

GLOBAL CHALLENGES IN THE ARCTIC

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009

**CSIS
B1 CONFERENCE CENTER
WASHINGTON, DC**

AGENDA

9:00a.m. **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

9:30 a.m. **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Dr. John Hamre, *President and CEO, CSIS*
Ambassador Benson Whitney, *U.S. Ambassador to Norway*

10:00 a.m. **SESSION I: SOLIDIFYING SECURITY IN THE ARCTIC**

With the rapid decrease in the Arctic ice cap, new opportunities are opening both in terms of new shipping lanes and exploitation of petroleum, mineral and other resources. Much due to this, the security of the region is rapidly becoming a priority for a number of states and institutions. Do we need new instruments and a more efficient institutional framework for providing security for the Arctic? What role could NATO, the EU and the Nordic states play in ensuring security for the European High North? What are their capabilities? What are the implications of Russia's military posturing in the High North? Is Washington likely to develop a more comprehensive plan to help secure the Arctic?

Moderator and Commentator: **Stephen Flanagan**, *Senior Vice President and Henry A. Kissinger Chair, CSIS*

Rolf Tamnes, *Director, Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies*

Steven E. Miller, *Director, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University*

12:00 p.m. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND LUNCHEON**

Introduction: **David Pumphrey**, *Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, Energy and National Security Program, CSIS*

Keynote Speaker: **Representative Jay Inslee (D-WA)**, *Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming*

1:00 p.m. **SESSION II: POTENTIAL PROSPECTS AND PITFALLS OF REGIONAL ENERGY RESERVES**

Rich in untapped oil and natural gas resources, many states view the Arctic as an opportunity to bolster their own energy security, and therefore a foreign policy priority. What are American, Russian and Norwegian energy aspirations for the region? What challenges – commercial, technical, environmental and political – confront development of Arctic energy resources and how will these influence the timing and scale of oil and natural gas production and delivery?

Moderator and Commentator: **David Pumphrey**, *Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, Energy and National Security Program, CSIS*

Arild Moe, *Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute*

Andrew Kuchins, *Director and Senior Fellow, Russia Eurasia Program, CSIS*

Elizabeth Cheney, *Vice President of Corporate Support for Exploration and Production in the Americas, Shell Oil*

2:30 p.m. **COFFEE BREAK**

3:00 p.m. **SESSION III: ENHANCING ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE**

With the diversity of national and international institutions and agreements involved in Arctic governance, many states are concerned about the level of coherence and substantive stringency of regional standards for environmental protection. How can Arctic states enhance and streamline the complex institutional framework, established under UNCLOS, to ensure good Arctic governance? Can the 157 countries party to the UNCLOS convention cooperate to create better governance practices and to reorganize the institutions dealing with the new challenges facing the Arctic in the 21st century? What are the risks and benefits of a global approach to reform versus a regional approach to reform?

Moderator and Commentator: **Ambassador Jostein Mykletun**, *Special Adviser and High North Project Manager, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

Olav Schram Stokke, *Senior Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute*

Brooks Yeager, *Executive Vice President, Climate Policy Center*

Sherri Goodman, *General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, CNA*

4:30 p.m. **CLOSING REMARKS AND CONCLUSION**

6:00 p.m. **CELEBRATION OF NORWAY'S CONSTITUTION DAY**

Hosted by Ambassador Wegger Chr. Strommen

Reception followed by a performance by His Majesty the King's Guard with the Battle Color Detachment of Marine Barracks Washington

Location: *Marine Barracks Washington*
Main Entrance: 8th and I Streets, S.E.
Washington, D.C.

*Please be sure to bring your invitation and ID for security purposes.
If you have not yet RSVPed, please notify Jamie Kraut by 12:00 p.m.*