



NSC 25th anniversary stakeholder conference



Aalborg (DK)
12th – 14th March 2014

Draft programme

Wednesday 12th March 2014

19.00 - **Welcome Reception at KUNSTEN, Museum of Modern Art**

Thursday 13th March 2014

08.45 – 09.00 **Welcome**

- Cllr. John Lamb
Acting President of the North Sea Commission
- Cllr. Ulla Astman
Chairman of the North Denmark Regional Council

Conference moderator: Baroness Ros Scott, Member of the House of Lords

09.00 – 10.00 **Flash back - "NSC 25 year legacy"**

- Peter Cockhead, former NSC Executive Secretary
(previously Grampian Region)
- Cllr. Bent Hansen, NSC President 1995 – 2004
Central Denmark Region
- Cllr. Gunn Marit Helgesen, NSC President 2004-2012
Telemark fylkeskommune
- Ole B Sørensen, NSC President 2012-2013
North Denmark Region

10.00 – 10.30 **Coffee break**

10.30 – 12.30 **Energy and climate change - challenges and opportunities for our communities**

- Brendan Devlin
Conseiller, DG Energy, European Commission
- Jean-Didier Hache
Director, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

Moderated parallel workshops

- Green transport – promoting alternative fuel
- North Sea Grid – connecting the North Sea
- Clean shipping – Recommendations for improving the environmental performance of shipping
- Climate change adaptation in harbours and coastal cities

12.30-13.00 **Connected and sustainable North Sea Communities**

- The Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP
UK Secretary of State for Scotland

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 15.00	<p>Co-existence between different users of the North Sea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haitze Siemers <i>Head of Unit, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission</i> Examples of best co-operation practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) North Sea Regional Advisory Council, Professor Anthony Hawkins b) Oil and Gas Fisheries Legacy Fund. John Watt, SFF Services c) Integrating aquaculture into marine plans, Matthew Gubbins, Marine Scotland
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 16.30	<p>Moderated parallel workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Growth – How to boost sustainable blue growth in the North Sea area? Coastal Communities
16.30 – 17.00	<p>Essay competition (16-25 year olds) – Thriving North Sea Communities</p> <p>Three finalists present their contributions</p>
18.00	<p>Bus departure for Anniversary dinner – Dronninglund Castle</p> <p>Essay competition prize ceremony</p>
Friday 14th March 2014	
09.00 – 09.10	Recapping day 1 (video)
09.10 - 12.00 <i>Includes presentations, debate and ½ hour coffee break</i>	<p>Political panel debate: added value of connecting North Sea communities through regional co-operation</p> <p><i>Moderated by Baroness Ros Scott, Member of the House of Lords</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Wolfgang Streitenberger <i>Conseiller, DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</i> Ole Christensen <i>Member of the European Parliament</i> Alison McInnes OBE <i>Member of the Scottish Parliament</i> Cllr. Annika Annerby Jansson <i>President of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)</i> Cllr. John Lamb <i>Acting President of the North Sea Commission</i>
12.00 – 12.30	<p>The North Sea Region the next 25 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irene McMaster <i>Senior Research Fellow, European Policies Research Centre</i>
12.30 - 13.00	<p>Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baroness Ros Scott <i>Member of the House of Lords</i> Cllr. Tom-Christer Nilsen <i>Mayor of Hordaland County Council and Vice-President of the North Sea Commission</i>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 16.45	Study tour – The Port of Aalborg
16.45	Drop-off at Aalborg Airport