

Indigenous Youth Leadership – Arctic Resilience Forum Session

October 7 | 11:30 – 1:00 EST

There is a powerful generation coming to help this world. Indigenous youth represent the future of their communities, and many are already stepping up to be leaders. This session will explore the challenges Indigenous Youth are encountering, what crisis are close to them, and what it will take for them to step further into leadership in the face of these crisis as they seek to capture new opportunities for their community. It will also look at a few examples of existing efforts to further empower young people to take on leadership roles.

In this session we will begin with introducing the Arctic indigenous context and resilience thinking, leading into a moderated Lavvu Dialogue with Indigenous Youth from the circumpolar Arctic. (A 'lavvu' is the Sámi term for the traditional nomadic tent, which represents a key arena for discussions serving to bridge different views and interests). We seek to leverage the platform of the Arctic Resilience Forum as an opportunity to consult Indigenous Youth about their aspirations and needs for taking charge for resilience leadership.

Draft agenda:

11:30 – 11:35 | Welcome

SAO Chair Einar Gunnarsson (video)
SDWG Chair Stefan Skjaldarsson (video)
Saami Council HoD and Chair of IPS, Ellen Inga Turi

11:35 – 11:40 | Introductions

SDWG Executive Secretary of the Arctic Council's Sustainable Development Working Group, Jennifer Spence

11:40 – 11:45 | Introductory Conversation About Resilience

Senior Fellow Mr Joel Clement, Harvard Kennedy School Arctic Initiative and Executive Director Mr Anders Oskal, International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry

11:45 – 11:55 | Creating Opportunities for Youth Leadership Development

Simulations of leadership through crisis from SARS-Cov2
Evenki reindeer herder MSc MA Alena Gerasimova
MPA Sunanina Pamudurthy, HKS
James J. McCarthy Leadership Seminar for Arctic Indigenous Youth Leaders
Prof. Dr Svein D Mathiesen, UArctic EALÁT Institute

11:55 - 12:45 | Arctic Lavvu Dialogue with Indigenous Youth on Resilience

Lavvu Dialogue - Three starting questions:

- *What crises are close to you now that you want to help solve?*
- *What does it take for you to step up to the challenge of leadership?*
- *What does leadership look like to you? How can you be a leader for resilience?*

Moderated by Ravdna BME Sara TBC and Maka Monture Paki TBC

Youth representatives will be nominated by Aleut International Association (AIA), The Arctic Athabaskan Council (AAC), Gwich'in Council International (GCI), The Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC), The Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the

North (RAIPON), The Saami Council, and The Association of World Reindeer Herders. Arctic indigenous youth nominated by each Permanent Participant. Youth will produce draft ideas about resilience for the Ministerial declaration. IPS will assist PP youth to participate.

12:45 – 12:55 | Conclusion

Reflections on Indigenous Youth Leadership and empowering the next generation of leaders for success in the rapidly changing Arctic. Jordan Peterson, Gwich'in Council International, former Deputy Grand Chief of Gwich'in Tribal Council

12:55 – 13:00 | Final Remarks, by Joel Clement.

Session coordinated in partnership between Harvard Kennedy School Arctic Initiative, World Reindeer Herders, International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry, UArctic EALÁT Institute and, as part of the Arctic Council Arctic Resilience Forum. Arctic Council IPS coordinates the requirement of indigenous youth.