

# UArctic Assembly 2025 Program *Inari, Finland*

*June 6 - 9, 2025 | Hosted by Sámi Educational Institution*

## Thursday, June 5, 2025

Arrival of Participants in Inari

## Friday, June 6, 2025

Time	Info	Location
08.30-11.00	<b>Registration open</b>	<i>Sámi Education Institute</i>
08.30-	<b>Coffee and tea available throughout the morning</b>	
9.00-10.00	<b>Tour of Sámi Education Institute</b> Welcome by Janne Näkkäläjärvi Tour in two groups, led by <i>Janne Näkkäläjärvi</i> and <i>Mika Aromäki</i> Introduction videos on Sámi culture	<i>Sámi Education Institute</i>
10.00-12.00	<b>UArctic Pre-meetings</b>  10.00-10.30 <b>New Member applicants meeting</b> Open for new member applicants Leads: <i>Natalia Nikolaeva</i> , Member Engagement Coordinator and <i>Outi Snellman</i> , Secretary General  10.30-11.00 <b>Introduction to north2north</b> Open Lead: <i>Isabelle Guissard</i> , Vice-President Mobility  11.00-12.00 <b>Building Circumpolar Studies in UArctic</b> Open Leads: <i>Diane Hirshberg</i> , Vice-President Academic and <i>Heather Nicol</i> , Lead for Laera Institute for Circumpolar Studies  11.00-12.00 <b>UArctic Strategic Focus Areas</b> Open Leads: <i>Jouko Niinimäki</i> , Executive Vice-President and <i>Lars Kullerud</i> , President	<i>Sámi Education Institute</i>  <i>Luoppal room</i>  <i>Tipšop room</i>  <i>Raidu room</i>  <i>Neppir room</i>
12.00-13.45	<b>Lunch</b> Regional Centres Lunch Meeting (invitation only) U.S. and Canadian Members Lunch Meeting (open for all Canadian and US member representatives)	<i>Aanaar Restaurant (Wilderness Hotel Juutua)</i>

13.30-15.00	<b>Assembly Registration</b>	<i>Sajos main entrance</i>
14.00	<b>Guided tour of Sajos</b> , Sámi cultural and administrative centre Presentation on the work of Sámi Parliament, <i>Tauno Ljetoff</i>	<i>Sajos</i>
15.15	<b>Visit to the Sámi Museum and Nature Centre Siida + Guided Tour</b> Welcome words by Chief Curator <i>Anni Guttorm</i>	<i>Siida</i>
17.00-19.30	<b>Lake Inari Cruise</b> including light snacks (weather permitting)	<i>Inari Harbour (Siida - Sámi Museum and Nature Center side)</i>

## Saturday, June 7, 2025

Time	Info	Location
08.30-15.00	<b>Registration and information desk</b>	<i>Sajos main entrance</i>
9.00-10.00	<b>Meet UArctic</b>	<i>Sajos (Dolla Auditorium)</i>
10.00-10.15	<b>Coffee Break</b>	<i>Sajos</i>
10.15-11.20	<b>Assembly meeting</b> <b>1 Opening of Assembly</b> Presenters: <i>Liisa Holmberg</i> , Assembly Chair <i>Eeva-Liisa Rasmus-Moilanen</i> , Rector of Sámi Education Institute <i>Tauno Ljetoff</i> , member of Sami Parliament <i>Tommi Kasurinen</i> , Mayor of Inari municipality <i>Petteri Vuorimäki</i> , Ambassador for Arctic and Antarctic Affairs  <b>2 Introduction to meeting rules &amp; Voting Procedures: Validity, rights, proposals &amp; voting procedures</b> Presenter: <i>Janette Peltokorpi</i> , Director of Governance and Finance Support  <b>3 Approval of meeting Agenda and Selection of Examiners</b> Presenter: <i>Liisa Holmberg</i> , Assembly Chair  <b>4 UArctic Reports</b> <b>4.1 Report from the Board</b> Presenter: <i>Frederik Paulsen</i> , Board Chair  <b>4.2 Report from the President</b> Presenter: <i>Lars Kullerud</i> , President	<i>Sajos (Dolla Auditorium)</i>

