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The Arctic Economic Council is an independent business membership organisation that facilitates partnerships, develops policy proposals, and promotes sustainable economic development in the Arctic.

WHAT WE DO

POLICY ADVOCACY

AEC is the only pan-Arctic business organisation. AEC communicates the interests of the member companies to the stakeholders and decision-makers to shape favourable framework conditions in the Arctic.

If there are any Arctic-specific policy issues your company would like us to work with, then do not hesitate to reach out to us.

NETWORK

AEC member companies are operating across various economic sectors from infrastructure development, maritime transportation and energy to blue economy, resource development and investments. AEC connects companies with deep ties and shared business goals in the Arctic region.

Our network also involves partnerships with other organisations like the Arctic Mayors' Forum, Arctic Parliamentarians, the University of the Arctic, and the Korea Arctic Research Consortium.

OUTREACH

AEC shapes the perception of the Arctic as a viable place to do business while promoting sustainable economic opportunities. AEC also communicates the important role of companies in the region and reaches out to diverse audiences.

If your company has an interesting case that you would like us to speak about to the broader public, then please do share it.

AEC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS



**INGER
JOHNSEN**

Chair of the AEC Executive Committee
Head of communications at Troms Kraft.



**EVGENY
AMBROSOV**

Deputy Chairman of the Management Board and Director of Maritime Operations, Shipping and Logistics at NOVATEK.



**KATRINE RUBY
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CEO of the Eyak Corporation. At the AEC Mr. Mack represents the Aleut International Association.



**LILLIAN HVATUM-
BREWSTER**

Chair of ATCO's Indigenous Advisory Board.



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CORPORATION



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UTVIKLING

DESTIA



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PolArctic LLC



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MAINE POLAR DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



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INVESTMENTS

BARNEO

GOBMI

ATCO



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Arctic embodies more than just a remote wilderness; it's a place we call home, where we receive our education, pursue careers, and foster vibrant communities. Yet, despite its richness and complexity, there persists a challenge in conveying to outsiders the diversity and normalcy that characterizes our region. Arctic Economic Council has for almost a decade shown the opportunities in the Arctic to the world.

Norway has had the chairship of the Arctic Council for a year now. We recognize the imperative of adapting governance structures to meet the demands of our rapidly evolving world. Our approach towards the Arctic Council has been twofold: aligning with the Arctic Council's pace while harmonizing the varied perspectives of our member companies.

This nuanced balance reflects the unprecedented nature of Arctic governance today. Undoubtedly, the current journey in Arctic governance is marked by challenges and uncertainties – which also has affected how the AEC is operated in these challenging times. However, our collective focus remains steadfast on promoting sustainable economic development in the Arctic, with the AEC serving as the paramount platform for these crucial discussions.

The global recognition of the AEC's significance underscores the increasing international engagement with Arctic affairs. Beyond the traditional interest in Arctic wonders like the northern lights and reindeer, nations now seek to explore the vast business opportunities our region offers.

At the end of 2022 and early 2023, France, India and the UK all published official government documents highlighting the importance of the Arctic Economic Council. In 2023 AEC was invited to speak at diverse places as South Korea, Belgium, India, France and Japan - in addition to all of the eight Arctic states.

As the demand for renewable energy increases, so does the potential for Arctic resources to power industries ranging from fisheries to shipping and aviation. We must invest in robust energy infrastructure across the Arctic, to ensure further competitiveness for Arctic businesses, and to ensure a sustainable and attractive Arctic for both people and businesses.

Simultaneously, we must ensure a just transition to green jobs and renewable energy, aligning with the priorities of the Norwegian chairmanship: green energy, just transition, and thriving communities.

As we navigate the second half of our leadership term, we remain committed to advancing these critical priorities before passing the torch to the Kingdom of Denmark. Together, we envision an Arctic that not only sustains its natural wonders but also thrives as a beacon of sustainable development and prosperity.



