

10th Barents Euro-Arctic Council meeting of the Ministers of the Environment



Dear delegate,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to take part in the 10th meeting of the Ministers of the Environment of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council in Umeå 8-9 November 2011. I attach great value to this cooperation and envisage an open and informal atmosphere in this gathering. I very much look forward to welcoming you to Umeå.

The members of this council must be the front runners to protect the environment. We should set the pace and serve as an injection to the ongoing work in other fora. Clear progress have been made in the environment in the region – but many problems remain to be solved. To succeed, we need concerted action at the regional as well as at the national level.

The meeting in Umeå will identify further steps to be taken within our organization and the Barents region.

Lena Ek
Minister for the Environment

Tuesday 8 November

Arrival Umeå

Check in at Hotel Scandic Plaza

19.45 Bus departure from Hotel Scandic Plaza to Governors Residence

20.00 Dinner at Governors Residence hosted by Mrs Chris Heister, Governor of Västerbotten

Wednesday 9 November

09.00 Bus departure from Hotel Scandic Plaza to Västerbottens museum

09.30 10th meeting of Ministers of Environment of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council, Chaired by Ms Lena Ek, Minister for the Environment
(Complete agenda will be provided separately)

11.00 Coffee

12.30 Press conference

13.00 Lunch at Sävargården

14.00 Seminar at Wallmarksgården
(More information about the Seminar under General information)

15.15 Departure by Bus to Umeå airport

General information

About Västerbotten

55 000 km² with 260 000 inhabitant. Biggest city is Umeå with 115 000 inhabitant. Västerbotten is the forest region of Sweden, with high mountain in the west and the rising archipelago in the east. Västerbotten has rich natural resources with high quality slow-growing pine and gold ore but also high tech industry acting in a global market. Rönnskär, world leading recycler of electronic scrap is situated in Västerbotten. 70% of all energy used in Västerbotten is renewable energy.

Accommodation

Hotel Scandic Plaza
Storgatan 40
903 26 Umeå
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Please note that participants make their own reservation for room.

A number of rooms have been reserved at Scandic Plaza Hotel on behalf of meeting participants. Using code LÄN081111 the price for single room is 945 SEK, for double room 1052 SEK and 3-beds room 1352 SEK.

Please contact the Hotel for your room reservation. The last date for this room reservation is 17 October 2011.

Governors Residence

Dinner at Governors Residence hosted by Mrs Chris Heister, Governor of Västerbotten
Address: Storgatan 56-58

Conference venue

Ministerial meeting at Fishing and Maritime Museum, Västerbottens Museum
Seminar at Wallmarksgården, Västerbottens Museum
Lunch at Sävargården
Conference venue address: Gammlia

Registration form

Please complete and return the attached registration form for each delegate, no later than 17 October 2011 to Camilla Hagman, the Ministry of the Environment, camilla.hagman@environment.ministry.se, phone: +46 8 4052251 cell +46 70 5225196

Flight connections from Stockholm/Arlanda International airport to Umeå

November 8

SAS: 14.45, 15.35, 17.40
Norwegian Air Shuttle: 16.10, 17.30
Malmö Aviation: 15.30, 17.30 (Bromma airport)

Flight departure from Umeå to Stockholm/Arlanda International airport

November 9:

SAS: 16.15, 17.05
Norwegian Air Shuttle: 17.35
Malmö Aviation: 17.10 (Bromma airport)

Flight time is one hour.

Transportation from airport to Hotel November 8

(To be arranged by each delegation)
Taxi from the airport will cost approximately 170 SEK and takes 10 minutes.
Airport bus departure every 20 minutes, it takes 8 minutes to the centre and costs 40 SEK.

Registration

Registration and check-in at the hotel reception.

Conference room and information desk

An information desk will be available at the conference venue

Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation (English/Russian) will be arranged at the ministerial meeting and at the seminar.

Information about Umeå

Please visit umea.se for more information. Umeå will become the European Capital of Culture 2014.

For information on the programme for the meeting, please contact:

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Seminar Wednesday 9 November, 14.00

The seminar is divided into two parts which covers two aspects of issues related to climate change and energy saving in the Barents region.

Part one will have a regional and local perspective on the cooperation between Västerbotten and Karelia describing the work done to create model areas in The Barents region on becoming an eco-efficient community. It covers the field of energy efficiency, waste water/sludge treatment and waste management on local level.

The work done so far will be presented by a representative from Kostamus city together with Erik Sollén, Avec group and Henrik G Forsström from NEFCO.

Part two is about the effect of climate change on the biodiversity in the Barents region with the time perspective of the year 2080. What will happen with the biodiversity and the turnover of species during this time period?

The results will be presented by Anouschka Hof and Roland Jansson from the Umeå University.

