



2024 Draft Arctic Encounter Agenda

Wednesday, April 10, 2024  
 Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center  
 Anchorage, Alaska

| 8:00 - 8:45 AM     | Registration   | First Floor      |
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| 8:00 - 8:45 AM     | Light Breakfast & Coffee   | Tikahtnu Foyer   |
| 8:45 - 9:30 AM     | <b>Welcome Remarks &amp; Opening Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Aaron Leggett</b>, President &amp; Chair, Native Village of Eklutna (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Inupiaq Word of the Day with Ms. Patuk Glenn</b>, Executive Director, Arctic Slope Community Foundation (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Rachel Kallander</b>, Founder &amp; CEO, Arctic Encounter; CEO, Chief Strategist, Kallander &amp; Associates; Owner &amp; Publisher, The Cordova Times; Honorary Consul of Iceland for Alaska (United States)</li> </ul>   | Tikahtnu B, C, F |
| 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM | <b>PLENARY SESSION I</b><br><b>Northern Indigenous Leadership: Our Future, Our Vision for Success</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: Ms. Libby Casey</b>, Senior News Anchor, The Washington Post (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Aaron Schutt</b>, CEO, Doyon Limited (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Pearl Brower</b>, President/CEO Ukpeaġvik Iñupiat Corporation and Affiliate Research Professor, International Arctic Research Center (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Apagzuk/Apagruk Roy Agloinga</b>, President &amp; CEO, First Alaskans Institute (United States)</li> </ul> | Tikahtnu B, C, F |

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|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Morrie Lemen Jr.</b>, Executive Director, Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope (ICAS) (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Tara Sweeney</b>, Vice President, External Affairs, ConocoPhillips Alaska (United States)</li> </ul>   |                            |
| 10:20 - 10:30 AM | <b>Coffee Break</b>   | Tikahtnu Foyer             |
| 10:30 - 10:35 AM | <b>FEATURED REMARKS:<br/>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Geraldine Richmond</b>, Under Secretary of Science &amp; Innovation, Department of Energy (United States)</li> </ul>   | Tikahtnu B, C, F           |
| 10:35 - 11:15 AM | <b>PLENARY SESSION II</b><br><br><b>Powering Progress: A Vision for US Arctic Energy Investment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: Mr. Clay Coplin</b>, CEO, Cordova Electric Cooperative</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Geraldine Richmond</b>, Under Secretary of Science &amp; Innovation, Department of Energy (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Erin Whitney</b>, Director, Arctic Energy Office, Department of Energy, (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. John Boyle</b>, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, State of Alaska (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Gwen Holdmann</b>, Associate Vice Chancellor, Research for Innovation and Industry Partnerships, University of Alaska Fairbanks (United States)</li> </ul> | Tikahtnu B, C, F           |
| 11:15 - 11:25 AM | <b>Coffee Break &amp; Transition to Breakout Sessions</b>   | Tikahtnu Foyer             |
| 11:25- 12:25 PM  | <b>Break Out Session Block A</b>  |                            |
|                  | <b>SESSION ONE - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>  | Kahtnu 1<br>Floor Two      |
|                  | <b>SESSION TWO - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>  | Kahtnu 2<br>Floor Two      |
|                  | <b>SESSION THREE - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>  | Tubughnenq' 3<br>Floor Two |
|                  | <b>SESSION FOUR - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>   | Tubughnenq' 4<br>Floor Two |

