



Greenland-Iceland Research Cooperation Workshop

25-26 August 2022

Katuaq Minor Hall and Campus Ilimmarfik, Nuuk, Greenland

Organized by Greenland Research Council; Arctic Hub; Greenland Institute of Natural Resources; Icelandic Centre for Research (Rannís); Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network (IACN) as a pre-event to the Arctic Circle Greenland Forum

With this workshop, we hope to foster exchange of expertise, networking, and future collaboration opportunities between the scientific communities of Greenland and Iceland. The workshop will be an exploratory platform that presents research priorities in Greenland and Iceland with a discussion on the possibilities for synergies and collaboration.

The workshop will be focused around three thematic sessions: 1) Climate change and sustainable development, 2) Fisheries and the blue economy, 3) Geopolitics and security policy studies, and facilitate a dialogue on institutional cooperation.

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Day 1 – 25 August		
Time	Program	Speaker
10:00-11:00	Visit at Ilisimatusarfik - the University of Greenland	Pre-workshop visit for participants that are already in Nuuk (optional)
11:00-12:00	Visit at Pinngortitaleriffik - Greenland Institute of Natural Resources	Pre-workshop visit for participants that are already in Nuuk (optional)
12:00-14:00	Lunch provided at Katuaq (foyer)	
Official workshop program starts Venue: Katuaq Cultural Center, Minor Hall Online streaming		
14:00-15:00 <i>10 mins</i>	Welcoming remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tove Søvndahl Gant, Head of Representation, Greenland Representation in Iceland Geir Oddsson, Consul General, Consulate General of Iceland in Nuuk
<i>30 mins</i>	Introduction of the partnership agreement between Greenland Research Council and The Icelandic Centre for Research (Rannís). Purpose and expected outcome of workshop.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Josephine Nymand, Chair, Greenland Research Council Ágúst Ingbórsson, General Director, The Icelandic Centre for Research (Rannís)
<i>20mins</i>	Introduction of the partnership agreement between the University of Greenland and the University of Akureyri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gitte Adler Reimer, Rector, University of Greenland Eyjólfur Guðmundsson, Rector, University of Akureyri
15:00-15:30 <i>30 mins</i>	Coffee break	

<p>15:30-16:40 70 mins</p>	<p>Plenary presentations related to the thematic focus areas of the workshop and institutional cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fisheries and the blue economy <i>Future challenges and research priorities in the ocean for Iceland and Greenland</i> • Climate change and sustainable development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helle Siegstad, Head of Dept., Fish & Shellfish, Greenland Institute of Natural Resources • Þorsteinn Sigurðsson, General Director, Marine and Freshwater Research Institute, Iceland • Sandra Maier, Postdoc, Greenland Climate Research Center • Guðrún Nína Petersen, Atmospheric scientist, Icelandic Meteorological Office
<p>16:40-16:50</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	
<p>16:50-18:00 70 mins</p>	<p>Plenary presentation for the thematic presentations of the workshop and institutional cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geopolitics and security policy studies • Institutional Cooperation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rasmus Leander Nielsen, Head of Nasiffik - Centre for Foreign & Security Policy • Silja Bára Ómarsdóttir, Professor, University of Iceland • Embla Eir Oddsdóttir, Director, Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network • Anna-Sofie Skjervedal, Head of Secretariat, Arctic Hub • Susan Christianen, Business Development Manager + CMO, Auðna Technology Transfer Office, Iceland • Guðbjörg Óskarsdóttir, Managing Director, IceTec
<p>18:00-19:30</p>	<p>Reception</p>	

Day 2 – 26 August

Venue: Píkialaarfik auditorium, Campus Ilimmarfik

09:00-09:15 Píkialaarfik auditorium	Opening of the day	
09:30-10:00 University of Greenland canteen	Final pitch by UNLEASH Talents of the Biodiversity Track, followed by presentation rounds and discussion in 4 thematic subgroups (parallel sessions in different rooms) individual coffee breaks	
10:00-11:45 Píkialaarfik room 306 & online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fisheries and the blue economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Blue Bioeconomy - from waste to value Anna Kristin, Director of Research & innovation, Matís [Title missing] David Blockley, Researcher, Greenland Institute of Natural Resources [Title missing] Jonas Steenholdt, Danish Technical University The Centre of University Education on Fisheries in Iceland, University of Akureyri Hreiðar Þór Valtýsson, Head of Dept., University of Akureyri
10:00-11:45 Greenland Institute of Natural Resources, conference room & online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate change and sustainable development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term monitoring of effects of climate change Katrine Raundrup, Researcher, Dept. of Environment and Minerals, Greenland Institute of Natural Resources Rif Field Station – Monitoring & Research in the Icelandic Arctic and Subarctic Environment Pedro Rodrigues, Manager, Rif Field Station Research networks to foster collaboration in the changing North: The Herbivory Network as an example Isabel Barrio, Associate Professor; Head of Faculty, Agricultural University of Iceland
10:00-11:45 Greenland Institute of Natural Resources, video room & online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cetacean top predators – changes and responses to ecosystem changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top-predators as indicators for the status and long-term trend of the North-Atlantic ecosystem, focusing on the ecological role of pilot whale, dolphin and killer whale Sara de Clerk, PhD student, Greenland Institute of Natural Resources and Fernando Ugarte, Head of Dept. Mammals & Birds, Greenland Institute of Natural Resources The importance of Greenland-Iceland cooperation to assess the status and future responses of cetacean top predators to ecosystem changes, Filippa Samarra, Research Specialist, University of Iceland
9:30-11:45 The University of Greenland room 11+12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geopolitics and security policy studies <i>Arctic Geopolitics, Local Consequences</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arctic Geopolitics, Local Consequences Organized by the Fulbright Arctic Initiative and the Centre for Foreign & Security Policy - Nasiffik, University of Greenland Rasmus Leander Nielsen, Assistant Professor, University of Greenland and Silja Bára R. Ómarsdóttir, Professor, University of Iceland
11:00-11:45 Píkialaarfik room 305	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geopolitics and security policy studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022-2023 Nansen professorship: The Barents Region and the West Nordic Region in the International System, Historically, Today, and in the Future Rasmus Gjedssø Bertelsen, Professor, UiT the Arctic University of Norway; University of Akureyri China-Russia Arctic Relations Guðbjörg Ríkey Hauksdóttir, PhD candidate, University of Iceland



11:45-12:30 Pikialaarfik auditorium & online	Summarizing status of individual groups and an example of institutional cooperation. Exchange between groups to complement with expertise.	Group representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a Doctoral Training Network of Small Nordic Universities Adam Daniel Fishwick, Research Director, University of Akureyri
12:30-13:30	Lunch (included)	
13:30-15:30 Pikialaarfik auditorium & online	Overview of funding opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maliina Jensen, Secretary, Greenland Research Council Egill Þór Nielsson, Senior Advisor, Rannís <p>Brief presentations and panel participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Mercer, Section Head, Arctic Sciences Section, Office of Polar Programs, U.S. National Science Foundation, United States Andrew Bresnahan, Policy Advisor, Polar Knowledge Canada Michael Mann, EU's Special Envoy for Arctic Matters, European External Action Service Josephine Nymand, Chair, Greenland Research Council Ágúst Ingbórsson, General Director, The Icelandic Centre for Research (Rannís)
15:30-16:00 Pikialaarfik auditorium	Closing remarks	H.E. Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, Chairman of the Arctic Circle; President of Iceland (1996-2016)

Registration: Please [register online](#) preferably before 17 August.

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