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Inger Johnsen

Head of Communications at Troms Kraft

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Living in a thriving community encompasses more than mere existence; it embodies a vibrant social fabric, access to essential services such as education and healthcare, diverse employment opportunities, and robust infrastructure connecting residents to the wider world. At the heart of such communities lies the private sector, acting as a catalyst for growth and sustainability. Not only does the private sector contribute significantly to the tax base, which fuels essential services like kindergartens, schools, and healthcare, but it also generates employment opportunities that extend far beyond its core activities.

For instance, research demonstrates that in Norway, the fishing industry employs 19,500 individuals directly, with a ripple effect that sustains a total of 52,500 jobs. This multiplier effect underscores the pivotal role of private enterprises in fostering thriving communities. At the Arctic Economic Council (AEC), we take pride in our members' commitment to creating opportunities in the Arctic and fostering environments where communities can flourish.

Throughout 2023, we spearheaded over 100 outreach activities, engaging with policymakers, investors, students, and showcasing the best of Arctic businesses at various conferences and events. In times of uncertainty and challenge, we've worked tirelessly to fortify existing networks and forge new partnerships.

The hiatus of the Arctic Council created a void, which inevitably attracted increased international attention to the region's potential and challenges. In response, the AEC has embraced collaboration, exemplified by our partnership with the Korean Arctic Research Consortium, recognizing the indispensable role of Arctic science and the importance of private sector involvement in advancing knowledge and opportunities in this vast yet sparsely populated region.

One of our most recent member companies, Rana Utvikling, has embarked on a mission to cultivate a thriving community in Northern Norway's Rana region. As the local business development agency, they are instrumental in implementing the region's business plan and fostering new commercial endeavours. Notably, their innovative approach includes the development of a comprehensive pitch deck for Mo i Rana, branding the city as a hub of endless opportunities, where a culture of 'yes' prevails, and innovation is part of daily life.

Through inclusive engagement with stakeholders from the public and private sectors, as well as NGOs and politicians, Rana Utvikling is reshaping perceptions of the region, positioning it as more than just a picturesque locale but as a dynamic and enticing destination for business and growth. This is similar to the greater goal of the AEC as we look ahead. In 2024 we will celebrate our 10 year anniversary and it is clear that the world is very different from when we were created. Therefore we also have to continue to develop the organisation so it is fit for the coming 10 years as well.



