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The Gargia Conference 2010 Between tradition and modernity

Community development in indigenous regions of the North

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, Oct. 20

- 09:00 **Welcome.** Geir Ove Bakken, Mayor of Alta, the host municipality
- 09:15 **Cultural pride and strong identity – a requirement for prosperity in indigenous communities.** Rune Fjellheim, Director General, Sami Parliament, Norway
- 10:00 **Healthy youth, healthy communities. The future role of youth and education in indigenous communities of the North.** Peter Penashue, former Deputy Grand Chief of the Innu Nation (Labrador) and Trudy Sable, director of Gorsebrooke Research Institute, St. Mary's University
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30 **Economic development of indigenous peoples of Northern Yakutia, Russia** Vyasheslav Shadrin, Head of Yukaghir Elders Council, Yakutia, Russia
- 12:00 **Community development through sociocultural mobilization. Examples from the evenk community Hatystyr.** Svetlana V. Yegorova, leader of local evenk association
- 12:30 **Industrial megaprojects, ecological sustainable development and the right of self-determination for indigenous peoples of the North.** Yekatarina Yevseyeva, Director of 'Eyge' Environmental Education Centre, Yakutsk
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 **Capacity building in local native communities.** A Canadian perspective. Darlene Bouvier, Aboriginal Governance Coordinator, Faculty of Native Studies, University of Alberta, Canada
- 14:45 **The importance of international cooperation in local community and economic development in rural Yakutia.** The example of Oktyomsty village and the UArctic thematic network on local and regional development/Marina Alekseyeva, Vice-director, Oktyomsty Lyceum, Natalia Innokenttiyevna, bank director, and Dmitry Filipov, professor, Institute of Finance and Economics, North Eastern Federal University of Russia, Yakutsk
- 15:45-16:00 Coffee break
- 17:00-18:00 **Group work: Is there a need of an international development network for indigenous peoples of the North**
- 19:00-19:30 Cultural program. Alta municipal culture school
- 19:00-20:00 Conference dinner

Thursday, Oct. 21

- 09:00 **Development programs without rights to the basic traditional resources – a way of cheating local communities.** Steinar Pedersen, Rector, Sami University College
- 10:00 **Development challenges in indigenous communities in Sweden.** Stefan Mikaelson, President of the Swedish Sami Parliament Assembly
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 **The multi-cultural Finnmark as resource in a creative economy. Experiences from action research as method in business and place development.** Esther Utsi, owner of Polmak Guest house, and Torbjørn Schei, head of Institute of Economy, Management and Regional Innovation, Finnmark University College
- 11:45 **Tourism development in Sámi communities in Finland –between traditions and modernity.** Petteri Valle, Leader of Sámi tourist association of Finland, and Eeva-Maarit Aikio, Ph D stipendiat, Sámi University College
- 12:30 **The North through young eyes – building the future together.** Andra Aldea-Partanen. Project Manager, Lönnrot Institute, Kajaani University Consortium, University of Oulu
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 **Areal planning and community development in Sami areas of Northern Norway.** Hallgeir J. Strifeldt, adviser, Norwegian Reindeer Husbandry Administration
- 14:45 **Cultural and economic development in the Izhma region of the Komi Republic.** Nikolay Vasiliyevich, leader of Izhma Tas, Irina G. Koroleva, head of the Department of Agriculture, Izhma region, Marina K. Terentyeva, lecturer of the department of Economy and Valeriya Gobuleva, head of the international office of Ukhta State Technical University
- 15:30-15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45 **Development and education challenges in indigenous communities.** Jan Henry Keskitalo, UArctic vice-president of Indigenous Affairs
- 16:30 **Plenary session: Do we need special educational programmes and/or networks to develop indigenous communities and regions of the North?** Tor Gjertsen, leader of UArctic Thematic Network on Local and Regional Development
- 19:00-21:00 Dinner and international cultural evening