Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services  
(IPBES): *“Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity  
and Ecosystem Services”*

**Anders TURESSON**,

Chair, Arctic Council Working Group AMAP:  
*“Monitoring a changing Arctic”*

**John BELL**,

Director, European Commission (Directorate-General for  
Research and Development): *“Research and Innovation  
for a Healthy Arctic”*

**Nicole BIEBOW**,

Head of International Cooperation, Alfred Wegener Institute,  
Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research:  
*“EU PolarNet”*

### Discussion and Q&A

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 18:00 Panel session :

## Connecting the Arctic

Moderator: **Martin BREUM**, Journalist

### PANEL

**Matthias PETSCHKE**,

Director, European Commission (Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs):  
*"EU Space and Satellite Programme"*

**Jukka-Pekka JOENSUU**,

Executive Advisor, Cinia Ltd:  
*"Arctic Sea Cable"*

**Kirsti MIJNHIJMER**,

Head of Secretariat, Northern Periphery  
and Arctic Programme

**Chris MCDONALD**,

Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic  
Cooperation and Development (OECD)

**Peter SKÖLD**,

Chair, Board of Governors, The University of the Arctic

### Discussion and Q&A

18:00

### Conclusion

18:30

### Barents Pre-Dinner Reception

hosted by the Governor of Västerbotten Magdalena Andersson  
Location: Torget (indoor courtyard) – Väven

19:30

### Joint Dinner Reception EU Arctic Forum + Barents Euro-Arctic

hosted by the Swedish Minister for Rural Affairs Jennie Nilsson  
and the Mayor of Umeå Marie-Louise Rönnmark  
Location: Fika – Väven



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## DAY 2      04 October 2019

Location: P5 – Väven

### Arctic Indigenous Peoples' dialogue

08:00 – 09:00      Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 – 09:05      Opening

**Andreas PAPACONSTANTINOU**,  
Head of Unit, European Commission  
(Directorate-General Fisheries  
and Maritime Affairs)

09:05-09:20      Welcome addresses

**Jennie NILSSON**,  
Minister for Rural Affairs, Sweden

**Marie-Anne CONINSX**,  
EU Ambassador at large for the Arctic

**Per-Olof NUTTI**,  
President of the Sami Parliament, Sweden

09:20-09:50      Presentations

**Chris MCDONALD**,  
Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic  
Cooperation and Development (OECD):  
*"Linking Indigenous Communities with  
regional development"*

**David MAIR**,  
Head of Unit, European Commission  
(Joint Research Centre, JRC):  
*"Arctic: Traditional Knowledge, Livelihoods  
and Community Engagements"*

**Discussion and Q&A**

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P5 Väven 4 October:

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09:50-11:50

Panel session

## Learning from the Arctic?

Moderator: **Chris MCDONALD**, OECD

### PANEL

**Åsa LARSSON-BLIND**,

President of the Saami Council

**Mininnguaq KLEIST**,

Head of the Greenland Representation to the EU,  
Government of Greenland

**Tove Søvndahl GANT**,

Policy Officer, External Action Service,  
Member of UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous  
Peoples' Rights as of 01/2020