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Mads Qvist Frederiksen

AEC Executive Director

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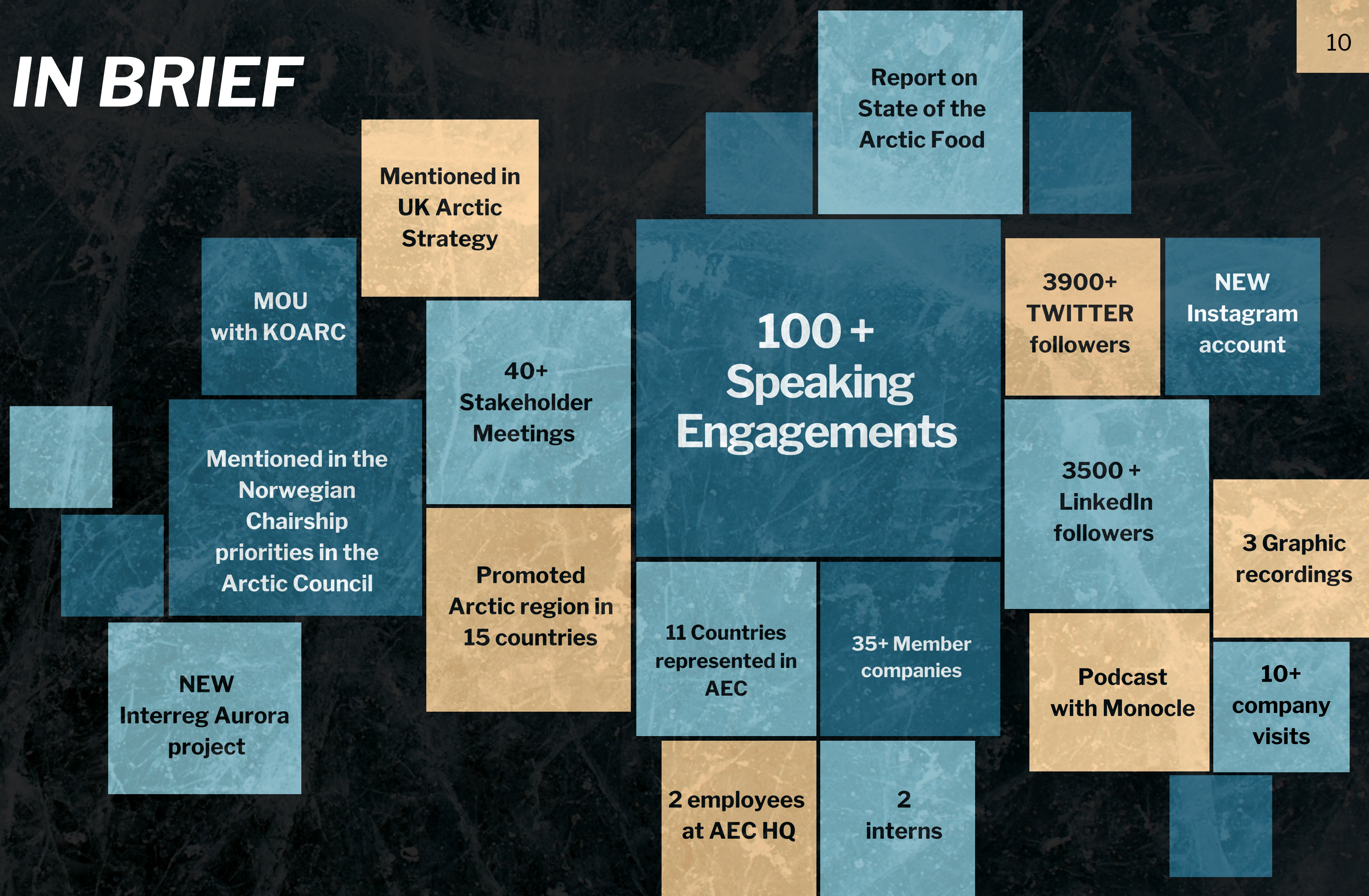
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SELECTED WORK WITH THE EU



Direct dialogue with the private sector and Arctic communities. Meeting with the Special Envoy for Arctic Matters at the European External Action Service, Clara Ganslandt.



The AEC was represented at the EU Arctic Forum and Indigenous Peoples' Dialogue and took part in the EU public hearing on the Arctic.



The AEC organised a plenary session at the Arctic Circle Assembly on the Central Arctic Ocean Fisheries Agreement (CAOFA).

US SENATORS VISIT AEC HQ

U.S. Senators travelled to Tromsø to meet with Arctic stakeholders and discuss the future of the region. The bipartisan delegation from four different states represented the influential Senate Appropriations Committee and the Senate Banking Committee.

The meeting was part of a trip of the U.S. delegation of policymakers and staffers to Lithuania, Norway and Belgium. The delegation met with representatives from the Arctic Mayors' Forum, Arctic Council Secretariat, Center for High North Logistics and Arctic Economic Council.

"There is a growing interest in the Arctic from policy makers around the world. More countries are developing Arctic strategies and appointing ambassadors and we can see that the Arctic has emerged in Washington as an important issue to keep an eye on," said Executive Director of the Arctic Economic Council, Mads Qvist Frederiksen.

The Arctic has a lot of opportunities for sustainable economic development with fish to feed the world, energy to power industries, and raw materials needed in the green transition. All of the representatives from the Arctic highlighted the role of the people of the north and the need to ensure thriving communities with sufficient infrastructure.

"Make no mistake, the most persistent challenge in the Arctic is climate change. Impacts are not future issues for Arctic cities, towns, and small communities, but rather shape the daily existence of Arctic residents. Local leaders need to work together, across Arctic borders, with our Indigenous Peoples and youngest residents to find innovative solutions.", said Patti Bruns, Secretary General of the Arctic Mayors' Forum.

