THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA IN THE ARCTIC

Arctic Circle Wilson Center Forum

Washington, D.C.
June 21 - 22, 2017
WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE

OPENING
Location: Ronald Reagan Building, Amphitheatre

08:25 Welcome
  • Mike Sfraga, Director, Polar Initiative, Wilson Center

08:30 Introduction
  • The Honorable Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, Chairman, Arctic Circle and former President of Iceland

08:35 Welcome
  • The Honorable Jane Harman, Director, President & CEO, Wilson Center

INVESTMENT IN THE ARCTIC

08:40 - 09:05 Keynote
  • The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator (R-AK)

09:10 – 10:00 The Next Investment Territory
  • Anthony E. Edwardsen, President and CEO, Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation
  • Kirill Mangush, Senior Counselor, Federal Assembly, Russian Federation
  • Tina Pidgeon, General Counsel and Senior Vice President, Governmental Affairs, GCI
  • Mark D. Ein, Chairman & CEO, Capitol Acquisition Corp.
    ○ Moderator: Tero Vauraste, CEO, Arctia Limited

10:00 – 10:45 Arctic Shipping, Commerce and Tourism
  • AM Gylfi Sigfússon, President and CEO, Eimskip
  • Sven Lindblad, Founder, Lindblad Expedition
  • Senator Igor Chernyshenko, Murmansk, Russian Federation
  • Mead Treadwell, Co-Chair, Polar Initiative, Wilson Center and President, PT Capital and former Lt. Governor, Alaska
    ○ Moderator: Lawson Brigham, Distinguished Fellow and Faculty at the University of Alaska Fairbanks

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

COOPERATION IN THE ARCTIC

11:00 – 11:20 Keynote Interview
• Ambassador Kirsti Kauppi, Ambassador for Finland to the United States

11:20 – 12:10 A Record of Cooperation in the Arctic
• Ambassador David Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries U.S Department of State
• The Honorable Don Young, U.S Representative (R-AK)
• Georgy Karlov, Deputy Chairman, State Duma, Russian Federation
• Elena Kudryashova, Professor, DSc, Rector of the Northern (Arctic) Federal University
• Katri Kulmuni, Member of Parliament for Lapland, Finland
  o Moderator: Matt Rojansky, Director, Kennan Institute, Wilson Center

12:10 – 12:55 A View from outside the Arctic
• Ambassador Young-jun Kim, Ambassador for Arctic Affairs, Republic of Korea
• Sheryl Shum, Deputy Chief of Mission and Counsellor, Embassy of Singapore Washington, DC
• Eirik Sivertsen, Chair, Standing Committee on Arctic Parliamentarians
  o Moderator: Sherri Goodman, Senior Fellow, Wilson Center and former Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, US Department of Defense

12:55 – 14:00 Lunch (not provided)

SCIENCE AND RESEARCH IN THE ARCTIC

14:00 – 14:20 Keynote Interview
• Ambassador Mark Brzezinski, former U.S Ambassador to Sweden and former Executive Director, Arctic Executive Steering Committee, Office of the White House

14:20 – 15:05 Arctic Research Cooperation: Policy, Sponsors, and Programmes
• Kelly Falkner, Director, Division of Polar Programs at National Science Foundation
• Evan Bloom, Director, Oceans and Polar Affairs, U.S. Department of State
• Martin Jeffries, Assistant Director-Polar Sciences, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President
• David Kennedy, Senior Advisor for the Arctic Region, NOAA
  o Moderator: John Farrell, Executive Director, U.S Arctic Research Commission
15:05 – 15:50 Arctic Research Cooperation: Perspectives from the Field

- Lee Cooper, Research Professor, University of Maryland
- Kathy Crane, University of Hawaii, SOEST and ArcticLynx
- Nagruk Harcharek, General Manager, UIC Science
- Dmitry Streletskiy, George Washington University, Assistant Professor of Geography and International Affairs
  - Moderator: John Farrell, Executive Director, U.S Arctic Research Commission

SECURITY IN THE ARCTIC

15:50 – 16:10 Keynote Interview

- Admiral Paul Zukunft, Commandant, United States Coast Guard

16:10 – 16:55 Coast Guard Cooperation, Needs, and Challenges in the Arctic

- Admiral Paul Zukunft, Commandant, United States Coast Guard
- The Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S Senator (R-AK)
- CDRE Ásgrímur L Ásgrímsson, Chief of Operations, Icelandic Coast Guard
- Paul Berkman, Professor of Practice in Science Diplomacy, The Fletcher School, Tufts University
  - Moderator: Mike Sfraga, Director Polar Initiative, Wilson Center

16:55 – 17:45 The Bering Strait: Shared Opportunity and Responsibility

- Gail Schubert, President & CEO, Bering Straits Native Corporation
- William M. Eichbaum, Senior Fellow, Arctic Policy, World Wildlife Fund US
- Melanie Bahnke, President & CEO, Kawerak, Inc.
- Paul Fuhs, President, Alaska Marine Exchange
  - Moderator: Craig Fleener, Senior Advisor, Arctic Policy, Office of the Governor of Alaska

17:45 – 17:50 Closing Remarks

- Mike Sfraga, Director, Polar Initiative, Wilson Center

12:55 – 14:00 Reception
THURSDAY, 22ND JUNE

Location: 6th Floor, Woodrow Wilson Building

08:30 – 08:45  Keynote
  - Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, Chairman, Arctic Circle and President of Iceland (1996-2016)

08:45 – 10:15  Investing for a Sustainable Arctic Future:
  The Role of the Arctic Economic Council

The recently formed Arctic Economic Council (AEC) works to facilitate responsible and sustainable business and economic development of the Arctic and its communities. What are the environmental and social challenges of meeting economic development in the Arctic? And how should Arctic investments be considered alongside developing trade policies?

- Price E. Brower, Chairman of the Board of Directors, UIC
- Roger-Mark de Souza, Director, Population, Environmental Security, and Resilience, Wilson Center
- Kristina Woolston, Vice President for External Relations, Quintillion
- Drue Pearce, Director, Government Affairs, Holland & Hart and Former Alaska Senate President
  o Facilitated by Tero Vauraste, President & CEO, Arctia and Chairman, Arctic Economic Council

10:15 – 10:30  Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00  Operational Safety and Security in Arctic Waters

Rapid changes in Arctic Sea ice cover, climate and new opportunities for shipping, resource extraction, fishing, and illicit traffic in Arctic seas call for an international dialog on shared operational capabilities and responsibilities. A group of leading experts will present on opportunities to enhance domain awareness in Arctic seas to promote shared safety and security. Discussion on the needs for enhanced infrastructure will focus on whether ice breaking capacity and operational regimes, and supporting port infrastructure and facilities are sufficient. What is the efficacy of key regulatory regimes such as the Polar Code and the Arctic Council agreements on search and rescue and oil spill prevention and response preparedness?

- Lawson Brigham, Distinguished Professor of Geography & Arctic Policy at the University of Alaska
- Desmond Raymond, Regional Director, Marine Safety and Security, Transport Canada
- Mead Treadwell, Co-Chair, Polar Initiative, Wilson Center and President, PT Capital and former Lt. Governor, Alaska
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