**Lars-Anders BAER**,

Chair, Barents Euro-Arctic Council  
Working Group of Indigenous Peoples

**Anders OSKAL**,

Secretary General,  
Association of World Reindeer Herders

### Discussion and Q&A

11:50

Conclusion and closure

12:00

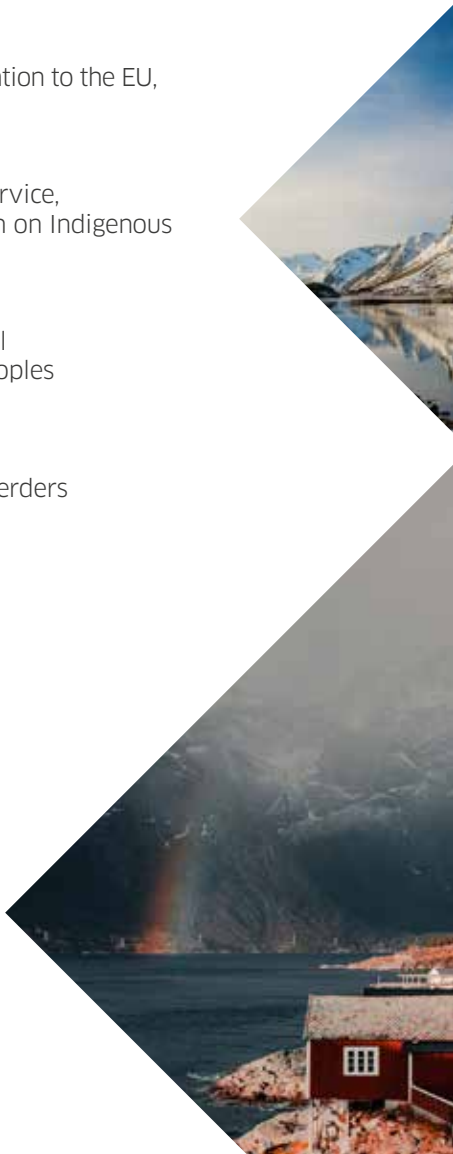
Lunch box



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# List of speakers and chairs



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## H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden

HRH is the heir to the Swedish throne. In 1997 she established the Crown Princess Victoria's Fund which provides support to children with functional disabilities or chronic illness. HRH has studied Université Catholique de l'Ouest, Yale University, and Uppsala University.

Between 2016-2018, The Crown Princess was one of 17 ambassadors in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Advocacy Group with the task to promote the UN's Sustainable Development Goals - Agenda 2030 - in various ways. The Crown Princess continues to work actively, primarily with issues concerning water and health as well as the seas and marine resources, goal 6 and 14.



## Ann LINDE

Ann Linde currently serves as Minister for Foreign Affairs in September 2019. Prior to her appointment, she served as Minister for European Union Affairs and Trade (2016-2019) and as State Secretary for the Ministry of Home Affairs. Ms. Linde has earlier held the position as Head of the International Unit, Party of European Socialists (PES) based in Brussels and during 2000-2013 she was International Secretary of the Swedish Social Democratic Party. During the eighties, she worked in Non-Governmental Organisations, and in the nineties in the Swedish Government Offices, in both political and non-political positions.

Among numerous assignments, she has served as Board member in Olof Palme International Centre and Anna Lindh memorial foundation. Ms Linde has a Bachelor degree in political science, sociology and economics, Stockholm University.

## Karmenu VELLA

Karmenu Vella currently serves as the European Commissioner for Environment, Fisheries and Maritime Affairs.

His mandate is to engage in shaping international ocean governance in the UN, in other multilateral fora and bilaterally with key global partners of the EU. As a part of his mandate, he presented in November 2016 – together with the EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy – the European Commission's strategy "International ocean governance: an agenda for the future of our oceans".

He was first elected to Parliament in 1976 and was re-elected in the following nine elections. During his political career, he was also Minister for Public Works, Minister for Industry and twice Minister for Tourism, Malta. He graduated in Architecture and Civil Engineering, and later obtained a Master of Science in Tourism Management from the University of Sheffield





## Pekka HAAVISTO

Pekka Haavisto currently serves as Minister for Foreign Affairs, Finland.

He was the first green minister in Europe, as a Minister for Environment and Development in Lipponen's first government (1995-1999). He has also recently served as a Minister for Development and State Ownership in Katainen-Stubb government (2013-2014).

In autumn 2014, he was appointed as Foreign Minister's Special Representative for African Crises. Before he worked as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) in Sudan and Darfur (2005-2007) and as a Special Advisor for the UN (ASG) in Darfur peace process (2007). He has also led several missions to conflict areas as the Chairman of UNEP's post-conflict work in 1999-2005.



## Gudlaugur Thór THÓRDARSON

Gudlaugur Thórdarson currently serves as Minister for Foreign Affairs, Iceland. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. University of Iceland 1996.

Previous posts include Chairman of the parliamentary group of the Independence Party since 2016 and Deputy Chairman of the parliamentary group of the Independence Party 2013-2016 and 2005-2007.

He was also a Member of the Icelandic Delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees 2013-2016 (Chairman 2013-2016) and 2003-2007 (Chairman 2005-2007).



## Ine ERIKSEN SØREIDE

Ine Eriksen Søreide currently serves as Minister for Foreign Affairs, Norway. Ms Eriksen Søreide was appointed Norway's Foreign Minister on 20 October 2017.

Previously, she was the Minister of Defence from 2013 to 2017. A member of the Conservative Party, she was elected in 2005 as a member of the Storting for Oslo.

