



**PROGRAMME  
FOR THE 3<sup>rd</sup> PARLIAMENTARY BARENTS CONFERENCE  
11 – 12 June 2007 in Rovaniemi**

**Monday, June 11**

Arrival of the participants

14.00 - Registration at City Hall  
Hallituskatu 7

15.00 ***OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE***

Mr Claes **Andersson**, MP, Chairman of the Finnish Delegation to the Nordic Council, Finland

Speech by Mr Paavo **Väyrynen**, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, representing the chairmanship in the BEAC, Finland

Greeting by Ms Berit **Brørby**, Vice President of the Nordic Council

Greeting by Ms Hannele **Pokka**, Governor, Lapland

15.30 ***ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE***

*Chair: Claes Andersson*

***"Prospects of Northern Regional Cooperation - Parliamentary Component"***

Address by Ms Valentina **Pivnenko**, MP, State Duma, Russia

Address by

Mr Magnus **Rystedt**, Managing Director, NEFCO

***"Research on adaption to rapid change in the Barents region"***

Address by Ms Paula **Kankaanpää**, Director, Arctic Centre, Vice Rector of the University of Lapland, Rovaniemi

***"Environment and indigenous peoples"***

Address by Mr Pekka **Aikio**, Chairman of the Finnish Sami Parliament

16.30 Discussion

- 17.00 ***PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELLBEING – communicable diseases***  
*Chair: Berit Brørby*
- "Health situation in Barents – new possibilities in the framework of the Northern Dimension partnership"***  
 Mr Wegard **Harsvik**, Secretary of State, Norway
- "Health Perspectives of Margins and Minorities - Northern Dimension Upside Down"***  
 Ms Aino **Snellman**, Medical Doctor, GP,  
 Office of the Finnmark County Governor, Norway
- 18.00 -18.30 Discussion
- 19.30 – 20.30 Reception at the City Hall  
 hosted by the City of Rovaniemi

## **Tuesday, June 12**

- 09.00 ***TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS***  
*Chair: Valentina Pivnenko*
- "Current situation and future prospects for development of transport infrastructure in Murmansk region"***  
 Mr Evgeny **Nikora**, Speaker of Murmansk Regional Duma, Russia
- "Transport in the Barents Region – today and tomorrow"***  
 Mr Timo **Rautajoki**, Director, Lapland Chamber of Commerce
- 10.00 Discussion
- 10.30 – 10.45 Coffee break
- 10.45 Discussion (cont'd)
- 11.00 Concluding remarks, adoption of resolution  
*Chair: Claes Andersson*
- Closing of the conference
- 12.00 Lunch at Lappia House
- Afternoon Departures