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|                  | <b>SESSION FIVE - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>   | Tubughnenq' 5<br>Floor Two      |
|                  | <b>SESSION SIX - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>  | Boardroom<br>Floor Two          |
|                  | <b>SESSION SEVEN - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>  | Tikahtnu D<br>Floor Three       |
| 12:25 - 12:35 PM | <b>Coffee Break: Transition to Luncheon</b>   | Tikahtnu Foyer                  |
| 12:35 - 1:45 PM  | <p><b>ARCTIC ENCOUNTER KEYNOTE LUNCHEON</b></p> <p><b>Welcome from the Arctic Encounter Board of Directors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Brendan Kelly</b>, Executive Director &amp; Chief Scientist, Study of Environmental Arctic Change (United States)</li> </ul> <p><b>Sponsor Highlight:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOTE</li> <li>• GCI</li> </ul> <p><b>VIP ARMCHAIR DIALOGUE</b></p> <p><b>Alliance In Action: The Future of NATO and Global Security</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: Ms. Libby Casey</b>, Senior News Anchor, The Washington Post (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Vice Admiral Doug Perry</b>, Vice Admiral, Joint Force Command - Norfolk, NATO (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Doug Jones</b>, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European &amp; Eurasian Affairs, Department of State (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Ambassador Anniken Krutnes</b>, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to the United States (Norway)</li> <li>• <b>Ambassador Petteri Vuorimäki</b>, Ambassador of Arctic Affairs, Senior Arctic Official, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Finland)</li> <li>• <b>Ambassador Radovan Javorčík</b>, Ambassador of Slovakia to the United States (Slovakia)</li> <li>• <b>Colonel Juha Helle</b>, Defence Attachè of Finland to USA and Canada, Embassy of Finland, Washington D.C. (Finland)</li> </ul> | Idlughet (Eklutna)<br>Floor One |

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| 1:45 - 2:00 PM | <b>Transition to Plenary Sessions</b>  | Tikahtnu Foyer   |
| 2:00 - 3:00 PM | <p><b>PLENARY SESSION III</b></p> <p><b>Research Really Matters: Arctic Science is Arctic Security</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: Major General Randy “Church” Kee, USAF (Ret).</b>, Senior Advisor, Arctic Security Affairs, Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies, Department of Defense (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Dimitri Kusnezov</b>, Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Mike Sfraga</b>, Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; Chair &amp; Distinguished Fellow, Polar Institute, Wilson Center (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Aaron Dotson</b>, Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Alaska (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Elizabeth “Liz” Qaulluq Cravalho</b>, Vice President of Lands, NANA Regional Corporation; Commissioner, U.S. Arctic Research Commission (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Larry Hinzman</b>, Executive Director, Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee; Assistant Director for Polar Sciences, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President (United States)</li> </ul> | Tikahtnu B, C, F |
| 3:00 - 3:10 PM | <b>Coffee Break</b>  | Tikahtnu Foyer   |
| 3:10 - 4:00 PM | <p><b>PLENARY SESSION IV</b></p> <p><b>Northern Leadership: Insights from Arctic Mayors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: Ms. Patti Bruns</b>, Secretary General, Arctic Mayors' Forum (Norway)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Ulla-Kirsikka Vainio</b>, Mayor of Rovaniemi (Finland)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Jukka Kujala</b>, Mayor of Tornio (Finland)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Asisaun Toovak</b>, Mayor of Utqiagvik, Alaska (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Saima Chase</b>, Mayor of Kotzebue, Alaska (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Dickie Moto</b>, Mayor of the Northwest Arctic Borough, Alaska (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Ásthildur Sturludóttir</b>, Mayor of Akureyri (Iceland)</li> </ul>  | Tikahtnu B, C, F |