She studied law at the University of Tromsø, while at university she joined the Conservative Party and got involved in local politics. In 2000 she became a member of the Conservative Party Central Executive Committee and Chairman of the Norwegian Young Conservatives.



## Edgars RINKĒVIČS

Edgars Rinkēvičs currently serves as Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Latvia.

Previous posts include Head of the Chancery of the President of Latvia and Secretary of State at the Ministry of Defence.

He holds a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Latvia, a certificate in Political Sciences and International Relations Studies from Groningen University, The Netherlands and a Bachelor's degree in History and Philosophy from the University of Latvia.







## Carmelo ABELA

Carmelo Abela currently serves as Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion, Malta.

Previous posts include Government Spokesman, Whip and Minister for Home Affairs and National Security.

His is also a Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).



## V. Muraleedharan

V. Muraleedharan currently serves as Minister of State for External Affairs, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and a Member of Parliament (MP) in the Rajya Sabha, the upper house of the Indian Parliament.

He was officially sworn in as a Union Minister on 30 May 2019.

He is the eighth State President of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Kerala.

On 12 June 2019, Mr Muraleedharan was appointed as the Government Deputy Chief Whip in the Rajya Sabha. He graduated in English Literature from Govt. Brennan College, Thalassery.





## Carsten GRØNBECH-JENSEN

Carsten Grønbech-Jensen currently serves as State Secretary for European Affairs and the Arctic, Kingdom of Denmark.

He holds a Master of Science in Political Science from Aarhus University (Denmark) and a Master's degree in European Studies, Politics and Administration from the College of Europe (Belgium).

Previous posts include Under-Secretary for Europe and Northern America and Deputy Head of Department for Northern Europe, North America, and the Arctic.



## Jennie NILSSON

Since January 2019, Jennie Nilsson serves as Minister for Rural Affairs, Sweden.

She entered the Riksdag, (Swedish parliament) in 2006 representing the County of Halland. She worked for the Committee on Taxation, Committee on Finance and Committee on the Labour Market. From 2012, she was the Chair and later the Deputy Chair of the Committee on Industry and Trade.

She started her professional career as an assistant nurse before becoming politically involved at a municipal level, as the Municipal Commissioner for the Municipality of Hylte between 2001-2006.





## Magdalena ANDERSSON

Magdalena Andersson is currently serving as Governor in the County of Västerbotten since 2012. As Governor in the County of Västerbotten, Mrs Andersson is chair of several delegations and organizations; Wood City Sweden, forest programs, climate delegation, equality delegation, predators management and more.

In 2003-2012 she was a member of the Swedish Parliament where she was working in the Committee of Health and Welfare and the Committee on Civil Affairs. In 2005-2011 she was also the Chair of Women's wing of Moderate Party.



## Åsa LARSSON BLIND

Since February 2017, Åsa Larsson Blind is President of the Saami Council.

In June 2019 she was, as first woman, elected chair of the National Sámi Association in Sweden (SSR). Larsson Blind has been a member of Saami Council since 2008, and elected vice President in 2011.

She was also a Saami Council board member of IPS, Indigenous Peoples Secretariat and Head of Delegation for the Saami Council at Arctic Council SAO meetings. She holds an MSc in Human Resources Management and Development. She has been active in several Sámi organizations in Sweden.



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## Lars-Anders BAER

Lars-Anders Baer is currently serving as chairman of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council Working Group of Indigenous Peoples. He is former president / chairman of the Sámi Parliament in Sweden and former president of Sámi Parliamentary Council.

He has also been involved in indigenous related matters in Arctic Council, Barents Cooperation, WIPO, UNESCO and other UN agencies. He has served as member in the board of the UN Voluntary Fund of indigenous peoples between 2003-2007. He is also a former member on UN Permanent Forum of indigenous issues (2008-2010). In his personal capacity, he has assisted EU agencies and OECD in matters related indigenous human rights and economic development.

Currently, he is a part-time reindeer herder and the chairman of the Luokta Mavas village, his home community. Lately he has also been working as independent consultant in matters related to human rights and indigenous peoples.



## John BELL

John Bell is the "Healthy Planet" Director in DG Research & Innovation.

