

# The future of the Arctic: Geopolitical, environmental and business perspectives

A conference on international cooperation, research and business in the Arctic organized by Arctic Frontiers in collaboration with The Royal Norwegian Embassy in Singapore, The National University of Singapore & The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore

**29 September 2017, 09:00–14:00** followed by lunch

**Venue:** Grand Copthorne Waterfront, 392 Havelock Rd, Singapore 169663

Seminar: Galleria Ballroom 1&2, Level 3 Lunch: Lyrebird Room, Level 3



The Arctic is a complex region gaining increased attention. Climate change is a global challenge, with particular impacts in the Arctic. How do we balance sustainable use with prudent conservation in the Arctic, without making it a 'museum'? Is responsible business development a contradiction in terms, or a possible driver for green solutions? What does the 'blue future' contain for us? How can Norway and Singapore collaborate to strengthen the bilateral cooperation on Arctic issues?

## PROGRAM, 29 SEPTEMBER 2017

09:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS AND WELCOME COFFEE

### 09:30 **OPENING SESSION**

#### WELCOMING REMARKS

Moderator: MFA envoy to Arctic Frontiers, Ms. **Gøril Johansen**

**Minister of State Sam Tan**, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Manpower and Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Mr. Ole Øvretveit**, Director Arctic Frontiers

09:50 ARCTIC COOPERATION IN TIMES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

**Dr. Jan-Gunnar Winther**, Norwegian Polar Institute

### 10:30 **SESSION I**

#### POLITICAL COOPERATION & SCIENCE DIPLOMACY IN THE ARCTIC

Moderator: Professor Anne Husebekk

5-minute introductions followed by debate, Q & A

**Professor Anne Husebekk**, Rector, UiT Arctic University of Tromsø

**Ambassador Anniken Krutnes**, Special Representative for the Arctic and Antarctic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway

**Mr. Peter Tan**, Senior Arctic Official and Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore

**Professor Rasmus Gjeldsø Bertelsen**, UiT Arctic University of Tromsø

**Dr. Christopher Len**, National University of Singapore, Energy Studies Institute

11:45 COFFEE BREAK

### 12:15 **SESSION II**

#### RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS IN THE ARCTIC

Moderator: Mr. Ole Øvretveit

Introduction by Ms. Anu Fredrikson, Director, Arctic Economic Council

5-minute introductions followed by debate, Q&A

#### A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR BUSINESS IN THE ARCTIC

**Ms. Liv Monica Stubholt**, Selmer Lawfirm

#### SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE ARCTIC REGION

**Ms. Toril Inga Røe Utvik**, Manager Exploration Arctic, Statoil

**Mr. Robert Sumantri**, Vice President, Rigs & Floaters, Gravifloat AS, Sembcorp Marine

#### SHIPPING IN THE ARCTIC

**Mr. Esben Poulsson**, President Singapore Shipping Association

**Ms. Cristina Saenz de Santa Maria**, Regional Manager Maritime Operations at DNV-GL

#### PANEL DEBATE

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS

**Ambassador designate of Norway Anita Nergaard**

14:00 LUNCH HOSTED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF SINGAPORE