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| 4:00 - 5:00 PM | <p><b>PLENARY SESSION V</b></p> <p><b>What Happens when the Arctic Doesn't Stay in the Arctic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: TBA</b></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Sue Natali</b>, Senior Scientist &amp; Permafrost Pathways Lead, Woodwell Climate Research Center (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Raina Thiele</b>, Senior Advisor for Alaska Affairs and Strategic Priorities, Department of the Interior (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Brendan Kelly</b>, Executive Director &amp; Chief Scientist, Study of Environmental Arctic Change (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Ambassador Iztok Mirošič</b>, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia (Slovenia)</li> <li>• <b>Ambassador TAKEWAKA Keizo</b>, Ambassador for International Economic Affairs and Arctic Affairs (Japan)</li> </ul> | Tikahtnu B, C, F |
| 5:00- 5:30 PM  | <p><b>FEATURED DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><b>Breaking Boundaries: Exploring Nuclear, Space, and Innovation in the Arctic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: Ben Kellie</b>, AES Board Member/Space Expert</li> <li>• <b>Mrs. Alison Hahn</b>, Acting Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Chris Thomson</b>, Counsellor, Scottish Government America (Scotland)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Juha Vartiainen</b>, Co-Founder &amp; Global Affairs Officer, IQM Quantum Computers (Finland)</li> </ul>  | Tikahtnu B, C, F |
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| 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM | <b>Light Breakfast &amp; Coffee</b>   | Tikahtnu Foyer   |
| 8:30 AM - 8:40 AM | <b>Welcome &amp; Introductory Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Aaron Leggett</b>, President &amp; Chair, Native Village of Eklutna (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Inupiaq Word of the Day by Ms. Patuk Glenn</b>, Executive Director, Arctic Slope Community Foundation (United States)</li> </ul>                          | Tikahtnu B, C, F |
| 8:40 AM - 9:10 AM | <b>FEATURED DISCUSSION</b><br><br><b>Leading the North Slope: Perspectives from Arctic Leadership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Bridget Anderson</b>, Senior Vice President of External Affairs, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (United States)</li> <li>• <b>To Be Announced</b></li> </ul>                                 | Tikahtnu B, C, F |
| 9:10 - 9:15 AM    | <b>FEATURED REMARKS:<br/>THE EUROPEAN UNION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Director General Charlina Vitcheva</b>, Director General of DG MARE, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (European Union)</li> </ul>   |                  |
| 9:15 - 10:15 AM   | <b>PLENARY SESSION VI</b><br><br><b>One World, One Ocean: Fish Stocks in Motion and the Blue Economy</b><br><br><b>TRACK ONE: POLICY &amp; TRENDS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: Ms. Rachel Kallander</b>, Founder &amp; CEO, Arctic Encounter; CEO, Chief Strategist, Kallander &amp; Associates; Owner &amp;</li> </ul> | Tikahtnu B, C, F |

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|                  | <p>Publisher, The Cordova Times; Honorary Consul of Iceland for Alaska (United States)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Ambassador Anniken R. Krutnes</b>, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to the United States (Norway)</li> <li>● <b>Mr. Douglas Vincent-Lang</b>, Commissioner, Department of Alaska Fish and Game, State of Alaska (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Ambassador Francisco Duarte Lopes</b>, Ambassador of Portugal to the United States (Portugal)</li> <li>● <b>Director General Charlina Vitcheva</b>, Director General of DG MARE, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (European Union)</li> <li>● <b>Ambassador David Balton</b>, Executive Director, Arctic Executive Steering Committee, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President (United States)</li> </ul> <p><b>TRACK TWO: INNOVATION &amp; THE BLUE ECONOMY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Moderator: Ms. Rachel Kallander</b>, Founder &amp; CEO, Arctic Encounter; CEO, Chief Strategist, Kallander &amp; Associates; Owner &amp; Publisher, The Cordova Times; Honorary Consul of Iceland for Alaska (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Director General Charlina Vitcheva</b>, Director General of DG MARE, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (European Union)</li> <li>● <b>Nick Rotke</b>, Chief BlueTech Strategist, Senior Manager, MITRE (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Mr. Jeremy Woodrow</b>, Executive Director, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Julie Decker</b>, President, Pacific Seafood Processors Association (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Mr. Frøde Halvorsen</b>, Cluster Manager, Ocean Autonomy Cluster; City Council Member, City of Trondheim (Norway)</li> </ul> |                       |
| 10:15 - 10:25 AM | <b>Coffee Break: Transition to Breakouts</b>   |                       |
| 10:25 - 11:25 AM | <b>Break Out Session Block B</b>   |                       |
|                  | <b>SESSION EIGHT - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>   | Kahtnu 1<br>Floor Two |

