



Green financing, blue economy: Investments in Arctic biodiversity

Chair's Introduction

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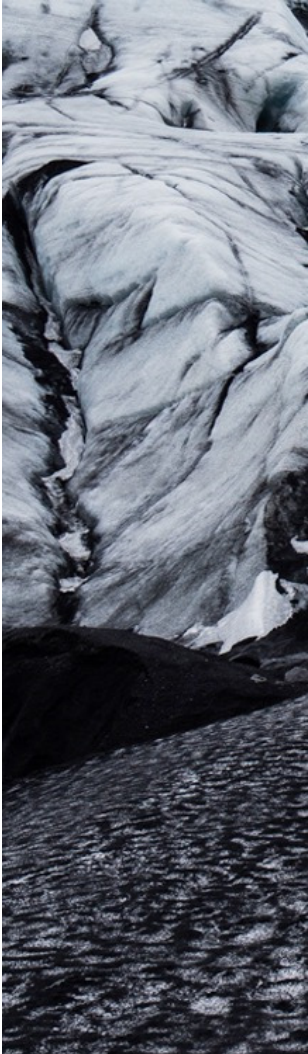
- Contents 10.30 am – 12 00 noon: 15 min + 20 min panel disc.
 - Welcome – Introduction - Husamuddin Ahmadzai: 10.30-10.35 am
 - Tom Arnbom, World Wildlife Fund: The Arctic blue economy: risks and opportunities; 10.35-10.50 am
 - Husamuddin Ahmadzai, NEFCO : The Arctic Council Project Support Instrument (PSI) and NEFCO's near term cooperation 10.50 -11.05 am
 - Henrik G. Forsström, NEFCO: The Barents Hot-spots Facility (BHSF) and NEFCO's near term cooperation: 11.05-11.20 am
 - [Vladimir Litvak, VTB Ecology: Financing sustainable development in the Russian Arctic zone]
 - Sakhamin Afanasiev, Ministry of Ecology, Nature Management and Forestry Sakha Republic (Yakutia), RF: Perspectives of regional governments on conservation of biodiversity in conditions of industrial development of the Arctic: 11.20-11.35 am
 - Panel discussion: 11.40 – 12.00 h



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- Time: 10:30-12:00 to address:
 - The Arctic is a diverse, rapidly-changing and environmentally sensitive region
 - Home to over four million culturally diverse residents, and an emerging global investment opportunity.
 - Home to 18 Large Ecosystems
 - This session will provide an orientation on the blue economy, available financial platforms, partnerships and examples of existing initiatives and interventions aiming at mitigation of climate impacts, pollution prevention, enhancing energy and resource efficiencies, including cross-media impacts, to address removal of hot-spots and improving the Arctic environment in general. The session will have four presentations covering blue economies, green financing.
 - A panel discussion with three questions and a summary of key conclusions.





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- 3 key questions for the Panel:
- Can the Large Marine Ecosystem (LMEs) approach be useful in addressing Arctic Green and Blue economies in a timely manner?
- What is the anticipated near term investment in the Arctic region in the context of Green and Blue investments?
- What are the main challenges as well as remedies for financing of interventions in the Arctic?
- Any other questions?



Thank you and
welcome to
participate in the
discussions!

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