

Barents Euro-Arctic Council
12th Meeting of the Ministers of the Environment
24-25 November 2015, Sortavala, Russia

AGENDA

9:00 **Welcome coffee**

9:30 **Ministerial meeting (Coffee break at 11:40)**

Opening of the meeting

- Opening statement by *Vice Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation – Head of the Federal Agency for Forestry Ivan Valentik*
- Welcome address by the *Minister of Nature Management and Ecology of the Republic of Karelia Viktor Chikalyuk*
- Statement on priorities of Russian Chairmanship in the Barents Euro-Arctic Council in 2015-2017 by *the Chairman of the Committee of Senior Officials of the BEAC, Deputy Director of the Second European Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Petrovich*

1. Reporting on the work in 2014-2015

- Working Group on Environment
Maria Dronova, Chair of the Working Group, Adviser, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation
- Regional Working Group on Environment
Vasily Fedorov, Chair of the Regional Working Group, Deputy Chief of the Department for the North-West Federal District of the Russian Federation, Rosprirodnadzor
- Statement by a Representative of the Working Group of Indigenous Peoples
Anna Prakhova

Statements by the Heads of Delegations

2. Barents Environmental “Hot Spots” (moderated by Åke Mikaelsson Co-Chair of Subgroup on hot spots)

- New excluded Hot Spots (*Presentations by Hot Spots owners*)
- Implementation of Exclusion Procedure, progress achieved
Åke Mikaelsson, Coordinator for Russia, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
- Projects of the Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO) in the Barents region
Magnus Rystedt, Managing Director, NEFCO

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3. Nature protection (moderated by Tatiana Tyupenko, Chair of Nature Protection Subgroup, Syktyvkar State University)

- Barents Protected Areas Network and Green Belt of Fennoscandia
Henna Haapala, Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Environment of Finland
- Strategy on Conservation of Intact Forests in the Barents region
Jan-Petter Huberth Hansen, Project Leader, Norwegian Environment Agency

- Film from Pasvik-Inari Trilateral Park
Vladimir Chizhov, Director of the State Nature Reserve Pasvik

Statements by the Heads of Delegations

4. Implementation of the Action Plan on Climate Change for the Barents Cooperation

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5. Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration

6. Priorities of the Norwegian Chairmanship 2016-2017

Russia hands over the chairmanship of the Working Group to Norway

Closure of the Meeting

13:40

Press conference