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# NPA Annual Event 2016 – Arctic Boost Economic Development for the Peoples in the Arctic

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# 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





# Morning session

## 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, Arctic Council, Arctic Economic Council, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Nordregio
- European programmes: Interreg Nord, and the Kolarctic ENPI Programme





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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 cross-border) - 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