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|                     | <b>SESSION TWELVE - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>   | Tubughnenq' 5<br>Floor Two      |
|                     | <b>SESSION THIRTEEN - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>   | Boardroom<br>Floor Two          |
|                     | <b>SESSION FOURTEEN - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>   | Tikahtnu D<br>Floor Three       |
| 11:25 - 11:35 AM    | <b>Coffee Break: Transition to Luncheon</b>   |                                 |
| 11:35 AM - 12:50 PM | <p><b>ARCTIC ENCOUNTER KEYNOTE LUNCHEON</b></p> <p>Welcome from the Arctic Encounter Board of Directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Emily Edenshaw, President &amp; CEO, Alaska Native Heritage Center</li> </ul> <p><b>Sponsor Highlight:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ConocoPhillips</li> <li>• President Pat Pitney, University of Alaska (United States)</li> </ul> <p><b>Featured Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambassador Jovita Neliupšienė, Ambassador of the European Union to the United States (European Union)</li> </ul> <p><b>VIP Armchair Dialogue</b></p> <p><b>Securing Tomorrow: Assessing Regional and Energy Security in Europe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: Ms. Libby Casey, Senior News Anchor, The Washington Post (United States)</li> <li>• Ambassador Jovita Neliupšienė, Ambassador of the European Union to the United States (European Union)</li> </ul> | Idlughet (Eklutna)<br>Floor One |



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| 12:50 - 1:00 PM   | <b>Transition to Plenary Sessions</b>   |                  |
| 1:00 - 1:45 PM    | <p><b>PLENARY SESSION VII</b></p> <p><b>A Year in Review: Newtok Mothers' Path Forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Moderator: Ms. Libby Casey</b>, Senior News Anchor, The Washington Post (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Lisa Charles</b>, Resident, Mertarvik (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Della Carl</b>, Resident, Mertarvik (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Carolyn George</b>, Lower Kuskokwim School District; Resident, Newtok (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Christina Waska</b>, BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Program Relocation Coordinator, Resident, Mertarvik (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Jackie Qataliña Schaeffer</b>, Director of Climate Initiatives, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (United States)</li> </ul> |                  |
| 1:45 PM - 2:30 PM | <p><b>PLENARY SESSION VII</b></p> <p><b>Beyond the Arctic Circle: Harnessing Storytelling and Media in Northern Communities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Moderator: Anu Frederikson</b>, Executive Director, Arctic Frontiers (Norway)</li> <li>● <b>Mr. Pete Chelkowski</b>, Producer/Director, Vitamin Sea (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Patuk Glenn</b>, Executive Director, Arctic Slope Community Foundation (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Mr. Nagruk Harcharek</b>, President, The</li> </ul>  | Tikahtnu B, C, F |

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|                | <p>VOICE of the Arctic Inupiat (United States)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Alice Glenn</b>, Host, Coffee &amp; Quaq Podcast (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Elle Márja Eira</b>, Norwegian and Sami Artist, Composer, Director, and Producer (Norway)</li> </ul>   |                  |
| 2:30- 2:40 PM  | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |                  |
| 2:40 - 3:40 PM | <p><b>Leading the Charge: Innovations and Challenges in the Energy Sector</b></p> <p><b>TRACK 1: Oil &amp; Gas Industry Perspectives and Projections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: TBA</b></li> <li>• <b>Ambassador Anniken R. Krutnes</b>, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to the United States (Norway)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Kara Moriarty</b>, President/CEO, Alaska Oil and Gas Association (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. John Boyle</b>, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, State of Alaska (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Barry Romberg</b>, Vice President, Commercial and Midstream, ConocoPhillips Alaska (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Christy Resler</b>, President &amp; CEO, ASRC Energy (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Robert Schwiers</b>, Chief Economist, Chevron Corporation (United States)</li> </ul> <p><b>TRACK 2: Adapting to Change: Industry Shifts, Transition, and Sustainability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: TBA</b></li> <li>• <b>Ms. Kristina Woolston</b>, External Affairs Director, Donlin Gold (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Kiera O'Brien</b>, Public Policy Representative, TOTAL Energies (United States)</li> </ul> | Tikahtnu B, C, F |
| 3:40 - 3:50 PM | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |                  |
| 3:50 - 4:50 PM | <b>PLENARY SESSION VIII</b>  | Tikahtnu B, C, F |

