



agenda

ARCTIC POLICY HACKATHON

OCTOBER 2022 | REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

In partnership with the Canadian International Arctic Centre and the Arctic Mayors' Forum, The Gordon Foundation¹ is running the first Arctic Policy Hackathon (APH) in Reykjavik, Iceland. At this event, emerging leaders from across the circumpolar North will develop policy recommendations to address the topic of **food sovereignty in the Arctic**. Participants will discuss, question, challenge and brainstorm ideas about specific policy issues and inspire creative policy recommendations.

We believe that hosting emerging leaders at the APH will allow Arctic states and stakeholders the opportunity to engage with the next generation, to bring new voices to the forefront, and listen with open minds to cutting edge policy recommendations on a crucial issue facing the entire Arctic.

Potential outcomes of the APH include:

- A list of pan-Arctic recommendations developed and presented to key stakeholders;
- Participants building policy skills;
- Participants expanding their networks, leading to increased pan-Arctic collaboration; and,
- Participants gaining a new model for policy development that can be taken back to their communities and organizations.

During the APH, time will be spent in working groups and in conversation as a full group. To start, participants will share their stories/experiences and choose themes on which to focus their policy recommendations. The remaining time will be spent developing the recommendations.

Following the APH, a few participants will present the policy recommendations at a panel during the 2022 Arctic Circle Assembly in Reykjavik. The recommendations will be shared with key stakeholders, including Arctic states, high-level officials, international and Arctic organizations, and relevant experts.

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EVENT AGENDA

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OCTOBER 10, 2022

Location: Ambassador's Residence (Fjólugata 1, 101 Reykjavík)

18:00 Welcome dinner hosted by the Canadian Ambassador to Iceland

OCTOBER 11, 2022

Location: Gróska building, Fenjamýri room (Bjargargata 1, 101 Reykjavík)

08:15 Registration and light breakfast

08:30 Welcome

08:45 Small groups: Explore food sovereignty

- Facilitated discussion in smaller groups
- Participants share stories and experiences related to food

10:30 Break

10:45 Why policy matters for food sovereignty | Presentation

11:15 Small groups: Explore food sovereignty themes

- Facilitated discussion in smaller groups
- Participants explore connections between their stories/experiences, looking for common themes

12:00 Lunch and learn | Guest speaker

Anders Oskal

Secretary General, World Reindeer Herders

Executive Director, International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry

13:00 Full group: Select policy themes

- Facilitated discussion with the full group
- Each small group shares the themes they discussed earlier
- The full group decides on the final themes or categories we will use to make food sovereignty policy recommendations
- Small groups select a policy theme to discuss

15:00 Break

15:15 Small group: Brainstorm ideas

- Facilitated discussion in smaller groups
- Participants consider the types of issues, challenges, and opportunities related to their food sovereignty policy theme
- Collect initial ideas for policy recommendations or actions

16:30 Full group: Recap & wrap-up

17:00 End of day

OCTOBER 12, 2022

Location: Gróska building, Fenjamýri room (Bjargargata 1, 101 Reykjavík)

08:15 Registration and light breakfast

08:30 Full group: Reflect on previous day

09:00 How to draft policy recommendations | Presentation

09:30 Small groups: Prepare policy recommendations

10:30 Break

10:45 Small groups: Prepare policy recommendations (continued)

12:00 Lunch break

13:00 Full group: Revise policy recommendations

- Each small group shares their draft recommendations
- The full group discusses the drafts and suggests revisions
- The full group discusses how the recommendations will be written

14:00 Small groups: Finalize policy recommendations

14:45 Break

15:00 Full group: Final policy recommendations and presentation preparation

- Each small group presents their final policy recommendations
- The full group discusses how to present the recommendations to the ACA panel
- The full group discusses their next steps

16:45 Wrap-up

17:00 End of day

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