Arctic Mayors' Forum represents elected leaders from communities across the region and aims to give local governments a voice in the development of the north. It is currently chaired by the Mayor of Tromsø, Gunnar Wilhelmsen. During the meeting, Patti Bruns opened the door for greater representation of American towns and cities in the Forum, inviting the Senators to become more involved in recruiting their municipalities either as members or observers.

The visit from the U.S. senators came just a short while after the U.S. government announced that it would establish a presence post in Tromsø, Norway.



THE UK IN THE ARCTIC

In February 2023, the United Kingdom published their policy framework for the Arctic, titled "Looking North: the UK and the Arctic", mentioning the AEC as one of the important stakeholders in the Arctic.

AEC executive director Mads Qvist Frederiksen gave evidence online to an inquiry set up by the UK House of Lords select committee (International Relations and Defence Committee). The Committee's inquiry considered the UK's evolving security, diplomatic and economic interests in the Arctic. The inquiry looked at whether the UK Government has set the right strategic priorities.

The focus was on the economic opportunities in the Arctic and the UK's role. Here, the Arctic Economic Council highlighted the role of the seafood industry, mining opportunities and the new industries like hydrogen and battery production.

The three other speakers from Offshore Norge, Danish Shipping and the UK Chamber of Shipping, spoke more specifically about transport, logistics, CCS and opportunities in the offshore sector.

"We recognise the role of the Arctic Economic Council (established by the Arctic Council in 2014) as an independent organisation to facilitate business and responsible economic development through sharing of best practices, technological solutions and standards. We will continue to encourage UK companies to engage through the Arctic Economic Council".

Looking North: The UK and the Arctic
The United Kingdom's Arctic Policy Framework



ASIA IN THE ARCTIC



The AEC and the Korea Arctic Research Consortium (KoARC) signed a Memorandum of understanding during the AEC Annual General Meeting.



Park Chong-suk, Ambassador of South Korea for Arctic Affairs, visited AEC HQ.



The AEC was invited to speak at the Arctic Partnership Week in Busan, Korea.

ASIA IN THE ARCTIC



KMI, together with the AEC, facilitated a session promoting Arctic seafood for the Asian market at the Arctic Circle Japan.



The AEC, together with KOPRI, organised a Plenary Session on Central Arctic Fisheries Agreement at the Arctic Circle Assembly in Iceland.



Delegation from the Korean Maritime Institute and the Korea Polar Research Institute visited AEC HQ.

ASIA IN THE ARCTIC



Dr Hide Sakaguchi from Sasakawa Peace Foundation took part in the session on Arctic food organised by the AEC at the Arctic Circle Japan Forum.



Minister of the Environment of Japan Akihiro Nishimura visited AEC HQ.



The AEC was invited to speak at the Arctic Circle Japan Forum.

ASIA IN THE ARCTIC



China's Ambassador to Norway, Ms Hou Yue, met with the AEC Executive director, Mads Qvist Frederiksen. The ambassador talked about China's business interests in fisheries, renewable energy, green transition and infrastructure building.



Special Representative for Arctic Affairs of the Foreign Ministry of China Gao Feng speaking at the plenary Session on Central Arctic Fisheries Agreement at the Arctic Circle Assembly in Iceland, organised by the AEC.



The AEC was invited to speak at the 8th China – Nordic Arctic Cooperation (CNARC) Symposium held in Guangzhou, China.

