

PROGRAMME (version Nov 20, 2019)

“A Clean and Global North”

29 November 2019, Helsinki

Friday 29.11.2019

Location: Finlandia Hall

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| 9:00-9:45 | Registration and coffee |
| 9:45-10:00 | Opening remarks Antti RINNE , Prime Minister of Finland |
| 10:00-10:20 | Keynote address EU Representative (tba) |
| 10:20-10:35 | Ségolène ROYAL , Ambassador for the Arctic and Antarctic Poles of France, President of COP21 |
| 10:35-10:45 | Messages from the civil society and students Riitta KOSONEN , Professor, Aalto University, Northern Dimension Institute |
| 10:45-10:50 | Video presentation Key achievements and best practices of regional cooperation in the North |
| 10:50-12:20 | Panel session: How to curb climate change - solutions for mitigation and adaptation in the region Moderator Paula LEHTOMÄKI , Secretary General, Nordic Council of Ministers |

Panel discusses achievements, current challenges and future possibilities of regional cooperation to identify solutions for mitigation and adaptation. The panel looks into possibilities of new technologies and innovations.

Panel

- **Petteri TAALAS**, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization: *The big picture: climate, disasters and their impact*
- **Dmitry KOBYLKIN**, Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment of the Russian Federation: *Title tbc*
- **Eva SVEDLING**, State Secretary to Minister for Environment and Climate and Deputy Prime Minister of Sweden: *Regional Climate Strategies. Increasing knowledge, transition and cooperation*
- **Antonio QUESADA**, Secretary of the Spanish Polar Committee: *The North seen from the South: collaboration as a needed win-win action*
- **Peter VANACKER**, President and CEO, Neste Corporation: *"Transforming Business to Combat Climate Change"*

Discussion and Q&A

12:20-12:50

Coffee break

12:50-14:20

Panel session: Smart ways to enhance connectivity in the region and beyond

Moderator **Lars-Gunnar WIGEMARK**, Ambassador at Large for the Arctic, European External Action Service

Panel looks into and discusses achievements, current challenges and future possibilities to facilitate transport and communication networks to connect people and boost businesses. The panel will debate on the possibilities digital solutions and new technologies offer for connectivity. Key themes: transport, new technologies, digital networks, people-to-people, sustainable cities, smart mobility, digitalization.

Panel

- **Tālis LINKAITS**, Minister of Transport of Latvia: *Strengthening connectivity. The strengths of regional cooperation in improving connectivity*
- **Audun HALVORSEN**, State Secretary to Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway: *Managing long distances: connecting people and businesses*
- **Kaimar KARU**, Minister of Foreign Trade and Information Technology of Estonia: *E-connectivity: Taking connectivity to the next level*

- **Kurt BODEWIG**, European Coordinator for the Trans-European transport network (Motorways of the Sea), DG Move, European Commission: *Transforming transport – smart and sustainable solutions*
- **Sampo HIETANEN**, CEO, MaaS Global: *Mobility as a Service - The End of Car Ownership?*

Discussion and Q&A

14:20-14:35

Concluding remarks

Gudlaugur Thór THORDARSON, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland

14:35-14:50

Closing of the event

Pekka HAAVISTO, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Toast for Northern Dimension 20 years

Networking Lunch



Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

