



NPA Annual Event 2016 – Arctic

Boost c Development for the Peoples in the Arctic

28th September 2016 - Akureyri, Iceland





Morning session

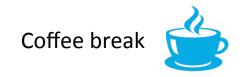
Opening session

10:00-10:50

Chair: Mr Snorri Björn Sigurðsson, Director of Development Division, Icelandic Regional Development Institute

- Welcome and Icelandic view on economic development in the Arctic – Mr Gunnar Bragi Sveinsson, Icelandic Minister of Regional Development
- Welcome to Akureyri Mr Eiríkur Björn Björgvinsson, Mayor of Akureyri
- Joint Communication on the EU Arctic Policy Mr Kim Kuivalainen, European External Action Service EEAS







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The potential of the Arctic regions and their neighbours

11:10-12:05

- Foresight Analysis for Sustainable Regional
 Development in the Arctic, Nordic-Arctic working group
 on Sustainable Development (Nordic Council of
 Ministers) Ms Anna Karlsdottir, Nordregio
- Economic development in rural and remote areas Mr Chris McDonald, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development OECD
- New opportunities for the Arctic food sector Mr
 Ólafur Reykdal, Matís Icelandic Food and Biotech R&D





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The people's perspective

12:05-13:00

- Young people's views of the future based on a study made by Nordic Council's Arctic working group, Ms Anna Karlsdottir, Nordregio
- The importance of involving indigenous peoples in rural development - Mr Chris McDonald, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development OECD
- A regional perspective, how to balance contradicting interests – Ms Kristiina Jokelainen, Regional Council of Lapland, Finland







Afternoon session

Panel discussion

14:00-15:30

Panel Discussion on the role of Arctic programmes
Facilitated by Mr Ole Damsgaard (NPA Secretariat) and Ms
Katerina Kring (INTERACT). Reflections by Dr Irene
McMaster, European Policies Research Centre, Scotland.
Organisations represented:

- Nordic/Arctic and other organisations: Northern Dimension, Barents Euro-Arctic Council, Artic Council, Arctic Economic Council, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Nordregio
- European programmes: Interreg Nord, and the Kolarctic ENPI Programme

Coffee break





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Hands-on project examples

15:45-16:30

- Circular Ocean (Interreg NPA transnational) Dr Neil James, North Highland College UHI: Environmental Research Institute (ERI), Scotland
- Our Shared Northern Heritage (Kolarctic ENPI crossborder) - Peter Johansson, Geological Survey of Finland
- AnimalSense (Interreg Botnia-Atlantica cross-border) -Johannes Karlsson, Umeå University, Sweden
- Northern Cereals (Interreg NPA transnational) Ólafur Reykdal, Matís Icelandic Food and Biotech R&D





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Closing session

16:30-17:15

- Arctic cooperation as a means for regional development in Russia's northern regions - Mr Igor
 Kapyrin, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation
- Keynote speech: Potentials and the challenges for the future development in the Arctic – Ms Anu Fredrikson, Director of the Arctic Economic Council Secretariat
- Concluding remarks by Chair