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|                | <p><b>Thriving Communities: Addressing Health and Food Security in the Arctic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Moderator: TBA</b></li> <li>● <b>Ambassador Bergdis Ellertsdottir</b>, Ambassador of Iceland to the United States (Iceland)</li> <li>● <b>Mr. Michael Look</b>, Northwest Deputy Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Dr. Anne Zink</b>, former Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Aaja Chemnitz</b>, Member of Folketing (MP), Chair of Arctic Parliamentarians (Greenland)</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Emily Edenshaw</b>, President &amp; CEO, Alaska Native Heritage Center (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Vera Kingeekuk Metcalf</b>, Executive Director, Eskimo Walrus Commission; Co-Principal Investigator, Study of Environmental Arctic Change (United States)</li> </ul> |                      |
| 5:00 PM        | <b>Transition to Reception</b>   |                      |
| 5:00 - 6:15 PM | <p><b>Arctic Encounter's Friends of the Far North Networking Reception</b></p> <p>Savor exquisite heavy appetizers, premium wines, and artisanal brews as you socialize with fellow guests prior to the much-anticipated fourth annual Far North Fashion Show. Embark on a journey down the catwalk at The Anchorage Museum for an unforgettable evening, celebrating the unique style and elegance of the North.</p>  | Tikahtnu Foyer       |
| 6:15 - 6:30 PM | <p><b>Walk to Anchorage Museum</b></p> <p><i>Please note that the Museum is a six minute walk from the convention center.</i></p>  |                      |
| 6:30 PM        | <b>ARCTIC ENCOUNTER PRESENTS THE FAR NORTH FASHION SHOW</b>  | The Anchorage Museum |

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|  | <p>Join the Arctic Encounter for its fifth production of The Far North Fashion Show featuring designers, models, and music at the internationally recognized Anchorage Museum.</p> <p><b>Welcome Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Rachel Kallander</b>, Founder &amp; CEO, Arctic Encounter; CEO, Chief Strategist, Kallander &amp; Associates; Owner &amp; Publisher, The Cordova Times; Honorary Consul of Iceland for Alaska (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Julie Decker</b>, CEO, Anchorage Museum</li> </ul> <p><b>Fashion Show Emcee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Alice Glenn</b>, Founder &amp; Host, Coffee &amp; Quaq (United States)</li> </ul> <p><b>Far North Fashion Show Featured Designers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBA</li> </ul> | <p>625 C Street</p> <p><i>Six minute walk from the Arctic Encounter venue.</i></p> |
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| 9:00 - 10:00 AM  | <p><b>PLENARY SESSION IX</b></p> <p><b>Arctic Investment Landscape: Opportunities for Growth and Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: Mr. Mads Qvist Frederiksen</b>, Executive Director, Arctic Economic Council (Norway)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Rob Gillam</b>, CEO/President, McKinley Management, LLC (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Premier Ranj Pillai</b>, Premier of the Yukon (Canada)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Hugh Short</b>, CEO, Pt Capital (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Deven Mitchell</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation (United States)</li> </ul> | Tikahtnu B, C, F |
| 10:00 - 10:10 AM | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |                  |
| 10:10 - 11:00 AM | <p><b>PLENARY SESSION X</b></p> <p><b>Emergency Preparedness, Disaster Contingency in the Age of Sea Level Rise</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: Ms. Emily Schwing</b>, Rural Alaska Correspondent freelancing for the New York Times, Washington Post and National Public Radio (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Rear Admiral Brendan McPherson</b>, Deputy Command, Coast Guard Pacific Area; Commander, US Coast Guard Task Force-Arctic. (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Dimitri Kusnezov</b>, Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department</li> </ul>                             | Tikahtnu B, C, F |

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|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>of Homeland Security (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Ms. Melanie Bahnke</b>, President &amp; CEO, Kawerak, Inc. (United States)</li> <li>● <b>Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason</b>, Ambassador of Ireland to the United States (Ireland) TBD</li> <li>● <b>State Secretary Eivind Vad Petersson</b>, State Secretary for Minister of Foreign Affairs Espen Barth Eide (Norway)</li> </ul> |                            |
| 11:00 - 11:10    | <b>Coffee Break: Transition to Breakouts</b>   |                            |
| 11:10 - 12:10    | <b>Break Out Session Block C</b>   |                            |
|                  | <b>SESSION FIFTEEN - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>   | Kahtnu 1<br>Floor Two      |
|                  | <b>SESSION SIXTEEN - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>   | Kahtnu 2<br>Floor Two      |
|                  | <b>SESSION SEVENTEEN - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>   | Tubughnenq' 3<br>Floor Two |
|                  | <b>SESSION EIGHTEEN - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>  | Tubughnenq' 4<br>Floor Two |
|                  | <b>SESSION NINETEEN - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>  | Tubughnenq' 5<br>Floor Two |
|                  | <b>SESSION TWENTY - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>  | Boardroom<br>Floor Two     |
|                  | <b>SESSION TWENTY-ONE - TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>  | Tikahtnu D<br>Floor Three  |
| 12:10 - 12:15 PM | <b>Break: Transition to Luncheon</b>   | Tikahtnu Foyer             |