11.20-12.20	<b>Lunch</b> Canadian members lunch meeting (open for Canadian member representatives) Board Chair + leadership lunch meeting (closed)	<i>Sajos (Café-Restaurant Čaiju)</i>
12.20-14.00	<b>Assembly meeting</b> <b>5 UArctic Membership</b> <b>5.1 Introduction to new member applicants</b> Presenter: <i>Liisa Holmberg</i> , Assembly Chair and representatives of new member applicants	<i>Sajos (Dolla Auditorium)</i>
14.00-14.05	<b>Group photo</b>	<i>Sajos</i>
14.05-14.30	<b>Coffee Break</b> (networking with new member applicants)	<i>Sajos</i>
14.30-15.30	<b>Assembly meeting</b> <b>5.2 Approval of new Arctic members of UArctic</b> Presenter: <i>Liisa Holmberg</i> , Assembly Chair <b>5.3 Approval of new Non-Arctic members of UArctic</b> Presenter: <i>Liisa Holmberg</i> , Assembly Chair <b>5.4 Removal of UArctic Membership</b> Presenter: <i>Liisa Holmberg</i> , Assembly Chair <b>6 Election of Board members</b> <b>6.1 Election of the Board Chair</b> Presenter: <i>Lindsay Whaley</i> , Chair of Nominations Committee <b>6.2 Election of Board members</b> Presenter: <i>Lindsay Whaley</i> , Chair of Nominations Committee <b>6.3 Election of Board student representative</b> Presenter: <i>Lindsay Whaley</i> , Chair of Nominations Committee	<i>Sajos (Dolla Auditorium)</i>
15.45	<b>Reindeer Farm visit</b> , Inari Reindeer Farm Two groups	<i>Buses depart from Sajos</i>
19:45	<b>Bus to dinner</b>	<i>Lahjatalo Näkkäljärvi (Inarintie 45)</i>
20.00	<b>Dinner</b>	<i>Ukko Restaurant (Wilderness Hotel Inari)</i>
21.00-23.00	<b>Concert by Áilu Valle &amp; Mikkâl Morottaja (Amoc)</b> Bus back to the hotels	<i>Ukko Restaurant (Wilderness Hotel Inari)</i>

## Sunday, June 8, 2025

Time	Info	Location
7.30-8.30	Founders Breakfast Meeting (invitation only)	Wilderness Hotel Juutua
08.30-15.00	<b>Registration and information desk</b>	<i>Sajos main entrance</i>
9.00-10.00	<b>Assembly meeting</b> <b>7 UArctic Finances</b> <b>7.1 Approval of Financial Statements and Auditor's Report 2024</b> Presenter: <i>Lars Kullerud</i> , President  <b>7.2 Approval of UArctic Annual Report 2024</b> Presenter: <i>Lars Kullerud</i> , President  <b>7.3 Verification of UArctic Operating Budget</b> Presenter: <i>Lars Kullerud</i> , President  <b>7.4 Approval of UArctic Membership Fees 2026</b> Presenter: <i>Lars Kullerud</i> , President  <b>8 Plans for the UArctic Congress and Assembly 2026</b> Presenter: <i>Outi Snellman</i> , Secretary General and representatives of the University of the Faroe Islands	<i>Sajos (Dolla Auditorium)</i>
10.00-10.30	<b>Break</b>	<i>Sajos</i>
10.30-11.30	<b>Assembly meeting</b> <b>9 Impact study</b> Presenter: <i>Stephen Heal</i> , member of the President's Circle and <i>Jouko Niinimäki</i> , Executive Vice-President  <b>10 Breakout session info</b> Presenter: <i>Outi Snellman</i> , Secretary General	<i>Sajos (Dolla Auditorium)</i>
11.30-12.30	<b>Lunch</b> Congress International Steering Committee Lunch Meeting (invitation only)	<i>Café-Restaurant Čaiju (Sajos)</i>
12.30-14.00	<b>Assembly meeting</b> <b>10 Breakout sessions</b> <b>UArctic Membership Impact</b> Leads: <i>Stephen Heal</i> , <i>Jouko Niinimäki</i>  <b>Small and Northern Members</b> Leads: <i>Sheila Downer</i> , <i>Janne Näkkäläjärvi</i> , <i>Liv Inger Somby</i>  <b>UArctic and the Geopolitical Situation</b> Leads: <i>Melody Burkins</i> , <i>Lars Kullerud</i>  <b>UArctic Regional Centres</b> Lead: <i>Outi Snellman</i>	<i>Sajos (rooms announced before lunch)</i>