He is responsible for leading the Research and Innovation transitions on Climate Change within planetary boundaries, Bioeconomy, Food Systems, Environment and Biodiversity, Oceans and Arctic, Circular Economy, Water and Bio-based innovations. This includes harnessing the investments of 10bn Horizon Europe, Circular Bioeconomy, the EU Bioeconomy Strategy, and Governing Board of 3.7bn in Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking, as well as delivering policy initiatives as FOOD2030, and the All Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance.

## Nicole BIEBOW

Nicole Biebow leads the International Cooperation Unit at the Alfred-Wegener-Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI). She is responsible for all international relations of the AWI and maintains an extensive network of contacts in the European and international science and policy communities. She has long-standing experience in the management of international projects and consortia, including a long background in cooperating with Russian institutes.

She is the executive manager of EU-PolarNet, which is developing an Integrated European Polar Research Programme in close cooperation with the relevant stakeholders. Since January 2018, she also coordinates the EU project ARICE (Arctic Research Icebreaker consortium). ARICE develops strategies to ensure the optimal use of the existing polar research vessels at a European and international level, working towards an International Arctic Research Icebreaker Consortium. She received her PhD in Marine Geology at GEOMAR in Kiel, Germany.



## Erika BJERSTRÖM

Erika Bjerström is World Affairs Commentator at Swedish National Television.

She is one of Sweden's most experienced and senior foreign correspondents. She has been EU- correspondent based in Brussels, Africa-correspondent and USA Bureau Chief and correspondent, based in Washington DC. During her years in the United States she amongst other things covered Donald Trump's election campaign. She has since the 1980's travelled and covered more than 100 countries globally. Erika Bjerström is passionate about global- in depth reporting and specialized in political affairs, climate change, migration and democracy issues. She has covered the UN COP- negotiations for more than a decade. She has written several books, the latest "The New Africa- on economic and democratic progress".





## Sebastian BOEL BYTH

Sebastian Byth is currently serving as Head of Section in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark where he has been working on the Arctic since 2017.

His focus areas include cooperation in the Arctic Council and the implementation of Arctic policies on sustainable economic development. Before joining the Foreign Service, he was an associate expert (UNDODC)



## Martin BREUM

Martin Breum is an independent journalist/author corresponding on Arctic affairs for Weekendavisen (Denmark), ArcticToday.com (US), EUobserver (Bruxelles), Seremitsiaq (Greenland) and Highnorth-news.no (Norway).

His most recent book "Cold Rush" was published in the UK and Canada in 2018 and If Greenland becomes independent (Danish only) was out in Denmark the same year. A previous book The Greenland Dilemma, won the Danish Authors Association's 2014 Best Nonfiction Award. Martin Breum has covered polar science at the North Pole as well as in Antarctica. He regularly chairs Arctic conferences and travels in the Arctic.

For ten years until 2014 he worked as a studio anchor with Deadline, a current affairs tv program in Denmark. As deputy director of International Media Support he ran media development projects in Afghanistan, Sudan, the Middle East and China.



## Heidar GUDJONSSON

Heidar Gudjonsson serves as the Arctic Economic Council's Chairman during the Icelandic business community's chairmanship (2019-2021). He is the CEO of Sýn hf. (Vodafone), vice-chairman of HS Utility and chairman of the first infrastructure investment fund in the Arctic, Innviðir fjárfestingar slhf. He has been working in business in the Arctic for the last 20 years. After finishing his economic studies at the University of Iceland business led him to work in New York, London and Zurich.

He is the Chairman of the Icelandic Arctic Chamber of Commerce, is on the Advisory Board of the Arctic Circle and author of the "Arctic Push" (2013), a bestseller in Iceland.



## Stephen HART

Stephen Hart is part of the European Investment Bank's Infrastructure and Climate Fund team, investing in equity funds and innovative projects for climate and nature.

Prior to this, he was Head of Office for the EIB Group in Copenhagen, acting as a focal point within the Bank for Arctic affairs. From 2005-2015 he was part of the Bank's Projects Directorate, preparing and appraising water and environmental infrastructure projects worldwide, specialising in trans-boundary investment programmes.

He began his career in municipal administration in Denmark and water and environmental engineering consultancy in Eastern Europe and Russia. He holds Master's degrees in Environmental Engineering and Banking and Finance.





## Jukka-Pekka JOENSUU

Jukka-Pekka Joensuu is acting Executive Advisor to Cinia for Arctic Connect, a subsea data cable route connecting Europe, Asia and North America through Eurasia and Arctic waters.

