

INVITATION

18th of May, 2010 - 9.00-12.30

Hilton Reykjavík Nordica Hotel

Nordic Atlantic Cooperation (NORA) has the pleasure of inviting you to a half-day conference exploring new opportunities for collaboration among North Atlantic neighbours.

At the conference, NORA will bring together people from within the NORA Region – Iceland, Greenland, Faroe Islands and Coastal Norway – and representatives from neighbouring regions in Canada, Scotland and Northern Ireland with one common goal: to explore and seize the opportunities for collaboration that exist among countries and regions that share not only their geographical location around the North Atlantic Ocean, but also have a number of similar challenges and opportunities. These issues include, for example, out-migration from sparsely populated coastal communities; the need for new solutions regarding the environment, energy and tourism; research in and the exploitation of marine resources and aquaculture, and the possible extraction of raw materials like hydrocarbons and minerals.

Tuesday 18th of May at 9.00 AM, the NORTH ATLANTIC OPPORTUNITIES will be opened by Mrs. Katrín Júlíusdóttir, Icelandic Minister of Industry, Energy and Tourism. Following her presentation, Mr. Shawn Skinner, Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development in Newfoundland-Labrador will take the floor. In their presentations the two ministers will offer their perspective on the strengthening of the collaboration between the NORA Region and Eastern Canada.

If you want to join the conference part of NORTH ATLANTIC OPPORTUNITIES (Tuesday 18th of May 9.00-12.30), please register by sending an email with name and contact details to nora@nora.fo before Wednesday 12th of May. Following the conference part, NORTH ATLANTIC OPPORTUNITIES will continue with two project development seminars on Renewable Energy and Aquaculture bringing together sector expert from within the region (Tuesday 18th of May 13.30 – Wednesday 19th of May 12.00). A detailed program can be found on the following pages.

With best regards,
NORDIC ATALNTIC COOPERATION (NORA)



Program (draft)

DAY ONE TUESDAY 18th OF MAY

8.30 Registration

9.00 Opening of conference

Mrs. Katrín Júlíusdóttir, Minister of Industry, Energy and Tourism in Iceland, officially opens the conference and shares her thoughts on the future transatlantic cooperation

Mrs. Birna Lárusdóttir will be the moderator during the conference

9.15 **Mr. Shawn Skinner**, Minister for Innovation and Rural Development, Newfoundland and Labrador

9.30 Perspectives on Transatlantic Cooperation – from a Nordic Angle

Mr. Tryggvi Felixson, Head of Division, Nordic Council of Ministers

9.45 Coffee break

10.10 Collaboration around the North Atlantic Rim: Lessons from Atlantic Canada

Mr. Rob Greenwood, Ph.D., director of the Harris Centre, Memorial University of Newfoundland

10.30 Perspectives on Transatlantic Cooperation – within the Marine and Aquaculture Sector

Panel participants:

- **Mrs. Rannveig Björnsdóttir**, Matis, Island
- **Dr. Steven Armstrong**, Genome Atlantic, Nova Scotia, Canada
- **Mr. Allan Drumm**, Marine Institute, Ireland



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- 11.15 Perspectives on Transatlantic Cooperation – within Renewable Energy
Panel participants:
- **Mr. Andras Róin**, BlueGreen Future, Faroe Islands
- **Mr. Jens-Peter Bak Henriksen**, Nukissiorfiit (the national energy company in Greenland), Greenland
- **Mr. Walter Parsons**, Nalcor, New Foundland and Labrador, Canada
- 12.00 Perspectives on Transatlantic Cooperation – from the point of view of a project funding agency

Nordic agencies: **Mr. Lars Thostrup**, NORA, **Mrs. Heidi Hautajärvi**, Nordic Energy Research, and **Mrs. Kari Winquist**, Nordic Innovation Center
Canadian Agencies: **Mr. Ken Martin**, ACOA, and **Mr. Johannes Larsen**, NRC-IRAP
- 12.30 End of conference part of North Atlantic Opportunities
- LUNCH**
- 13.30 The Two Parallel Project Seminars start

The facilitators in the theme “Renewable Energy Solutions in Sparsely Populated Areas” will be **Mr. Vilhjálmur Nielsen** and **Mr. Andreas Flensburg**
The facilitator in the theme “Innovation in the North Atlantic Aquaculture Sector” will be **Mr. Sigurjón Arason** and **Mr. Leif av Reyni**
- 13.30-15.00 Identification of the local challenges and opportunities: Presentation

This session will start out with a presentation round, which should focus on the possibilities for collaboration, which each participant is especially interested to investigate during the seminar. In addition, the presentation should offer a short introduction to the companies or institutions, which the participant represents.



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15.00-16.30 Identification of project ideas and mutual interest: Brainstorm

Taking point of departure in the panel debate during the conference and the presentation round in the seminar, this session will focus on concrete project ideas and mutual interest.

17.45 Bus will leave from the hotel

18.00-19.30 The Embassy of Canada and NORA will co-host a reception

Venue: The official residence of the Canadian Embassy
Skildinganes 50, 101 Reykjavik

19.40 Bus will leave from the residence of the Canadian Embassy

20.00- Conference Dinner at Restaurant Perlan

DAY TWO WEDNESDAY 19TH OF MAY

9.00-11.30 The concrete projects. Discussion in plenum and in smaller groups on the concrete project ideas from the first day. Preliminary project descriptions will be finalized

11.30-12.00 Joint closing session with round up of the seminars



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