

Memorandum 2/11/2018

Plenary: Arctic Youth Summit report back

This memo provides a summary of reports submitted on this Plenary report back on the outcomes of the Arctic Youth Summit, organized at the Arctic Biodiversity Congress in Rovaniemi, Finland, October 9-12. Presenter was:

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCNmVWF5ZfA>

Attendance: 390

Arctic Biodiversity Assessment recommendation themes most prominently addressed in the session:

- Climate change
- Mainstreaming biodiversity
- Improving knowledge and public awareness

Key points raised in the session that were important to note:

- 35 young leaders from the Arctic and observer countries at the Arctic Youth Summit
- Climate change affects the living conditions of Arctic youth in several ways
- A common declaration has been formulated and will be handed to the Ministers
- More action is needed and cooperation of Arctic youth with leaders in all contexts
- Young people are not only future leaders but current leaders
- It is crucial to mitigate anthropogenic climate change
- Climate change is no longer a future issue but a current issue

Recommendations/actions identified for how to deal with the issues raised in the session:

- More action is needed and cooperation of Arctic youth with leaders in all contexts
- It is crucial to mitigate anthropogenic climate change

Take home message from the session:

- More action is needed and cooperation of Arctic youth with leaders in all contexts
- Young people are not only future leaders but current leaders