



# 11th **CIRCUMPOLAR AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE**

## Programme

The 11<sup>th</sup> Circumpolar Agricultural Conference; Tórshavn, Faroe Islands.  
September 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> 2023.

***Farming in the High North – Contributions to a sustainable local Bioeconomy  
and secure Food Systems.***

Venue: The Nordic House in the Faroe Islands; Tórshavn.

Organiser: Búnaðarstovan – Agricultural Agency of the Faroe Islands; on behalf of the  
Circumpolar Agricultural Association.

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## Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>

Plenum session.

Moderator: Joanna Djurhuus, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Industry and Trade.

Time schedule:	Name of speaker:	Residence:	Occupation:	Title of presentation:
8:00 – 9:00	Registration			
09.00	Tróndur Leivsson	Faroe Islands	President of the Circumpolar Agricultural Association.	Welcome to the 11 <sup>th</sup> Circumpolar Agricultural Conference.
09:20	Høgni Hoydal	Faroe Islands	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign affairs, Industry and Trade; The Government of the Faroe Islands.	Opening speech. The 11 <sup>th</sup> Circumpolar Agricultural Conference.
09:40	Kristianna Winther Poulsen	Faroe Islands	Chair. of the Committee on Industry and Trade, Tórshavn City Council.	Welcome to the Municipality of Tórshavn, the Capital of The Faroe Islands.
10:00	Kenneth Høegh	Greenland	Head of Representation, The Representation of Greenland in the United States and Canada.	Important Aspects of future Agriculture and Food production in the Arctic Region. Can Circumpolar Agricultural Association contribute to the activities organized within the Arctic Council?
10:45	Coffee			
11:00	Åsmund Asdal	Norway	Svalbard Global Seed Vault Coordinator, NordGen	The importance of Biodiversity and genetic resources for a sustainable agriculture in the Circumpolar area.
11:45	Sigurður Eyþórsson	Iceland	Special Advisor, Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Iceland.	Farming in Iceland; the approach towards a sustainable local Bioeconomy and secure Food Systems as laid down in the national Food Supply Goals aimed for 2040.
12:30 – 13:15	Lunch			

13:15	Hilde Halland	Norway	Researcher, NIBIO, Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research	Arctic agriculture and sustainable local communities
14:00	Elisabeth S. Olsen	Faroe Islands	PhD Candidate, Lancaster Environment Centre	A sustainable and resilient food system in the Faroe Islands
14:45	Coffee			
15:00	Sölve Högman	Åland	Head of section, Department of Trade and Industry, Government of Åland Islands.	The noticeable high level of Food self-sufficiency in Åland Islands; and the societal framework behind this piece of good fortune.
15:45	Jaana Sorvali	Finland	Research Scientist, PhD, Natural Resources Institute, Finland	Finnish farmers' climate change perceptions: Towards a psychological understanding of pro-environmental behavior in agriculture
17:00	Tórshavnar Kommuna - Tórshavn City Council		Tórshavn City Council invites the conference members to at light and informal reception in the Müllers Pakkhús at the old harbour. Refreshments and light snacks.	
19:00	Jóhannes Sveinbjørns son	Ísland	Dosentur, Landbúnaðarháskóli Íslands.	Fremtidsrettet fårehold på Island; produktionssystemer, fodring, græsning, avlsarbejde og teknisk udstyr. <b><i>Almennur fyrilestur í Norðurlandahúsinum, har ikki er neyðugt við tilmelding.</i></b>

### Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>

Plenum session.

Moderator: Andrass Holm Arge, Head of Department, Public Land Administration and Tenancy, Búnaðarstovan – Agricultural Agency.

Time schedule:	Name of speaker:	Residence:	Occupation:	Title of presentation:
09:00	Bernt Skarstad	Norway	District Chair of the farmers union "Norsk Bonde og Småbrukerlag" in County of Nordland, North Norway.	Norwegian policy on agriculture; incentives and obstacles regarding instruments to stimulate sustainable utilization of local resources for agro-food production in rural North Norway.
09:45	Jens Ivan í Gerðinum	Faroe Islands	Agricultural Counsellor, Búnaðarstovan – Agricultural Agency, Faroe Islands.	Agricultural Food Production in the Faroe Islands and prospects for future food production.

