

**Arctic Economic Development Forum**

The Wilson Center, Washington, D.C. Wednesday, 6 April 2016

*Hosted by The Wilson Center and Institute of the North, in association with the Senate Arctic Caucus, Arctic Economic Council, Alaska Arctic Council Host Committee and Arctic Parliamentarians.*

07.30 AM Registration

08.15 AM **Welcome Remarks**

* The Honorable **Jane Harman,** President, Director and CEO, The Wilson Center

**Strengthening Partnerships for a Prosperous Arctic Future**

Moderated by **Laura Dawson**, Director, The Wilson Center

* The Honorable **Lisa Murkowski**, Senator, Alaska, U.S. Congress
* The Honorable **Angus King**, Senator, Maine, U.S. Congress

09.00 AM **Opportunities for and Barriers** **to Arctic Economic Development**

 Moderated by **Tara Sweeney**, Chair, Arctic Economic Council; EVP, ASRC, USA

* Mr. **Eero Hokkanen**, Arctia Shipping, Finland
* Mr. **Haukur Óskarsson**, Owner, Refskegg, Ltd.; Icelandic Arctic Chamber of Commerce
* The Honorable **Magni Arge**, MP, Faroe Islands, Danish Parliament
* Mr. **Felix Tschudi**, Chairman & Owner, Tschudi Shipping, Norway

10.15 AM Break

10.45 AM **Advancing Living and Economic Conditions for Peoples of the North**

Moderated by **David Biette**, Global Fellow, Polar Initiative, The Wilson Center

* Ms. **Julie Gourley**, Senior Arctic Official, U.S. Department of State
* Ms. **Susan Harper**, Senior Arctic Official, Global Affairs Canada
* Ms. **Else-Berit Eikeland**, Senior Arctic Official, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway

**Arctic Report**

* Ms. **Veronica Slajer**, North Star Group

12.00 PM **Networking Lunch**

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1.00 PM **International Arctic Economic Development and Policy**

Moderated by **Nils Andreassen**, Executive Director, Institute of the North

* The Honorable **Sjúrður Skaale**, MP, Faroe Islands, Danish Parliament
* The Honorable **Lisa Murkowski**, Senator, Alaska, U.S. Congress

2.00 PM Break

2.30 PM **America’s Arctic: Open for Business**

Moderated by Ms. **Drue Pearce**, Crowell & Moring

* Ms. **Peggy Philbin**, Select USA, U.S. Department of Commerce
* Ms. **Gail Schubert**, President & CEO, Bering Straits Native Corporation
* Mr. **Bill Popp**, Anchorage Economic Development Corporation
* Ms. **Dana Eidsness**, Maine North Atlantic Development Office

3.45 PM **Financing Sustainable Development in the Arctic**

* Mr. **Michael Perkinson**, Guggenheim Partners

**Concluding Discussion**

* Mr. **David Biette**, The Wilson Center
* Mr. **Nils Andreassen**, Institute of the North

5.00 PM Adjourn

5:30 PM Bus transportationfrom The Wilson Center to Norwegian Ambassador’s Residence

6.00 PM **Reception – Hosted by the Embassy of Norway**

Held at the Norwegian Ambassador’s Residence, 3401 Massachusetts Avenue NW

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