

MARE Policy Day 2015

Geopolitics of the Arctic Ocean: A Social License to Operate in the Arctic

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WELCOME from the PROGRAM CHAIR

On behalf of the Organising Committee it is my pleasure to invite you to the MARE Policy Day 2015 themed 'Geopolitics of the Arctic Ocean: A Social License to Operate in the Arctic'. During this day we aim at bringing together a wide range of Arctic and non-Arctic stakeholders to discuss and explore the Social License to Operate for various economic activities in the Arctic, including oil & gas, fisheries, shipping and tourism. Please register and attend the MARE Policy Day 2015 to join us in this discussion in Amsterdam on the 23rd June. Your participation will make this day into a success!

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Jan van Tatenhove

MARE Policy Day 2015 Program Chair

MARE Policy Day Program

08:30 - 09:15	Registration & Coffee/Tea
09:15 - 09:30	Welcome & Introduction
09:30 - 10:40	Keynote presentations
<i>10:40 - 11:15</i>	<i>Refreshment break</i>
11:15 - 12:30	Keynote presentations
<i>12:30 - 13:30</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 - 13:45	Introduction afternoon
13:45 - 15:15	Workshops
<i>15:15 - 15:45</i>	<i>Refreshment break</i>
15:45 - 17:00	Plenary discussion
<i>17:00 - 17:30</i>	<i>Reception</i>



Chair of the MARE Policy Day 2015:

Em. Prof. Dr. Herman Eljsackers

Emeritus Professor VU University Amsterdam and Former Chief Science Officer of the Ministry of Economic Affairs



Science Keynote Presentation: Prof. Dr. Frank Vanclay

Professor of Cultural Geography at the University of Groningen, specialised in social impact assessment & management, Arctic development & public participation



Government Keynote Presentation: Jorden Splinter

Senior Policy Advisor on Arctic affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from The Netherlands and involved in the Dutch representation at the Arctic Council.



Industry Keynote Presentation: Robert Blaauw

Arctic Theme and Policy Manager at Shell International Exploration & Production with more than 25 years of experience in the upstream oil & gas business.



Keynote Presentation: Erik Huber

Business Development Director Industry, Energy & Mining at Royal HaskoningDHV with over 20 years of experience in the Oil & Gas sector and a special interest in the Arctic.



NGO Keynote Presentation: Sylvia Borren

Director of Greenpeace Netherlands, advocating for sustainable development, actions against climate change and a transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

Oil & Gas

Chair: Coco Smits (Royal HaskoningDHV)

The Arctic is expected to hold a large amount of oil and gas reserves, which local governments would like to develop. The oil & gas industry in particular receives a lot of (media) attention when it comes to their Arctic activities. How does the oil & gas industry see its Social License to Operate? What about local versus international stakeholders? And how to obtain an Social License to Operate for future activities?



Fisheries

Chair: Dr. Nathalie Steins (IMARES)

The Arctic hosts a rich fish biomass. New fishing opportunities arise with spatial and temporal changes in sea ice coverage. What does this mean for fisheries governance in terms of balancing social and economic needs with Arctic ecosystem conservation needs? What are the terms and conditions for social license to produce and what is needed for multi-stakeholder commitment to such a license to produce?



Choose your afternoon workshop when registering!

Shipping

Chair: Dr. Judith van Leeuwen (WUR)

Despite the low density of shipping activities, adequate response to incidents and accidents is challenging because response capabilities are low and the Arctic is a very large geographic area. How does the shipping sector see its licence to operate in the Arctic and for whom? Who are the local and/or international social stakeholders in cases of such accidents and incidents?



Tourism

Chair: Dr. Machiel Lamers (WUR)

The growing Arctic tourism industry often claims to be more conservation-minded and more environmentally friendly than other Arctic industries, while making a strong contribution to local livelihood. But to what degree can those claims be supported in order to build a social license to operate? How about differences in the tourism industry, such as place-based accommodation providers and the more footloose cruise sector?



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WHERE:

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