

Invitation to present eSTICC at the Arctic Circle Assembly 2017

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What is the Arctic Circle Assembly?

- Not a peer-reviewed scientific conference, but more a political one.
- From the web page <http://www.arcticcircle.org>:
 - The largest annual international gathering on the Arctic, attended by more than 2000 participants from 50 countries.
 - Held every October at the Harpa Conference Center and Concert Hall in Reykjavík, Iceland.
 - Attended by
 - heads of states and governments, ministers, members of parliaments, officials,
 - experts, scientists,
 - entrepreneurs, business leaders,
 - indigenous representatives, environmentalists, students, activists
 - and others from the growing international community of partners and participants interested in the future of the Arctic.



and media!

OVER 400 SPEAKERS AT THE 2016 ASSEMBLY

OCTOBER 7-9, 2016
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Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland

(20. September 2016)

First Minister of Scotland Nicola Sturgeon will attend the 2016 Arctic Circle Assembly.

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Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

*Secretary-General of the United Nations
(20. September 2016)*

Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-Moon will attend the 2016 Arctic Circle Assembly and deliver a keynote speech.

MORE



We were asked to hold an eSTICC “Breakout Session”

- 45, 60 or 90 minutes duration, e.g.
 - Announcements and presentations,
 - Press conferences,
 - Open or moderated dialogues,
 - Forum debates,
 - Workshops and interactive sessions,
 - Town hall meetings,
 - Panel discussions,
 - Small group forums.
- Suggestion: have presentations from eSTICC members on eSTICC topics.
 - Scientists are just a fraction of the attendees, hence have presentations understandable for the interested public.
 - Attending the Arctic Circle Assembly costs a fee (in 2016: 150 EUR for scientists),
 - Holding and attending a breakout session itself adds no extra costs.
- 2017 Arctic Circle Assembly: Friday-Sunday 13.-15. October 2017.
 - Deadline to submit breakout session proposals 12 May 2017.
- Topics, e.g.:
 - Climate change,
 - Energy and natural resources,
 - Environment and ecosystems,
 - Glaciology and geology,
 - Indigenous rights,
 - Investment and finance,
 - Ocean science and research,
 - Security and geopolitics.

Example Breakout Session (from 2016)

RESOURCE DYNAMICS

Organized by the GlobalArctic Project and the Northern Research Forum (NRF)

Note: 2016 program has plenty sessions on implications of climate change, but lacks sessions on climate change itself.

SPEAKERS

Gerald Zojer, PhD Candidate, University of Lapland: Arctic Governance Under the Influence of a Global Fossil-Industrial Way of Life

Florian Vidal, PhD Candidate, University of Paris Descartes: Energy Nexus and Climate Change in the Arctic

Erica M. Dingman, Senior Fellow, World Policy Institute; Director, Arctic in Context Initiative: Into the Future: The Confluence of Arctic Warming and Energy Demand

Hanna Lempinen, Researcher, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Lapland, Finland: (Human) Security or (Social) Sustainability? - Perspectives to and from the Arctic Energyscape

Teemu Palosaari, Post-doctoral Researcher, Tampere Peace Research Institute TAPRI, University of Tampere, Finland: The Arctic Paradox (and how to solve it). Oil, Gas and Climate Change Ethics in the Arctic

Chair: Matthias Finger, Professor, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale Lausanne (EPFL)

Call for Breakout Sessions (from 2016)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR BREAKOUT SESSIONS AT THE ARCTIC CIRCLE ASSEMBLY 2016

The Arctic Circle Secretariat is now accepting proposals for Breakout Sessions at the Arctic Circle Assembly to be held October 7-9 2016, in Reykjavik, Iceland.

Submissions will be accepted until May 15, 2016.

Criteria:

Institutions, organizations, universities and companies are eligible to submit proposals. Individuals may not submit proposals without institutional affiliation / support.

Proposals must indicate the session topic's relevance to Arctic dialogue, clarifying the session's contribution to increased knowledge, discussion or awareness of Arctic issues.

At least half of proposed speakers must be confirmed by the time of submission.

Diversity among speaker backgrounds, affiliations and nationality is encouraged.

How to submit a proposal:

Please send written proposals to secretariat@arcticcircle.org

Proposals must include the following:

- The session's proposed name (80 characters maximum)
- Organizing body
- Contact person
- Description of the session
- List of speakers and speaker topics
- Any special requirements

Organizers of accepted breakout sessions will later be asked to provide a 150-word summary of the session description and a black/white photo and short bio for each speaker.

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- What is your opinion?
 - Shall we propose an eSTICC-related session at the Arctic Circle Assembly 13.-15.10.2017?
 - Reminder from SAB 2016 report: “However, the eSTICC name should be more visible internationally.”