10:30	Coffee			
10:45	Jørgen Mølmann	Norway	NIBIO Horticulture, Tromsø, Norway	Arctic light conditions and developing heliothermal growth-models based on light and temperature for optimized yields in a warmer climate in Northern Norway.
11:30	Jóhannes Sveinbjørns son	Iceland	Associate Professor, Agricultural University of Iceland. Co-editor of the 2021 report "Fæðuöryggi á Íslandi (Food Security in Iceland)".	Food self-sufficiency and Food security in Iceland – Perspectives on Arctic and Global realities and challenges.
12:15 – 13:00	Lunch			
13:00	Helen Shook	Canada	University of Saskatchewan, Diagnostician - Gardenline	Northern Horticulture: A new university course
13:45	Sigrídur Dalmannsdóttir	Norway	Researcher, NIBIO, Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research	Future prospects for agriculture in Northern-Norway in light of climate change
14:30	Coffee			
14:45	Sofie Andersson	Sweden	Project Coordinator, Nordic Agri Research, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.	The New Nordic Food programmes, their ripple effects since 2005 on the ever growing appreciation for local food and cuisine in the region and the future of New Nordic Food"
15:30	Hrannar Smári Hilmarsson	Iceland	Head of Hvanneyri Agronomy Research Center	Action plan for increased grain production in Iceland
16:15 – 17:00	Venue available for discussions and knowledge exchange/sharing.			
19:00	Conference dinner at the "Panorama"; Hotel Hafnia in downtown city.			

## Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>

Guided bus tour around the islands to visit various farmers and related businesses; as well as to get an impression of Faroese living- and farming conditions. Guides from Búnaðarstovan and from the farmers organisations.

Preliminary programme – weather dependant; slight changes might be on the route.

Time schedule:	Host:	
8:00	Departure by bus from the parking lot at the Nordic House.	
8:15	MBM; located in Hoyvík	The local dairy company (cooperative, owned by the farmers). Also, a provider of e.g., fodder, fertilizers, Machin equipment etc. Sigert Patursson, chair. of the board, and Tony Veyhe, operational manager, will give a presentation.
9:15	FØRKA; located in Hoyvík	Biogas plant owned by the aquaculture company Bakkafrost. The plant receives manure from the farmers and provides them with liquid fertilizers in return. Fróði Mortensen, operational manager, will give a presentation.
10:30	Varmakeldugarður; located in Norðagøta	Dairy farmer Janus Joensen and wife Bárá will give an orientation about their brand-new production facilities.
	Eiðisskarð	View from the bus at the island of Kalsoy: Steep sites for sheep grazing (fitilendi), as well as sites for seabird hunting. View at Slættaratindur, highest peak in the archipelago.
	Eiði-Ljósá	View from the bus towards the village of Vík and the spectacular terrasses made for creating sites for vegetable and grass cultivation.
	Streymnes	View from bus. Potato fields.
11:45	Dúvugarðar; located in Saksun	Sheep farmer Jóhan Jógvansson and wife Sonja Nolsøe will give an orientation about their farm. Sheep keeping and local production, as well as Agrotourism.
13:00	Búnaðarstovan, located in Kollafjørður	Stop at the Agricultural Agency for lunch. Orientation about the institution.
14:30	Ognarhagin, located in Kvívík	Chair. of the board, Oluf Müller, will give a presentation of the management of a mountainous outfield unit for sheep grazing, with more than 50 individual landowners.
16:00	Ocean Rainforest, located in Kaldbak	Kristina Arge, sales manager, and Johan Christiansen, operational manager, will give an orientation of their seaweed production and the exiting prospects for food production as well as supplements in animal fodder.
17:30	Nordic House	End of excursion and farewell.