

Decision

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ARCTIC ADVISORY BOARD

Appointment

The Prime Minister's Office has decided to appoint an Arctic Advisory Board.

Term

10 January 2017–31 October 2019

Background

The term of the previous Arctic Advisory Board ended on 31 October 2016. Its mandate was to supervise and coordinate Finland's activities in the Arctic and the implementation of Finland's Strategy for the Arctic Region. The Advisory Board was also to take a broad perspective on Arctic issues and to monitor and support Finland's role and positions in international contexts.

Objectives and tasks

In the activities in the Arctic Finland seeks growth, competitiveness and employment, with due respect for the Arctic environment. The leading idea of the strategy is to present Finland as the pioneer of sustainable development in the Arctic region. The Government specified the priorities of the strategy in September 2016. Finland wants to be a key producer of solutions to various kinds of problems and questions concerning the development of the Arctic through innovative products and practices. Among the priorities, the particular focus is on Arctic expertise and sustainable tourism and the infrastructure solutions relating to these. The objective is that Finland is a leading actor in international Arctic policy, both in the EU and globally.

The Arctic Advisory Board brings together the key Finnish stakeholders involved in the activities in the Arctic. The mandate of the Advisory Board is to support and strengthen Finland's Arctic policy and the achievement of its objectives. The tasks include the dissemination of information on the Arctic issues and further enhancement of the Arctic identity. The Advisory Board discusses issues relating to the international Arctic policy on a regular basis, including Finland's Chairmanship of the Arctic Council and the Arctic policy of the EU.

Arctic Advisory Board

Chair

Paula Lehtomäki, State Secretary
Prime Minister's Office

Members

Jukka Tuhkuri, Professor
Aalto University

Petri Vuorio, Director
Confederation of Finnish Industries EK

Risto Vuohelainen, Executive Vice President
Internationalization Services, Finpro

Juhani Damski, Director-General
Finnish Meteorological Institute

Tero Nissinen, Mayor
City of Kemi

Timo Rautajoki, President and CEO
Lapland Chamber of Commerce

Mika Riipi, County Governor
Regional Council of Lapland

Timo Koivurova, Director
University of Lapland, Arctic Centre

Kristiina Pietikäinen, Director for Strategic Affairs
Ministry of Transport and Communications

Liisa Rohweder, Secretary General
WWF Finland

Merja Salmi-Lindgren, Secretary General
Finnish Marine Industries

Johanna Suurpää, Director, Unit for Language Affairs and Fundamental Rights
Ministry of Justice

Tapio Kosunen, Director-General
Ministry of Education and Culture

Jari P. Tuovinen, CEO
Oulu Chamber of Commerce

Päivi Laajala, Mayor
City of Oulu

Jouko Niinimäki, Rector
University of Oulu

Esko Lotvonen, Mayor
City of Rovaniemi

Liisa Holmberg, Rector
Sámi Education Institute

Heikki Paltto, 1st Vice President
Sámi Parliament

Päivi Nerg, Permanent Secretary
Ministry of the Interior

Riitta Maijala, Vice President for Research
Academy of Finland

Thomas Palmgren, Manager of International Relations
Federation of Finnish Enterprises

Kimmo Kanto, Director
Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation Tekes

Mikko Martikainen, Ministerial Adviser
Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment

Hannele Pokka, Permanent Secretary
Ministry of the Environment

General Secretary

Harri Mäki-Reinikka, Counsellor for Foreign Affairs
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Secretariat

Nina Brander, Senior Specialist
Prime Minister's Office

Ritva Hautanen, Desk Officer, Arctic Matters,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

The Finnish delegation to the Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region and its secretary have a right to attend and address the meetings of the Arctic Advisory Board.

Expenses and general instructions

The expenses of the Advisory Board are covered from the operating expenses of the Prime Minister's Office, item 23.01.01.

No attendance fees will be paid to the Advisory Board members and experts. No fees will be paid to public servants and other similar persons for the work in the Advisory Board (including its

meetings) as the work is to be carried out as part of official duties. The travel expenses of the chairperson, members, experts and secretaries will be covered in accordance with the State's Travel Regulations. The Prime Minister's Office will not cover other travel expenses.

Juha Sipilä
Prime Minister

Sirpa Kekkonen
Head of Government Strategy Secretariat

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