He is also a partner at the global law firm Eversheds and holds several board positions in technology companies. He has many years of experience planning and managing major investment projects while holding senior positions in the Nordic telecoms and ICT industry. A former partner at Pricewaterhouse Coopers Oy, in May 2014 he was appointed by the Finnish Government to make an investment plan for the sea cable between Nordics and continental Europe and lead negotiations on state aid notification with the European Commission.



## Mininnguaq KLEIST

Since 2016, Mininnguaq Kleist has been the Head of the Greenland Representation to the EU in Brussels. Prior to his posting in Brussels Mininnguaq worked extensively on the self-government development in Greenland, including as special advisor under the Greenland-Danish Self-Government Commission in 2005-2008.

He also worked in the management of the Department of Foreign Affairs with responsibilities on climate policies, bilateral affairs and EU relations.

In 2013, he took the position as director in The Premier's Office and from there he moved to the Brussels representation where he works with the relationship between the EU and Greenland. He holds a Master of Arts in Philosophy from 2004, Aarhus University.



## Martin KOCH

Martin Koch joined the European Commission in 2006 and is currently Policy Officer in Directorate General (DG) FISMA, "Financial technology and sustainable finance".

Before joining the European Commission, he worked for more than a decade with several financial institutions on financing innovative SMEs and risk capital. He studied Political Science and Economics and holds a Master's degree from the University of Muenster, Germany.



## Johannes LITH

Johannes Lith works as Project Manager for the Regional Council of Lapland, on a feasibility study and a tangible roadmap for a structured long-term funding cooperation among the Northern Sparsely Populated Areas of Finland, Sweden and Norway - an Arctic Investment Platform.

Before taking on this project, he worked in the fields of politics, finance and logistics in Belgium, Finland, Slovakia, Sweden and Switzerland.

He holds master's degrees in global politics as well as economics and business administration.





## David MAIR

Since July 2016, David Mair serves as Head of Unit responsible for research, tools and training on the use of scientific evidence for policymaking and country knowledge at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC). Between 2011 and 2016, he was responsible for the JRC work programme, scientific advice to policy and for foresight. He studied History at Cambridge University (UK).



## Chris McDONALD

Chris McDonald is a Policy Analyst in the Regional Development and Tourism Division at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) since 2015. His tasks include management of the Territorial Review of the Northern Sparsely Populated Areas (NSPA), the National Territorial Review of Peru, and thematic projects on Indigenous economic development, and mining and regional development.

He holds an undergraduate qualification in urban planning and has a PhD in regional development. He has published on these subjects in peer review journals, and has undertaken teaching and lecturing roles in public policy, regional development and economic geography.

## Kirsti MIJNHJMER

Kirsti Mijnhijmer is the Head of Secretariat for the Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme. She has worked for the NPA programme since 2008, where she previously held the position of communication manager. She has also led several major projects over the years, such as writing the NPA Cooperation Programme document and implementing the electronic monitoring system. She coordinates a network of Interreg and European Neighbourhood Instrument Programmes operating in the European Arctic, the Arctic Cooperation. This cross-programme collaboration was mandated by the Joint Arctic Communication from 2016.

She holds a Master's degree in International Business Communication Studies from Nijmegen University, The Netherlands.



## Søren MORTENSEN

Since 1 August 2012, Søren K. Mortensen is Senior Director and responsible for Origination within the Lending Department with the Nordic Investment Bank, NIB.

Prior to this, he was responsible for NIB's lending to non-member countries, and before that in Asia, residing in Singapore for eight years. Mr. Mortensen has also in the past been responsible for the Bank's activities in Denmark, Greenland and the Faroe Islands.

Before joining NIB, he worked within international commercial banking in Denmark and New York, and has a background as a Professional International Civil Servant with UNDP in New York, Iran and Chad. He holds a M.Sc. (Econ.) from the Copenhagen Business School, Denmark and various other programs including Columbia University Senior Executive Program.





## Joyce MSUYA

Since August 2018, Joyce Msuya is the Deputy Executive Director of UN Environment.

Between November 2018 and June 2019, she served as Acting Executive Director, overseeing UN Environment's portfolio in 33 countries and administering nine Multilateral Environmental Agreements on critical environment issues.

With more than 20 years of experience in international development, strategy, knowledge management and partnerships, she has served as Adviser to the World Bank Vice President, East Asia and Pacific Region in Washington, D.C.