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| 12:15 -1:15 PM | <p><b>ARCTIC ENCOUNTER KEYNOTE LUNCHEON</b></p> <p><b>Welcome from the Arctic Encounter Board of Directors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Marilyn Romano</b>, Regional Vice President, Alaska Airlines (United States)</li> </ul> <p><b>Sponsor Highlight: Alaska Airlines</b></p> <p><b>VIP ARMCHAIR DIALOGUE</b></p> <p><b>Crucial Connections: Mobilizing Global Capitals to Address Arctic Imperatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski</b>, United States Senator R-AK, United States Senate (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Minister Dan Vandal MP</b>, Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (Canada)</li> <li>• <b>Minister David Rutley MP</b>, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Americas, Caribbean and the Overseas Territories) (United Kingdom)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Aaja Chemnitz</b>, Member of Folketing (MP), Chair of Arctic Parliamentarians (Greenland)</li> </ul> | Idlughet (Eklutna)<br>Floor One |
| 1:15 - 1:30 PM | <b>Coffee &amp; Networking Breaks</b>  | Tikahtnu Foyer                  |
| 1:30 - 1:35 PM | <p><b>FEATURED REMARKS:<br/>NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan</b>, Director, National Science Foundation (United States)</li> </ul>  | Tikahtnu B, C, F                |
| 1:35 - 2:20 PM | <p><b>PLENARY SESSION XI</b></p> <p><b>The Future of Scientific Research and Innovation in the Arctic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: Ms. Libby Casey</b>, Senior News Anchor, The Washington Post (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. John P. Holdren</b>, Co-Director, Arctic Initiative, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs &amp; Emeritus Professor of Environmental Science and</li> </ul>  | Tikahtnu B, C, F                |

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|                | <p>Policy, Harvard University; Former Science Advisor to President Obama and Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (United States)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan</b>, Director, National Science Foundation (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Ambassador Jean-Arthur Régibeau</b>, Ambassador of Belgium to the United States (Belgium)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. David Hik</b>, Chief Scientist &amp; Executive Director, Polar Knowledge Canada (Canada)</li> </ul>   |                  |
| 2:20 - 3:00 PM | <p><b>PLENARY SESSION XII</b></p> <p><b>Arctic Shipping Dynamics: Balancing Economic Benefits and Environmental Concerns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: Ms. Libby Casey</b>, Senior News Anchor, The Washington Post (United States)</li> <li>• <b>The Honorable Mead Treadwell</b>, Chairman/CEO, QilakLNG; Chair, Arctic Circle Mission Council on Shipping and Ports; Owner, Treadwell Development; Former Lieutenant Governor of Alaska; Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission 2006-2010; Co-Chair, Polar Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center Polar Initiative (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Paul Fuhs</b>, Goodwill Ambassador, The Northern Forum; Former Mayor of Unalaska (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Tero Vauraste</b>, Senior Advisor IQM, IQM Finland OY (Finland)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Kenneth Høegh</b>, Head of Greenland Representation to the United States and Canada (Greenland)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Torsten K. Nielsen</b>, Chief Counsellor for Arctic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Denmark)</li> </ul> | Tikahtnu B, C, F |
| 3:00 - 3:10 PM | <b>Coffee Break</b>   | Tikahtnu Foyer   |
| 3:10 - 4:00 PM | <p><b>PLENARY SESSION XIII</b></p> <p><b>Charting a Course: The Arctic Council's Future and Global Cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: TBA</b></li> </ul>  | Tikahtnu B, C, F |



