

Together Towards a Sustainable Arctic

The Arctic Council Chairmanship of Iceland 2019-2021

5 June 2019, 16:30 - 19:30

Nordic Embassies, Auditorium Felleshus

Rauchstrasse 1, Berlin



On 7 May 2019, Iceland will take over the Chairmanship of the Arctic Council from Finland for a two-year tenure from 2019 to 2021. In this context, the Icelandic and Finnish Embassy in Berlin in cooperation with the Federal Foreign Office and the German Arctic Office are organizing a special seminar focusing on the handover of the Chairmanship from Finland to Iceland, continuity between the two Chairmanships and the priorities of Iceland's Arctic Council Chairmanship Program "Together Towards a Sustainable Arctic".



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Programme

16:30 Registration

17:00 Opening

- Welcome remarks by Ambassador Martin Eyjólfsson, Iceland
- Introduction by Moderator Dr. Volker Rachold, Head of the German Arctic Office, Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research

17:10 Keynote Speeches

- René Söderman, Finland's Senior Arctic Official of the Arctic Council – *summary of the Finnish Arctic Council chairmanship*
- Ambassador Einar Gunnarsson, chair of the Arctic Council Senior Arctic Officials – *priorities of the Icelandic Arctic Council chairmanship: "Together Towards a Sustainable Arctic"*

17:35 Panel Discussion

- René Söderman, Senior Arctic Official
- Einar Gunnarsson, chair of the Arctic Council Senior Arctic Officials
- Prof. Antje Boetius, Director of the Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research
- Carsten Rüpke, Federal Foreign Office
- Julia Wright, Arctic Youth Ambassador, University of Helsinki

18:40 Closing

- Concluding remarks by Ambassador Designate Anne Sipiläinen, Finland

18:45 Networking Reception



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