

MELTING ICE - A HOT TOPIC?



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a polar bear



a farmer



an islander



an insurer



an indigenous person



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**International
climate conference
4 - 5 June 2007**



“Our Common Future” – 20 years on, and international climate conference

A special gathering of politicians and specialists takes place in Tromsø, Norway, 4 and 5 June during World Environment Day 2007. The Norwegian Government observes the 20th anniversary of the report “Our Common Future” from the World Commission on Environment and Development, led by former Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland. The Norwegian Polar Institute and the Ministry of the Environment host a conference focussing on the world in a changing climate.



PROGRAMME

MONDAY 4 JUNE 2007 – Teorifagbygget, University of Tromsø

Sustainable development – 20 years on. A global perspective on how to succeed

- 0830 Pick-up by bus at hotels for transport to conference venue
- 0900 Registration, coffee
- 1015 Welcome to the University of Tromsø by Principal Jarle Aarbakke
Introductory speech by Norwegian Prime Minister Mr Jens Stoltenberg
Key note speeches by former Norwegian Prime Minister Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland and Chairman of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Dr Rajendra K. Pachauri
- 1045 Round Table Discussion
Moderator: Norwegian Minister of Development Mr Erik Solheim
Participants: Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Human rights and environmental activist Masoumeh Ebtekar, Head of Centre for Peace and Environment, Iran, Sheila Watt Cloutier, former President of Inuit Circumpolar Conference and Igor Tsjestin, Secretary General of World Wildlife Fund in Russia
- 1230 Conclusions by Norwegian Minister of Finance Ms Kristin Halvorsen
- 1245 Press conference

Melting ice – a hot topic? Global change, impacts and actions

- 1315 Lunch/viewing displays in the lobby
- 1500 Musical opening by Sofia Jannok
- 1505 Opening by the chair
- 1510 Opening address by Norwegian Minister of the Environment
Ms Helen Bjørnøy
- 1520 Why “Melting Ice” as a topic for the World Environment Day? UNEP’s
Executive Director, Mr Achim Steiner
- 1540 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports: findings and
recommendations. IPCC Chairman, Dr Rajendra K. Pachauri
- 1625 Announcement of UNEP prize
- 1630 Coffee break
- 1650 A changing climate – a challenge for indigenous peoples.
Sheila Watt Cloutier, former President, Inuit Circumpolar Conference
- 1720 Climate change – consequences for different parts of the world from a
scientific point of view. Dr Erich Roeckner, Max Planck Institute
- 1750 Global outlook for ice & snow. Dr Pål Prestrud, CICERO
- 1805 Closing remarks by the chair
- Chair: Dr Jan-Gunnar Winther, Director, Norwegian Polar Institute
- 1830 Shuttle bus to hotels
- 1945 Pick-up at hotels for get-together at Polaria Visitors’ Centre
(www.polaria.no) with light meal

TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2007 – Teorifagbygget, University of Tromsø

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- 0830 Pick-up by bus at hotels for transport to conference venue
- 0900 Introduction. Dr Jan-Gunnar Winther, Director, Norwegian Polar Institute and
Dr Kim Holmén, Research Director, Norwegian Polar Institute
- 0905 Sea level rise as a consequence of large ice sheet melting. Dr Chris Rapley,
Director British Antarctic Survey
- 0935 Consequences of melting ice in the Andes.
Dr Andrés Rivera, Centro de Estudios Científicos, Chile
- 1005 Coffee break
- 1025 Consequences of melting ice in the Himalayas. Dr. Samjwal Bajracharya,
The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, Nepal
- 1055 Photo presentation of climate change in the circumarctic.
Dr Hinrich Bäsemann

1125 New insight into ice melting – expected results from the International Polar Year, Dr David Carlson, International Polar Year Secretariat

1155 Closing remarks by the chair

Chair: Dr Kim Holmén, Research Director, Norwegian Polar Institute

1210 Lunch

1300 Bus transport to the city centre via Tromsø Airport

Nordic perspectives

1330 Opening by the chair

1335 Opening speech and special challenges for indigenous people in relation to climate change. Prof. Ole Henrik Magga, former leader of the UN permanent forum for indigenous people

1415 Climate change in the Arctic, and global consequences. Dr. Jan-Gunnar Winther, director of the Norwegian Polar Institute

1445 Finnish adaptation strategy for climate change. Susanna Kankaanpää, Programme for Global Change, the Finnish Environment Institute

1515 Coffee break

1545 Climate change, ocean, and fish in the Nordic Seas. Dr. Bogi Hansen, Faroese Fisheries Research Laboratory

1615 Climate change and biodiversity in the Arctic. Dr. Philip A. Wookey, University of Stirling, Great Britain

1645 The impact of climate change on human health in the Arctic. Dr. Henning Sloth Pedersen, Centre for Arctic Environmental Medicine, Greenland

1715 Summary by the chair

Chair: Birgit Njaastad, section leader, Norwegian Polar Institute

1745 Transport to city centre

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