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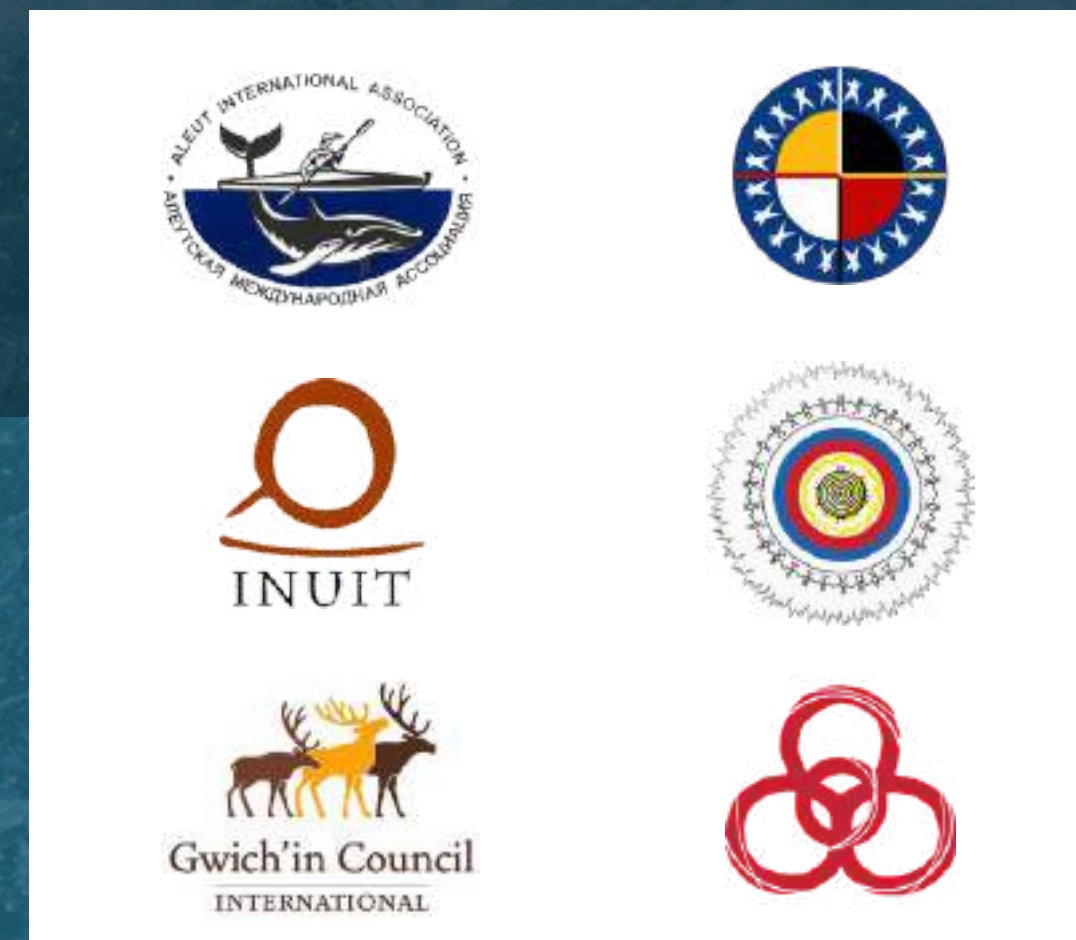
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Tara Sweeney was nominated by ICC Alaska to become the first AEC chair in 2015. She worked at Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and served as the co-chair of the Board at the Alaska Federation of Natives and was the first Alaska Native to serve as Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior.



Thomas Mack represents Aleut international Association in the Executive Committee of the AEC since 2017.



Aleut International Association, Arctic Athabaskan Council, RAIPON, Inuit Circumpolar Council, Saami Council and Gwich'in Council International were a part of the AEC creation process.

REPRESENTING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE



Chef Sheila Flaherty, a restaurant owner from Iqaluit, Nunavut at the AEC Plenary session at the Arctic Circle Assembly 2022.



Chef Robert Kinneen, Tlingit, Outreach Director, NATIFS-North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems from Alaska, USA at the AEC Plenary session at the Arctic Circle Assembly 2022.



Seal meat from Greenland with blueberries served at the AEC event in frames of Arctic Circle Assembly 2022.

REPRESENTING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE



In 2022 - 2023, in collaboration with Nordområdepartnerskapet, the AEC organised sessions at the Arendalsuka involving 20 partners from indigenous organizations, public entities, academia and businesses.



Herb Angik Nakimyak, Chair of the Inuvialuit Fisheries Joint Management Committee and Vice President of the ICC in Canada, spoke at the conference “Protection Of Our Oceans: The Historic Central Arctic Ocean Fisheries Agreement”, organised by the AEC and KOPRI.1



Northern Norway on a plate, at Arctic Frontiers 2023, featuring over 20 companies, including saami reindeer herders from Skodi Rein and Davvi Siida and Rein Styrke AS.

