



AGENDA

Conference Date	Thursday, 22 nd June 2017, 11:30 – 14:00
Conference Location	EU Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations 8 th floor, Rue du Trône 98, 1050 Brüssel
Lunchtime policy briefing: <i>“Breaking records – How high temperatures in the Arctic affect European society”</i> Chair: Karin Lochte, Director of the Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research, Germany and EU-PolarNet Coordinator	
Time	
11:30 – 11:45	Welcome and setting the scene Karin Lochte (EU-PolarNet Coordinator) Andrea Tilche (Head of Unit Climate action and Earth observation, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission)
11:45 – 12:15	Key note address <i>“The heat is on: How is Europe affected by a warming Arctic?”</i> Dirk Notz (Head of Research Group on Sea ice in the Earth System, Max Planck Institute for Meteorology, Germany)
12:15 – 13:00	Panel discussion <i>“Arctic change – Research needs for informed decision-making”</i> Volker Rachold (Head of the German Arctic Office) Kirsi Latola (University of the Arctic Thematic Networks Director) Frej Sorento Dichmann (Senior Advisor Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation) Nikolaj Bock (European Environment Agency) Anders Oskal (Director of the International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry) – <i>TBC</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Joint lunch and further discussions



Information about the speakers



Karin Lochte

Director of the Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research and EU-PolarNet Coordinator

Prof Dr Karin Lochte has been director of the Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine situated in Bremerhaven, Germany since November 2007. She is a member of several national and international boards, scientific committees and research funding organizations. She was a member of the German Scientific Council, which advises the German Federal and Länder state Government on development of universities, science and research. She is also Vice President of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research and chairperson of the Board of Governors of Jacobs University. She received her PhD in Marine Biology at the University College of North Wales, UK in 1984.



Andrea Tilche

Head of Unit Climate action and Earth observation, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Dr Andrea Tilche obtained his Doctor Degree in Agricultural Sciences at the University of Milano in 1978. His scientific career was mainly carried out in Italy where he set-up and directed the wastewater treatment laboratories of ENEA in Bologna. In 1998, he moved to the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission as Head of the Water Research Unit, and later moved to Brussels to lead the Water Key Action in the 5th Framework Programme. After other appointments in the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, he is now Head of the Unit "Climate Action and Earth Observation". He represents the EU at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and in other international fora.



Dirk Notz

Head of Research Group on Sea ice in the Earth System, Max Planck Institute for Meteorology, Germany

Dr Dirk Notz is head of the research group "Sea ice in the Earth System" at the Max Planck Institute for Meteorology in Hamburg, Germany. In addition, he is adjunct associate professor at the University Centre in Svalbard, Norway. He obtained his PhD in Applied Mathematics from the University of Cambridge, UK (2006). In his research, he combines insights from field experiments in the Arctic, from laboratory experiments and from modelling work to better understand the role of sea ice for the changing climate of our planet. He is actively involved in the policy and stakeholder dialogue, and has won several prizes for his intelligible presentation of science to the general public.



Volker Rachold

Head of the German Arctic Office

Dr Volker Rachold is the Head of the German Arctic Office, which was established in spring 2017 and serves as a central point of contact for political and scientific bodies, NGO's and German industry in regard to Arctic issues and fosters Germany's participation in the Arctic Council's scientific activities. Previously, he served as the Executive Secretary of the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC). There his functions included guiding and overseeing IASC's activities, representing the organization on various international committees and at international meetings.



Kirsi Latola

University of the Arctic Thematic Networks Director

Dr Kirsi Latola is research coordinator and Director of the University of the Arctic Thematic Networks, which she has managed since its beginning in 2005. In addition to her work for UArctic, she is involved in transnational infrastructure access and stakeholder consultations. Her previous project management includes Nordic Council of Ministers funded projects on Arctic education and PhD programme on Health and Well-being. She is one of the lead authors of the assessment report "Strategic Assessment of Development of the Arctic".



Frej Sorento Dichmann

Senior Advisor Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation

Frej Sorento Dichmann is a government official with 12 years' experience within the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. During this time, he has worked on labour law relating to university staff, the committees on scientific dishonesty, the EU Framework Programme (FP7), and international research collaboration. For the last four years, Mr. Dichmann has led a secretariat within the Danish Agency for Science and Higher Education that handles issues related to the Arctic. Frej Sorento Dichmann holds a Master's Degree in Law.



Anders Oskal (tbc)

Director of the International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry

Anders Oskal is the Founding Executive Director of the International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry and representative of the Association of World Reindeer Herders to the Arctic Council. Holding a Master Degree in Business with a major in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, he comes from an indigenous background in Sámi reindeer herding in northern Norway. He has broad experience with traditional indigenous economic activities. He earlier worked for a number of years for the Norwegian Government/ Innovation Norway, leading the development of programs for increased value added and innovation for reindeer herders and their companies. He was also contributing author to the Polar chapter of the IPCC 5th assessment report.



Nikolaj Bock

Ocean/Marine Governance and Arctic Cooperation, European Environment Agency

Nikolaj Bock has been with the European Environment Agency since 2009 and is working with Ocean Governance, marine issues and Arctic cooperation. He is engaged with environmental and climate aspects in the Arctic and has been the EU representative at meetings in the Arctic Council. Prior to this position, he was Senior Adviser at the Nordic Council of Ministers with responsibility for coordinating the environmental and Arctic work of the Nordic Ministers. He has furthermore held positions in the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Union and the UK Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions. Nikolaj Bock holds a Master degree from the University of Copenhagen majoring in EU Environmental Policy.