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UARctic Congress 2018 Oulu/Helsinki

- Largest event ever UArctic event
- Over 600 participants, 30 countries
- Almost 50 science sessions with over 250 presentations.
- Key UArctic meetings (Congress, rectors, Thematic Networks)
- 20+ side-events organized by UArctic partners
- Engaging social and cultural program, highlighting Finland and the regions



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Themes followed the priorities of the Finnish Arctic Council chairmanship and event integrated into that program.

Keynote plenaries on each theme:

- Education (UARctic as a partner)
- Environmental protection
- Connectivity
- Meteorological cooperation
- UN Sustainable Development goals
- Gender equality
- Climate Change



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Permanent Participants Plenary

- Panel discussion: Education and training in the Arctic
 1. How is Arctic education shaping the life of local communities now and in the future?
 2. How will traditional knowledge be a part of the academic world?
 3. How will vocational education meet higher education in the Arctic?
 4. In what capacity can UArctic help to offer or promote Indigenous degree programs?
- Panelists:
 - Tiffany Jackson (Aleut International Association)
 - Norma Ann Shorty (Arctic Athabaskan Council)
 - Evon Peter (Gwich'in Council International)
 - Dalee Sambo Dorough (Inuit Circumpolar Council)
 - Nina Veisalova (RAIPON)
 - Ellen Inga Turi (Saami Council)
 - Tukumminnuaq Olsen (Inuit Circumpolar Council)



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UARctic Congress 2018 Declaration

- Partnership with the Arctic Council to support science-informed decision-making, science advice, and science diplomacy.
- Partnership with indigenous peoples and communities to transform education institutions and systems to be inclusive, relevant and responsive.
- Education is the essential element in building a sustainable future for northerners.
- International mobility is an inherent part of education.
- Effective integration of indigenous and local knowledge by engaging northern communities as full partners in research.



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- Action to address northern communities that still lack the connectivity to access essential information and services.
- Meteorological cooperation and cross-disciplinary research are key tools in providing insight into changing climate and environmental conditions.
- Cooperation in education and research contributes significantly to all of the UN Sustainable Development goals.
- Support the terms and implementation of the Paris climate accord in order to safeguard the future of the region and the world.
- Gender equality in all aspects of academic, social and working life in the Arctic is essential.
- Use open data sharing, data analytics and data monitoring to demonstrate the impact of international cooperation in research.
- Art, design, the creative economy, and tourism are important tools for supporting the interaction between indigenous peoples and other northerners, enhancing well-being, preserving cultural diversity, and fostering sustainable economies in the North.



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Women of the Arctic

UArctic Congress 2020

- UArctic Congress 2020 in Iceland, organized by all Icelandic higher education institutions.
- Integrated with priorities and program of Iceland's Arctic Council chairmanship.
- Tentative dates Aug 31-Sept 4, 2020.