



Arctic Peoples' Conference 2023

Program

Ilulissat, Kalaallit Nunaat, July 20-21

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Thursday July 20, 2023, morning session 09:00-12:00

- 09:00 Meeting opens with Qulleq Lighting (traditional lamp lightning)
- 09:10 Welcoming remarks by
- President Inuit Circumpolar Council, Greenland, Hjalmar Dahl (c)
 - Minister for Foreign Affairs, Business and Trade of Greenland, Vivian Motzfeldt (tbc)
 - Mayor of Avannaata Kommunia, Palle Jerimiassen (c)
- 09:25 Opening remarks by Arctic Peoples
- Chair of Inuit Circumpolar Council, Sara Olsvig (c)
 - President of Saami Council, Áslat Holmberg (c)
 - International Chair of the Arctic Athabaskan Council, Chief Gary Harrison (c)
 - Gwich'in (Sharla Greenland, Chief Operating Officer of Gwich'in Tribal Council / Sam Alexander, Board Member of the Gwich'in Council International (c)
 - Executive Director of the Aleut International Association, Jessica Velfstra (c)
- 09:50 Greetings from guest and observers
- President of the Norwegian Saami Parliament, Saami Parliamentarian Council, Silje Karine Muotka. (c)
 - Chair of Inatsisartut Foreign Policy and Security Committee (NASA), Mariia Simonsen (c)
 - Chair of the Arctic Parliamentarians, Aaja Chemnitz (c)
 - A Representative of the Senior Arctic Officials (tba)

10:10 A travel back in time
Photos from the 1973 Arctic Peoples' Conference

Presented by Head of Arctic and Environmental Unit of Saami Council,
Gunn-Britt Retter (c)

10:25 Short health break

10:45 Armchair conversation with participants from 1973
Q&A from the floor (all delegates)

- Máret Sára (c)
- Per Mikael Utsi (c)
- Former ICC Greenland President, Carl Christian Olsen (c)
- Former President of Inuit Circumpolar Council, Aqqaluk Lynge (c)
- NN (tba)

Moderator: Board Member of the Gwich'in Council International, Sam Alexander (TBC)

Guiding questions:

- o What were the thoughts and ideas the participants had when they decided to participate at the Conference in 1973?
- o What were their visions and expectations? Sharing memories of the personal and political outcome of the 1973 Conference.
- o What added value did the cooperation between the Arctic Indigenous Peoples bring to the table?
- o How do they feel when looking back today?
- o Did we achieve what they had expected?
- o What are their thoughts on the future?

12.00-13:00 Lunch Break

Thursday July 20, 2023, afternoon session 13:00-17:00

- 13:00 Keynote: Arctic environmental and climate related work, and the establishment of the Arctic Council
- Her Excellency the Right Honorable Mary Simon, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada (tbc)
- 13:20 Arctic Peoples' Roundtable discussion.
- Open dialogue for all delegates
- Guiding questions:
Arctic Peoples' called for a circumpolar body of collaboration in 1973. Today we have the Arctic Council -
- What is the state of Arctic cooperation?
 - What is the role of the Arctic Council?
 - How can the Council be strengthened?
- Moderator: TBA
- 14:05 Armchair conversation with Arctic Peoples' participation in various international foras
- International Chair of the Arctic Athabaskan Council (Arctic Council), Chief Gary Harrison (c)
 - Head of Arctic and Environmental Unit of Saami Council (LCIPPfacilitative working group), Gunn-Britt Retter (c)
 - Member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Aluki Kotierk (tbc)
 - (Steering committee for the indigenous members of the food Coalition on Indigenous People's food systems), Silje Karine Muotka (c)
 - ICC's Head of Delegation to the International Maritime Organization, Lisa Koperqualuk (c)

- ICC's member of the Indigenous Coordinating Body, Enhanced Participation of Indigenous Peoples in the UN, Sara Olsvig (c)

Moderator: (tba)

15:20 Short health break

15:40 Keynote on Human Rights related work

By Former Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, Dr. Dalee Sambo Dorough (confirmed online from Geneva)

16:00 Arctic Peoples' Roundtable discussion

Open dialogue for all delegates

Guiding questions:

- o Why is the cooperation between our peoples so important?
- o What is the added value of such a cooperation?
- o What do we learn from each other?
- o Has there been any challenges?
- o How can we secure a strong cooperation also in the future?

Moderator: (a youth representative) (tba)

16:45 Recap of the day's discussion

17:00 Thursday session ends

Friday July 21, 2023, morning session 09:00-12:00

- 09:00 Youth keynote TBA
- 09:20 Workshop (organized by youth delegates)
- Presentation from workshops and group discussions

12.00-13:00 Lunch Break

Friday July 21, 2023, afternoon session 13:00-16:15

- 14:15 Arctic Peoples Conference Declaration
- Presentation by the Drafting Committee
- 14:35 Short health break
- 14:55 Input from the participants
- Open dialogue among all delegates
- Signing ceremony**
- 15:55 Concluding remarks by Áslat Holmberg and Sara Olsvig
- 16:15 Conference ends
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