She holds a degree in microbiology from Tanzania and began her career at the World Bank as a public health specialist in 1998.



## Niklas NORDSTRÖM

Mr. Niklas Nordstrom is mayor of Luleå, in north Sweden. Niklas is a 51-year-old native from the north that has reached national positions in Sweden's political and business communities. Niklas has a mixed background going back and forth between business and politics. He was national chairman for the governing party Social Democrats youth organization 1995-99. A position looked upon as a prestigious assignment in Swedish politics. Before becoming mayor of Luleå Niklas lived in Stockholm and was partner for more than seven years at Prime, the leading Swedish PR and public affairs agency.

Besides being mayor of Luleå, Niklas is chairman for Business Sweden and Norrbotten Municipalities and also a member of the board for Sweden's municipalities and county councils. Niklas was awarded the title Politician of the year in Sweden 2016. He lives in Luleå and has two adult children.

## Per-Olof NUTTI

Since 2018, Per-Olof Nutti serves as President of the Sami Parliament, Sweden. He has worked for the Sami community Kõnkämä sameby for many years in different positions, as a secretary, treasurer, work manager and chairman. In 2011-2015, he was a member of the Sami Council. Since 2013, he has been a Member of Sami Parliament, Sweden, as well as vice chairman of the Praesidium. He is a reindeer herder by profession, and also an artist, craftsman and fisherman.



## Anders OSKAL

Anders Oskal is the Secretary General of the Association of World Reindeer Herders and Executive Director of International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry in Guovdageaidnu, Norway. He is a Sámi with a traditional reindeer herding background from Arctic Norway, with a Master's degree in Business Administration.

He has worked with indigenous issues and development on the national and international levels for over 20 years, while still taking part in his family's reindeer herding. He represents the Association of World Reindeer Herders (WRH) in the Arctic Council and UNEP. He was a co-author of the 5th report of the UN IPCC. He is also the project leader for the Arctic Council EALLU project, who's food book won the main prize of the 23rd International Gourmand Awards in 2018.





## Andreas PAPACONSTANTINO

Andreas Papaconstantinou currently serves as Head of Unit, Directorate General Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission on issues related to Ocean Governance, Law of the Sea and Arctic Policy.

Before joining DG MARE, he was Adviser in the cabinets of European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Ms Damanaki (2010-2014) and European Commissioner for Environment Mr Dimas (2004-2010).

Prior to that, he was a member of the Policy Unit of the European Union's High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy Javier Solana (2002-2004), a seconded diplomat to NATO's International Secretariat, Defence Planning and Operations Division (1999-2002), and the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Albania (1998-1999). Mr. Papaconstantinou has a law degree from Aristotle University, Greece and a Master's Degree in European Law from the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium.



## Matthias PETSCHKE

Matthias Petschke is Director of the EU Satellite Navigation Programmes at the European Commission, Directorate General Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROW). He was Head of the European Commission's Representation in Germany before taking up his current Space policy assignment in 2013, as Programme Manager for the EU Satellite Navigation Programmes, like Galileo and EGNOSA. He holds a lawyers' degree.

## Hans-Otto PÖRTNER

Currently Hans-Otto Pörtner is Professor and Head of the Department of Integrative Ecophysiology at the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research in Bremerhaven, Germany.

He studied at Münster and Düsseldorf Universities where he received his PhD in Animal Physiology. As a Research and then Heisenberg Fellow of the German Research Council he worked at Dalhousie and Acadia Universities, Nova Scotia, Canada and at the Lovelace Medical Foundation, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA.

His research interests include the effects of climate warming, ocean acidification, and hypoxia on marine animals and ecosystems with a focus on the links between ecological, physiological, biochemical and molecular mechanisms limiting tolerance and shaping biogeography and ecosystem functioning.



## Marie-Louise RÖNNMARK

Marie-Louise Rönnmark is the Mayor of Umeå

Prior to becoming the Mayor of the city of Umeå, Marie-Louise Rönnmark is a former Member of the Parliament of Sweden.

She also holds several prominent positions in other associations such as First Vice-President Union of Baltic Cities, President of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR), and Chair of SALAR Committee of Culture and Leisure. She is a member of the Committee of the Regions (SEDEC).







