Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the
Indigenous Peoples Secretariat
27 November 2014
Nordatlantens Brygge, Copenhagen

Building on Indigenous Achievements in the Arctic Council

Programme

08h00 – 08h45 By invitation
Registration
Facilitator:
Chester Reimer, Former IPS Executive Secretary

09h00 – 09h05
Celebration of culture
Nils Ole Gaup, First IPS Executive Secretary
A Saami yoik will open the 20th anniversary celebration

09h05 – 09h10
Welcome
Arlene Gundersen, Aleut International Association
The Chair of the Indigenous Peoples Secretariat (IPS) will open the workshop and welcome guests

09h10 – 09h35
Opening Keynote Address
Aqqaluk Lynge, Former Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council
Mr. Lynge will speak about the early struggles of indigenous peoples globally, how they came to collaborate and, in that context, how Arctic indigenous peoples' began to connect to one another.

PART ONE – *Celebrating the Past*
The first of three parts of the programme will reflect on the indigenous movements before the founding of the IPS, the indigenous voice inside the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy (AEPS), and the early years of the IPS at the Arctic Council

09h40 – 09h55
Celebrating the Past I:
Leif Halonen, First IPS Chair
A Saami, Mr. Halonen will look back at early Arctic indigenous cooperation as well as the early AEPS days and the IPS transition into the Arctic Council

09h55 – 10h05
Celebrating the Past II:
Kankaanpää, Paula, University of Lapland
The Finnish Initiative & Rovaniemi Process recognized the need for circumpolar cooperation. Dr. Kankaanpää will speak about how this gave rise to the AEPS.

10h05 – 10h25 (with interpretation)
Celebrating the Present III:
Pavel Sulyandziga, RAIPON 1st Vice President
The former IPS Chair will discuss the early cooperation between the Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON) and other PPs

10h25 – 10h35 *Celebrating the Past IV:*	**Rosemarie Kuptana,** Former IPS Chair *The former ICC & IPS Chair will discuss some of the early negotiations leading to the Arctic Council*
10h35 – 10h45 *Celebrating the Past V:*	**Bill Erasmus,** Dene National Chief, Arctic Athabaskans *Chief Erasmus will share his perspectives of the early days of the Arctic Council, & reflections of today*
10h45 – 11h05	***Coffee Break***
11h05 – 11h45 *Summary: Celebrating the Past*	**Round Table** – Responding & Reflecting on the Past *IPS Chairs & executive secretaries in attendance will respond to the morning's speakers in a facilitated open discussion, and add their own reflections.*
11h45 – 12h15 *Bridging to the Present I:*	**Panel –** Traditional & Western Science *Former IPS Board member,* ***Carl Christian Olsen (Puju),*** *and IASC Executive Secretary,* ***Volker Rachold****, will speak about how both sciences can influence Arctic research directions to the benefit of indigenous peoples*
12h15 – 12h45 *Bridging to the Present II:*	**Participants Respond** – Looking Back, Looking Ahead *Workshop attendees will, in a facilitated discussion, give brief comments on what the morning has meant to them, and add their own perspectives on the current Arctic indigenous realities*
12h45 – 14h00	**Lunch**

PART TWO – ***Understanding the Present***

The second of three parts of the programme will focus on the recent past and current realities of indigenous peoples in the Arctic Council. In particular, the unique status of "Permanent Participant" and the importance of government partnerships and dialogue will be stressed.

14h00 – 14h10 *Understanding the Present I:*	**Erik V. Lorenzen,** Danish Arctic Ambassador & SAO Ambassador Lorenzen will describe Danish global & Arctic policies on indigenous peoples and the importance of partnership, in particular its support to the IPS since its founding
14h10 – 14h20 *Understanding the Present II:*	**Else Berit Eikeland,** Norwegian SAO Ms. Eikeland will share Norway's experience on state - indigenous partnerships, & the role Council Observers might play in supporting Permanent Participants

14h20 – 14h30 *Understanding the Present III:*	**Susan Harper,** Canadian Senior Arctic Official The current successes of the Canadian chairmanship will be presented, with a focus on Canada's relationship with its indigenous peoples in the Council and beyond
14h30 – 14h40 *Understanding the Present IV:*	**Elle Merete Omma,** Current IPS Executive Secretary Ms. Omma will discuss the current activities of the IPS, and related opportunities for Permanent Participants
14h40 – 15h00 *Summary: Understanding the Present*	**Round Table** – Responding & Reflecting on the Present *Former IPS staff & board members will join IPS Chairs, executive secretaries in responding to the previous speakers in a facilitated open discussion, & add their own comments*
15h00 – 15h40 *Bridging to the Future I:*	**Panel –** The Human Face of the Arctic Council *Former IPS executive secretary,* ***Rune Fjellheim,*** *Canadian Inuit Youth Council president,* ***Thomas Johnston****, & SDWG Executive Secretary,* ***Doug Klassen****, will demonstrate ways in which they think the Arctic Council can become even more responsive to the needs of Arctic peoples*
15h40 – 16h00 *Bridging to the Future II:*	**Participants Respond** – Looking to the Future *Workshop attendees will, in a facilitated discussion, give brief comments on the afternoon's agenda, with an eye to the future*
16h00 – 16h15	**Coffee Break**

PART THREE – ***Shaping the Future***

The final part of the programme will look forward. Building on the achievements of indigenous peoples in the Arctic Council, what lessons can we take into the future? What about the new states and organizations that have joined earlier Observers at the Arctic Council table? How can the PPs benefit from and contribute to the Council during the USA's chairmanship and well beyond?

16h15 – 16h25 *Shaping the Future I:*	**J. Okalik Eegeesiak**, Chair of Inuit Circumpolar Council Ms. Eegeesiak will discuss ICC's future plans and describe how Inuit from Greenland, Canada, Russia, and Alaska would like to shape the Arctic Council
16h25 – 16h35 *Shaping the Future II:*	**Jim Gamble**, Executive Director, Aleut International Assoc. Mr. Gamble will outline how the USA's recently-announced Arctic Council chairmanship programme & priorities 2015-2017 & related PP opportunities

16h35 – 16h45 *Shaping the Future III:*	**Joe Linklater**, Gwich'in Council International Chief Linklater will offer some of his thoughts of the future from a Gwich'in perspective, focussing on what he heard during the workshop
16h45 – 17h00 *Workshop Summary I:*	**Participants Respond** – Looking to the Future *A few workshop participants will be given a last brief word to comment on the day, and the future*
17h00 – 17h05 *Workshop Summary II:*	**Arlene Gundersen** – Closing Comments *The first IPS Chair, Leif Halonen, will join the current IPS Chair to summarize the day and invite participants to continue the 20th anniversary celebration at an evening celebratory dinner*
18h00 – 19h00	**Reception,** Nordatlantens Brygge Master of ceremonies John Crump, Former IPS executive secretary
19h00	**Celebratory Dinner,** Nordatlantens Brygge Keynote address: Gunn Britt Retter, Saami Council **Entertainment:** Thomas Anguti Johnston Arctic Chicks

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