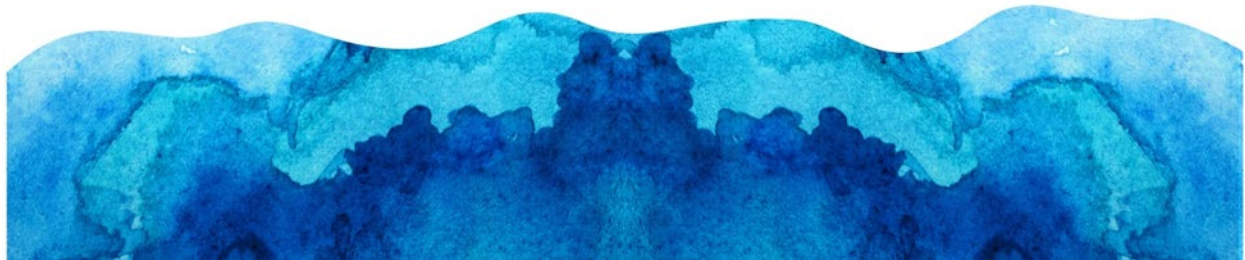


Rovaniemi 2019
**11th Arctic Council
Ministerial Meeting**
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Media programme 5th-6th May 2019, Rovaniemi, Finland

Sunday 5th May

17:30 Bus departures from Hotel Pohjanhovi

18:00 Bus arrival to Arctic Forest spa

21:30 Bus departures from Arctic Forest Spa

22:00 Bus arrival to Hotel Pohjanhovi

Bus host: tbc

18:00-21:30

A warm welcome to Rovaniemi!

Welcome Dinner hosted by Ministry for foreign Affairs of Finland at the Arctic Forest Spa
Metsäkyly

Opportunity to experience the Finnish Sauna and swimming in a lake.

Meeting with a very special person in the Santa Claus secret forest.

Inspired by our the beautiful arctic nature and local traditions, Arctic Forest Sauna & Spa -
Metsäkyly is a haven dedicated to relaxation and the life-enhancing warmth of the
extraordinary Finnish sauna in beautiful forest surroundings by a peaceful lake.



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In case you want to go to sauna and/or swimming remember to take your swimsuit with you.

<https://santaparkarcticworld.com/arctic-forest-spa>

Monday 6th May

9:00-09:50

Visit to the Northern Saami language nest (max 10 persons)

8:50 Minibus departures from Hotel Pohjanhovi

9:00 Arrival to Sami language nest

A language nest is a day care group for children under school age who belong to a linguistic minority or indigenous population. Children there are spoken to only in the language nest language, which in Rovaniemi is Northern Saami. At the language nest, children learn the language in natural everyday situations. In practice, language nest activities are a means to ensure the Saami people's constitutional right to their own language and culture.

We will have an opportunity to see the language nest in action. Please note that special attention must be taken when photographing the children; they must not be identifiable in the photos.

Bus host: tbc

Interpreter: Maija Myllylä

9:50 Departure from language nest

10:00 Arrival to Hotel Pohjanhovi

OR

Black Carbon –info

09:00 – 10:00 At Hotel Santa Claus

Black carbon is a major contributor to climate change in the Arctic as well as an air pollutant with serious effects on human health. There will be a possibility to interview experts on climate and health effects of black carbon, to ask about the Arctic Council work on black carbon, to hear about different international initiatives to reduce the emissions as well and to meet with providers of emission reduction technologies.

(Will be updated)



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Programme 1: Sustainable solutions in the Arctic

10:20 Bus departures from Hotel Pohjanhovi

Bus host: tbc

10:30 – 11:30

Roadscanners

Theme: Resource Efficiency

Leading global traffic infrastructure asset management provider, Roadscanners has recently received the International Road Federation top award for developing a proactive maintenance model that will lead to significant drop of road maintenance costs and materials. Roadscanners is based in Rovaniemi and has clients on all continents.

Description of visit: Testing the top technology vehicle Road Doctor Survey Van.

Read More: <https://www.lapland.fi/solution/new-road-railway-maintenance-innovations/>

Contact person: Virpi Halttu, customer operations manager, virpi.halttu@roadscanners.com, 050 353 4268

Host: Timo Saarenketo, Roadscanners

11:45-12:45 Neve, Napapiirin Energia ja Vesi (Arctic Circle's Energy & Water)

Theme: Circular Economy

Keeping Lapland clean and preserving Arctic nature is important to Napapiirin Energia ja Vesi (NEVE). The intelligent services of NEVE allow them to provide continuous power, heating and fresh drinking water supply while lowering environmental impact.

Description of visit: Visiting Suosiola power plant. The plant provides energy for district heat and water treatment plant, and the end product can be utilized as forest fertilizer.

Read more: <https://www.lapland.fi/solution/green-district-heating-lapland/>

Contact person: Petteri Nissinen, communications planner, petteri.nissinen@neve.fi, 040 168 1475

Host: Jukka Paartonen, Neve (tbc)

13:00 Lunch, Hostel Café Koti



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Programme 2: Walking tour in Urban and Arctic Rovaniemi (max. 20 people)

10:45 Start of the guided walk at Hotel Pohjanhovi
11:00 – 11:15 Guided walk
11:15 – 11:45 Alvar Aalto (City Hall, City Library, Lappia Hall)
11:45 – 12:00 Guided walk to Korundi
12:00 – 12:45 Korundi
12:45 – 13:00 Guided walk
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch, Hostel Café Koti

Briefing and a tour around the Ministerial Meeting premises and visit to the New Wood Exhibition followed by a welcome drink

14:15 Bus departure from Hotel Pohjanhovi
14:30 Arrival at Lappi Arena
- Tour around the premises, media lounge- Briefing/Interviews
- New Wood Exhibition

16:15 Bus departure from Lappi Arena
16:30 Bus arrival at Hotel Pohjanhovi

NB! Small changes to the program are possible.



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