## Astrid SCHOMAKER

Since July 2016, Astrid Schomaker is Director for Global Sustainable Development at the European Commission's Directorate General for the Environment.

Her portfolio includes international relations, international resource efficiency, and environment policy strategy, including the alignment of environment policy with the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

A lawyer by training, she joined the European Commission in 1992 where she held various posts in the external affairs department, before moving to the Environment Department in 2004 where she lead work on a variety of issues including, chemicals, oceans and water industry as well as overall coordination and communication.



## Peter SKÖLD

Peter Sköld is currently the director at the Centre for Arctic Research (ARCUM). He is also the chair of the Board of Governors of the University of the Arctic (UArctic).

He is a professor of history, Sami culture and society development at Umeå University, Sweden. His research profile includes Arctic sustainable development, historical demography, population statistics, indigenous health transitions and northern cultures. He was one of the authors of Arctic Human Development Report II.

He is actively involved in Arctic research planning, in stakeholder cooperation, and international collaboration. In 2015, he was appointed Honorary Consul of Västerbotten to Latvia and in 2016 official Climate Ambassador of Västerbotten.



## Tove Søvndahl GANT

Tove Søvndahl Gant is a policy officer, seconded by the Danish Foreign Ministry, at Human rights division of the European External Action Service.

She was recently elected to serve as an expert member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for the term of 2020-2022.

She is responsible for a range of human rights files such as the rights of indigenous peoples, the combatting of racism and xenophobia, non-discrimination, the rights of persons with disabilities, environment and human rights.

For nearly three decades in her capacity as an official of the Greenland Government, she followed key UN processes pertaining to Indigenous peoples including in context of Sustainable development and environment. She also served as the Executive Secretary for its Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat of the Arctic Council in the years 1996-2000.



## Anders TURESSON

Anders Turesson is currently working at the Swedish Ministry of Environment and Energy. He is the chairman for the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment program (AMAP) which is one of the working groups under the Arctic Council. He has also coordinates the Swedish Scientific Council on Sustainable Development which is an advisory council to the government.

In various capacities, he has been acting in the interface between policy making and science, with a broad range of environmental issues - in particular climate change. He has been working at the Swedish Ministry of Environment since 1994 and graduated in law, real estate economy and land use at the Royal Institute for Technology in Stockholm, Sweden.





## Leena VUOTOVESI

Leena Vuotoovesi is CEO of the development company Micropolis. The company drives the Finnish climate forerunner, the town of Ii, and pilots solutions to the green growth of the north. Recently BBC named Ii as the new Climate Hero of Europe. The European Commission has awarded Micropolis for the best European regional climate actions. This year Micropolis is organizing Finland's first Climate Arena welcoming all climate debate to Ii.

She is also a permanent advisor of the board of the Storm Warning activating citizens to climate actions and in the board of trustees of the Finnish Cultural Foundation, one of the largest foundations in Europe. She holds a MA from Oulu University (Finland), also having an academic background from the Georg-August Universität Göttingen in Germany, the University of Namibia and the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership.

## Sir Robert WATSON

Sir Robert Watson is the former chair of Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

His was also a scientific advisor in the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), White House; chief scientist, World Bank; chief scientific advisor, UK Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and strategic director for the Tyndall Center, University of East Anglia, UK. He has chaired, co-chaired or directed the WMO/UNEP stratospheric ozone depletion assessments, Global Biodiversity Assessment, Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, UK National Ecosystem Assessment and its Follow-on, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the Intergovernmental Assessment of Agricultural Scientific and Technology for Development, and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

Awards include a Knights Bachelor in 2012, Companion of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George in 2003, Fellow of the Royal Society in 2011, UN Champion of the World for Science and Innovation in 2014, the Asahi Glass Blue Planet Prize in 2010.

## Peter WINSOR

Peter Winsor is the Director of WWF's Arctic Programme, which has focused on Arctic conservation for almost three decades. He has worked in the Arctic region for over 20 years as a scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and as an oceanography professor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

He has published extensively in leading international journals covering oceanography, climate and ecosystems of the Arctic and Antarctica. Peter has lived in Fairbanks, Alaska for the last 11 years and has spent significant time in the Arctic and its communities both leading field work and exploring the landscape and mountains. He has participated in a number of large field programs in the Arctic and Antarctica, from crossing the Arctic Ocean on icebreakers to initiating community-based science in the Alaskan Arctic.





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