REPRESENTING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE



Najattaajaraq Joelsen, an actor and director from Greenland, performed a mask dance during the AEC's Arts and Design show at the Arctic Circle Plenary Assembly. She is originally from Aasiaat and graduated as an actor from The National Acting School in 2016.



During the Arts and Design show, the AEC played a hip hop track provided by a Nunavut-based rap artist, from his newly released album, Final Legacy. The lyrics are in both English and his first language, Inuktitut.

Photo courtesy of Hitmakerz



The AEC purchased a soapstone carving from Nunavut, Canada. It was made at the Aaqqigiarvik Correctional Healing Facility. The carving programme is intended to help inmates reconnect with Inuit culture. The carver earns 80% of the sale price, with 20% going back to the program to pay for tools and materials.

REPRESENTING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE



Gobmi pitched their company at the Arctic Arts and Design Show organised by the AEC during Arctic Circle Assembly 2023. Gobmi produces high quality urban wear inspired by the Scandinavian indigenous Saami people. Their clothing is ethically sourced and produced, focusing on sustainability and quality.



Saami clothing brand Gobmi set up a pop-up boutique at the conference venue.



The Saami Council spoke about the collaboration project with the Walt Disney Animation Studios, wherein filmmakers of Frozen 2 collaborated with a Sámi working group on film design elements. The Northern Saami language version of the film is a result of their collaboration.

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The AEC hosted participants of the Arctic Voyage program organized onboard Peace Boat under the banner of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. The Youth for the SDGs scholars, comprising 11 young climate and ocean-focused activists from around the world visited AEC HQ.



The AEC took part in an Expert dialogue with the Emerging Leaders during the Arctic Frontiers programme.



The AEC collaborates with the International Graduate Student Research Cohort, led by New Castle Ocean Cluster and the University of Southern Maine. The AEC assisted students in preparation of the panel at the Arctic Circle Assembly 2023.

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The AEC, in collaboration with the Arctic Mayors' Forum and Arctic Encounter, hosted a quiz night at the Arctic Circle Assembly 2023.



In 2023, the AEC took part in several lectures at the Arctic University of Norway - UIT in Tromsø and at the University of Akureyri in Iceland.



The AEC spoke at the Arctic Youth Dialogue in frames of the Arctic Partnership Week in Busan, Korea.

AEC INTERNS



Maël Manuel D Bueno is an environmentalist specializing in sustainable resource management and socio-ecological systems. He did an internship at the AEC in 2022 - 2023 during which he authored the report on Arctic Food Systems.

During my internship at the Arctic Economic Council (AEC), I immersed myself in researching the intricate dynamics of food economies across Arctic states. Crafting a comprehensive report on the current state and future prospects of Arctic food systems honed my project management skills while requiring me to adapt my research methodologies to real-world contexts. The AEC's ethos of entrusting interns with significant responsibilities facilitated a seamless transition from academia to industry, fostering my skills in writing reports, collecting and presenting data in accessible formats, and formulating pragmatic recommendations for policymakers and industry leaders. Presenting my findings to diverse audiences polished my communication and presentation abilities, enhancing my confidence in articulating complex ideas effectively. Moreover, my time at the AEC enabled me to cultivate a strong regional network, fostering close connections with key stakeholders in the Arctic region. This network, in turn, has served as a gateway to collaborative ventures with various Arctic stakeholders, amplifying the impact of my work and deepening my engagement within the community. My ongoing collaboration with the AEC underscores the enduring value of networking in the Arctic and highlights the enduring impact of this enriching internship experience.

- Maël Manuel D Bueno



Lea Ricard is a graduate from Sciences Po Toulouse, she did an internship at the AEC in 2023. Her Master's thesis is devoted to Scientific diplomacy in the Arctic.

