



# Arctic Lessons

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Opening and introduction:

## The Arctic is resourceful and fragile – treasure it



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### PechaKucha

PRESENTATION



Responsible development of resources in the Arctic is key to blue and green growth



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Arctic states cannot exploit all new economic opportunities



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Regional and local level action plans are crucial for adaptation to climate change in the Arctic



**Ilona Mettiäinen**  
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Governance of fossil fuels in the Arctic needs inclusive management and trust-based contracts



**Cécile Pelaudeix**  
Aarhus University

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Climate change is a serious challenge to reindeer herding, Sami culture and Sami health



**Peter Sköld**  
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## Arctic Lessons

**Climate change is happening faster and is affecting people's lives more severely in the Arctic region than in most other places on Earth.**

The Nordic universities have a long history of combining knowledge on Arctic climate science, technology and diplomacy. How may the Nordic states use this experience to promote future global climate science, global climate diplomacy and regulation, and attention to indigenous peoples? What is the impact of this knowledge on high-level decision-making?

### The Side Event takes place on

Saturday, **December 5<sup>th</sup>**, 15:00-16:30 in **Observer Room 03**, Le Bourget

### Arctic science

The event aims to contribute to decision making for climate change in the Arctic region. A special focus is given to research results from the social sciences. The event addresses how the five Nordic countries contribute to global climate diplomacy, regulation, mitigation and adaptation through Arctic science. The event will also shed light on how climate change affects the indigenous population in the Arctic region.

### The universities

The co-organizing universities are among the most central Nordic universities for creating knowledge about the Nordic Arctic and the Circumpolar Arctic regions. This international and multidisciplinary collaboration for Arctic research, development, teaching, and innovation emphasizes the impact of climate science on high-level decision making.

### The Nordic countries

The Nordic countries cover culturally, naturally and socially important parts of the Arctic, both the West-Nordic societies with close cultural, environmental and social connections to North America, and the East-Nordic societies with connections to North-West Russia.

The Nordic countries are all relatively small, Arctic states. They are highly developed states, with a strong tradition for contributing to international cooperation within the United Nations system and to development, environment and human rights questions.

Research based presentations will show how this experience may contribute to decision making in a global context.

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