

ARCTIC DIALOGUE – GREENLAND

Improving communication & understanding among key stakeholders

Conference & workshop. September 24-26, 2011

Speakers

Greenland Premier, Kuupik Kleist, Minister for Finance Maliina Abelsen, Minister for Industry and Mineral Resources Ove Karl Berthelsen and Minister for Education and Research Palle Christiansen have been invited to participate in a two day conference, September 24-25 and a half day workshop, September 26 to discuss **sustainable resource development in Greenland** with a special focus on oil and gas.

Participants

The Greenland government, key NGOs, academic, societal and economic interests invited represent a broad cross-section of Greenlandic stakeholders and the oil and gas industry. Invited participants include: The National Workers' Union (SIK); The Association of Fishermen and Hunters in Greenland (KNAPK); The Greenland Employers' Association (GA); Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC); Avataq, Nuna Oil A/S, researchers and students. From the oil industry, Cairn Energy, Exxon-Mobile, Shell and Statoil participates. The conference will benefit from other stakeholders contributing with experiences and lessons learned elsewhere in the Arctic to discuss how the Greenlandic society should best create a path forward for a sustainable resource development (for further details see program: www.hcahome.com).

The goal of the conference is to gain a greater understanding of Greenland's developmental needs and what it takes to establish sustainable resource development. Based on the different stakeholders' perceptions of and approaches to 'sustainable development' the conference will focus on oil and gas and how to implement such development. 'Priming a road map' includes defining 'gaps of knowledge', how to develop inclusive hearing procedures and a real participatory approach and getting closer to a 'mutual understanding of sustainable development'.

The Arctic Dialogue Greenland conference on September 24-25 is open to the public. Due to limited space, registration has to be made (see: www.hcahome.com). The workshop on September 26 is based on the Arctic Dialogue conference discussions and involves invited public authorities, Greenlandic NGOs and individuals as well as representatives from the industry.

Prior to 'Arctic Dialogue – Greenland' another conference, 'Joining Forces' also focusing on resource extraction is taking place. The two conferences are complementary.

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Arctic Dialogue-Greenland – with Ilisimatusarfik as a regional partner – will focus on topics relating to Arctic resource development with the primary goal of educating future Arctic leaders and contributing toward building Greenland's capacity for managing, regulating and developing skill-sets that will allow Greenland to benefit from these new economic opportunities.

Arctic Dialogue Greenland is a part of the Arctic Dialogue series hosted by the High North Center for Business and Governance of University of Nordland in Bodø, Norway, the International Institute of Energy Politics and Diplomacy (MIEP) at MGIMO University in Moscow, Russia and organized by HBW Resources. Arctic Dialogue is a unique forum dedicated to issues of Arctic resource development.

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