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NHO Annual Meeting
High North Talks
Lunch meeting with Visit Svalbard
Meeting with Svalbard Chamber of Commerce
Polar Night Week SIOS
Arctic Frontiers
AEC and EU Business roundtable
Meeting with the Irish ambassador
Meeting with Korea's delegation
Arctic Frontiers: Northern Norway on a plate

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Arctic Circle Japan Forum: Economy of the Arctic
Arctic Circle Japan Forum: Mining in the Arctic
Arctic Circle Japan Forum: Arctic Food session
Arctic Governance Seminar - Carleton
Meeting with Dmitry Bam
Offshore Norge annual meeting
Arctic Encounter
Speaking to students at Science Po
Lunch meeting with UIC
Dinner meeting with McKinley capital
Arctic Encounter - Investing in the Arctic panel

MAY

05

Networking dinner with fact finding mission from European Economic and Social Committee
Meeting with UN Peace and security
Annual General Meeting
Arctic Business Seminar - inputs to Belgium's Arctic strategy
Working lunch with ProTromsø and Tromsø municipality
Arctic CASCADE

FEBRUARY

02

Arctic Frontiers: Energy transition: Nordic solutions to regional value creation
Dinner with Senator Lisa Murkowski
Emerging Leaders-Expert Dialogue Session at the Arctic Frontiers
AEC and Orkney Island
Business and Burger
EU Arctic Forum
Meeting with Port of Tromsø

APRIL

03

HND - Should I stay or should I go breakout session
High North Dialogue
Virtual "greeting meeting" with Danish embassy

JUNE/JULY

06

Peace Boat
Meeting with OECD policy team
ProTromsø: Roundtable on the ocean and Seafood
Giving evidence to UK House of Lords on the Arctic
Norway and Australia reception at UiT
Lunch with the minister of industry of Norway Vestre
Meeting with the Chinese ambassador to Norway
10th year anniversary of Arctic Council Secretariat
NHO Summer party
Korean Arctic Academy (KMI)
Participating in the reception at the Chinese Embassy

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND MEETINGS

AUGUST

08

Meeting with the Japanese Minister of the Environment
Arendalsuka: Regionalt Samarbeid I Nord: Hva Nå?
Arendalsuka: Energi I Nord – Sameksistens Og
Kraftproduksjon I Arktiske Forhold
Arendalsuka: Understanding The North American Arctic
NPAC 2023: Global Changes and Arctic Economies
Xinhua News visit the AEC office
Visit to the US diplomatic post in Tromsø
AEC x NHO sitevisits
US Naval War College: online lecture
Copenhagen Goodwill Ambassadors: AGM
Arctic Resonance

SEPTEMBER

09

Arctic Business Network Summit
ArktiskMat symposium “The Ocean”
Meeting with Tromsø Municipal director
Meeting with Danish Minister of Districts +
Parliament
Diversify Nordics Summit 2023: Climate justice
and indigenous rights: Decolonizing sustainability
and ‘development’.

OCTOBER

10

Visit to CGC Healty coast guard icebreaker
AEC x Arctic Business Network
Business lunch AEC x SA Confederation of Icelandic Enterprise
Lecture to UIT Student in Fram Centre
Lecture to UNAK students
AEC x The Ministry of Culture and Business Affairs, Iceland
ACA: Arctic Pub Quiz
ACA: BIN Arctic Resilience in Times of Dramatic Change
ACA: Arctic Green energy security
ACA: EU Policies in the Arctic
AEC x Indian Delegation
AEC x Sasakawa Peace Foundation
Interview AEC x Monocle
Meeting with Board of Directors Société du Plan Nord
ACA: Historic Protection Of Our Oceans The Central Arctic
Ocean Fisheries Agreement
ACA: The Like-Minded, The Willing, The Capable... The Belgians
AEC x Natural Resources Canada
ACA: Business and Investment in the Arctic
Breakfast with Planet
ACA: Arts and Design
ACA: Blue Economy Agenda For The Arctic?
ACA: Strengthening North American Arctic Business
Cooperation
AEC x Orkney Islands Council
AEC x Ambassador for French Polar and Maritime Affairs.
Board Meeting Vestnordenfonden
Querini Opera