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|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Kasajnaaluk Marie N. Greene, President, Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) - Alaska (United States)</b></li> <li>• <b>Chief Gary Harrison, Chickaloon Native Village; Arctic Athabaskan Council (United States)</b></li> <li>• <b>Chief Bill Erasmus, Chief, Dene Nation, Turtle Island (Canada)</b></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Liza Mack, Board Member, Aleut International Association (United States)</b></li> <li>• <b>Ambassador Morten Høglund, Senior Arctic Official Chair of the Arctic Council; Arctic Ambassador for Norway (Norway)</b></li> <li>• <b>Mr. Robert Sinclair, Canada Senior Arctic Official and Director General for Arctic, Eurasian and European Affairs, Global Affairs Canada (Canada)</b></li> </ul> |                  |
| 4:00 - 4:10 PM | <b>Coffee Break</b>  | Tikahtnu Foyer   |
| 4:10 - 4:40 PM | <p><b>Perspectives on the Future from the Northern Vision Fellowship Cohort</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: Ms. Cordelia Kellie, Policy Advisor and Special Assistant for Rural Affairs, Office of U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (United States)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>TRACK 1: Title TBA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Northern Vision Fellows TBA</b></li> </ul> <p><b>TRACK 2: Title TBA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Northern Vision Fellows TBA</b></li> </ul>   |                  |
| 4:40 - 5:15 PM | <p><b>PLENARY SESSION IV</b></p> <p><b>Unpacking &amp; Implementing the North American Strategy for the Arctic Region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: TBA</b></li> <li>• <b>Professor Michael Byers, Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law, University of British Columbia (Canada)</b></li> <li>• <b>Ms. Sara Cohen, Deputy Head of Mission, Foreign Policy &amp; National Security, Embassy of Canada in the United States (Canada)</b></li> <li>• <b>Mr. Peter Hammerschmidt, Assistant Deputy Minister - Policy, Department of</b></li> </ul>  | Tikahtnu B, C, F |

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|         | <p>National Defense (Canada)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Major General Randy “Church” Kee</b>, Director (Maj Gen, USAF, Ret), Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies. U.S. Department of Defense (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Rear Admiral Meghan Dean</b>, Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District (United States)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Eric Carlson</b>, Senior Arctic Official, Department of State (United States)</li> </ul>  |              |
| 5:30 PM | <b>ARCTIC ENCOUNTER SHOWCASE</b>   | Ground Floor |
|         | <p><i>Step into an unforgettable evening of celebration and collaboration at the grand finale of the 10th anniversary Arctic Encounter. As the sun sets over Anchorage, guests will be treated to incredible dinner stations accompanied by handcrafted cocktails and fine wines. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere as live performances from acclaimed artists hailing from Norway and Alaska captivate the audience, showcasing the rich cultural tapestry of the Far North. Delve into thought-provoking discussions led by VIP guests, exploring and charting a course for its sustainable future. This showcase night promises to be an extraordinary culmination of networking and a decade of dialogue, innovation, and partnership-building at the forefront of Arctic affairs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Performances TBA</b></li> </ul> <p><b>FEATURED REMARKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski</b>, United States Senator R-AK, United States Senate (United States)</li> </ul> |              |

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|  | <p><b>VIP ARMCHAIR DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Moderator: Ms. Libby Casey</b>, Senior News Anchor, The Washington Post (United States)</li><li>• <b>Director General Charlina Vitcheva</b>, Director General of DG MARE, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (European Union)</li><li>• <b>U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski</b>, United States Senator R-AK, United States Senate (United States)</li><li>• <b>State Secretary Eivind Vad Petersson</b>, State Secretary for Minister of Foreign Affairs Espen Barth Eide (Norway)</li><li>• <b>Minister David Rutley MP</b>, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Americas, Caribbean and the Overseas Territories) (United Kingdom)</li><li>• <b>Ambassador Bergdis Ellertsdottir</b>, Ambassador of Iceland to the United States (Iceland)</li><li>• <b>Ambassador Jovita Neliupšienė</b>, Ambassador of the European Union to the United States (European Union)</li><li>• <b>Ms. Aaja Chemnitz</b>, Member of Folketing (MP), Chair of Arctic Parliamentarians (Greenland)</li><br/><li>• <b>Additional Details TBA</b></li></ul> |  |
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