NOVEMBER

11

AEC x Yellowknife
Arctic Advisory Board meeting
AEC x Arctic Business Network
One Planet - Polar Summit
Paris Peace Forum
UiT MBA students blue Economy
Arctic Futures: Managing the Challenges of a
Changing Arctic
Arctic Futures: Presentation of the Laurence Trân
Arctic Futures Award

DECEMBER

12

ACNARC Symposium
Arctic Partnership Week: KoARC Arctic Economic
Forum
Arctic Partnership Week: Arctic Youth Dialogue
Arctic Partnership Week: K-Arctic IR
India Nordic-Baltic Business Conclave 2023:
Arctic: Blue Economy and Maritime Cooperation

PARIS PEACE FORUM



The Arctic Economic Council was invited to take part and showcase solutions for the green transition from the Arctic at the Paris Peace Forum, hosted by President Emmanuel Macron in November 2023. The Paris Peace Forum provided financial support for AEC participation.



The Paris Peace Forum gathered collective action stakeholders, state and non-state actors, around global governance solutions. Heads of state and international organizations worked hand in hand with the civil society and the private sector to build new forms of collective action.



The AEC spoke at the roundtable “A mine of sustainable initiatives for a just environmental transition.”

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ARCTIC FOOD REPORT

State of the Arctic Food: Report on the importance of Arctic food systems for local communities and global needs.

The food sector has long played a central role in Arctic economies and is expected to contribute significantly to feeding the world's growing population. The Arctic Council's Sustainable Development Working Group found that more than 5.6 billion kilograms of commercial foods were exported from the Arctic in 2016, having generated an estimated value of \$24.8 billion. No less than 633 marine fish species could be harvested in the Arctic Ocean and adjacent seas, but only 58 are actually fished.

Besides the workforce in harvesting and processing, the food sector is creating jobs in all areas of the economy, from research and innovation to the service industry. Local ingredients and savoir-faire have witnessed a "revitalization" thanks to Arctic food producers and chefs, some of them even gaining recognition from renowned institutions such as the Michelin Guide. Yet, the potential of the Arctic food sector for local and global needs has barely been tapped.

This report carries out an in-depth analysis of the significance and contribution of the food sector to each Arctic economies, as well as provide evidence of its potential for meeting the global needs.

The objective is to empower policymakers, government leaders, businesses, and other stakeholders with a comprehensive understanding of the importance of the food sector for Arctic communities and global needs, as well as to provide both specific and cross-cutting realistic recommendations on how to prioritize efforts and where to allocate resources.

[Read full report here.](#)

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Iceland's Food Sector in Short

The gross value added of agriculture, forestry, and fishing, was reported at \$1.08 billion in 2022, 4.5% of the national GDP. Fishing and aquaculture made up 82% of this value.

The manufacture of food products, beverages and tobacco products was worth \$1.07 billion in 2022.

In recent years tourism has contributed to the development of high-end restaurants.



SELECTED AEC FOOD EVENTS



The AEC spoke at ArktiskMat symposium “The Ocean” in Mosjøen, Norway.



The AEC was invited to Arena Querini, Italy, to promote the Norwegian seafood industry, together with Norwegian Seafood Council.



Arctic Frontiers 2023: Norwegian minister of Fisheries and Ocean Policy Bjørnar Skjæran cooking sea urchin. Event organised by the AEC. The event was sponsored by the Troms and Finnmark County Council.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS



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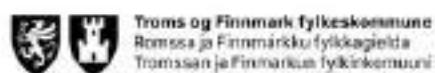
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President of Iceland, Guðni Thorlacius Jóhannesson, US senator for Alaska, Lisa Murkowski, and Mads Qvist Frederiksen, executive director at the Arctic Economic Council, speak about the Arctic with Andrew Mueller, in the special episode at the Foreign Desk - Radio Monocle.

At the AEC, we see the Arctic as a place with some of the best regulations ensuring sustainable development. What is more, the Arctic has the resources to facilitate sustainable development worldwide.

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