	<b>Improving UArctic member communication: the role of the Assembly representative</b> <i>Leads: Natalia Nikolaeva, Lisa Goulet, Hannele Palviainen</i>	
	<b>Antarctic Research and opportunities for collaboration</b> <i>Lead: Keith Larsen</i>	
	<b>Growing Academic Cooperation across UArctic</b> <i>Leads: Heather Nicol and Diane Hirshberg</i>	
14.00-14.30	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
14.30-15.30	<b>Assembly meeting</b> <b>10 Breakout Session reports</b>	<i>Sajos (Dolla Auditorium)</i>
16.00-21.00	<b>Optional Evening Excursion: Sulaoja Nature Trail</b> at Kevo Nature Park	<i>Bus departs from Sajos</i>
16.00 / 16.30 / 17.00 / 17.30	<b>Optional visit to Paarma Design Shop</b> , sign-in at the registration desk, three groups or more (8 persons / group)	<i>Departure from Hotel Inari</i>
18.00-20.00	<b>Optional Evening Dinner Buffet</b> For those who don't go to Sulaoja Excursion	<i>Hotel Inari</i>

## Monday, June 9, 2025

Time	Info	Location
08.30-12.00	<b>Registration and information desk</b>	<i>Sajos main entrance</i>
9.00-10.00	<b>Assembly meeting</b> <b>11 Endorsement of UArctic Thematic Networks</b> <b>11.1 Introduction to New Thematic Network Applications</b> Presenter: <i>Heli Niittynen</i> , Manager of Thematic Networks and New Thematic Network Applicants <b>11.2 Approval of new Thematic Networks 2025</b> Presenter: <i>Heli Niittynen</i> , Manager of Thematic networks <b>11.3 Endorsement of provisional Thematic Networks 2024</b> Presenter: <i>Heli Niittynen</i> , Manager of Thematic networks <b>12 Approval of Amendment to Bylaws</b> Presenter: <i>Outi Snellman</i> , Secretary General <b>13 Election of Assembly Secretary</b> Presenter: <i>Lindsay Whaley</i> , Nominations Committee	<i>Sajos (Dolla Auditorium)</i>

10.00-10.30	<b>Break</b>	<i>Sajos</i>
10.30-11.00	<b>Project presentations from the host institution</b>	<i>Sajos (Dolla Auditorium)</i>
11.00-12.00	<b>Assembly meeting</b> <b>14 Election of Nominations Committee member</b> Presenter: Outi Snellman <b>15 Invitation to Join the Friends of UArctic</b> Presenter: Outi Snellman <b>16 Other Business / Announcements</b> <b>17 Closing</b>	<i>Sajos (Dolla Auditorium)</i>
12.00-13.00	<b>Lunch</b>	<i>Café-Restaurant Čaiju (Sajos)</i>
13.00-20.00	<b>Optional excursion: Motorboat trip to Ravadas Waterfalls, Lemmenjoki River</b> Organized by <i>Paltto Elämysretket</i>	<i>Departs from Sajos</i>
14.00-21.00	<b>Optional afternoon hikes</b> Otsamo Fell Trail, Juutua Trail, Tuulijärvi Trail Hiking to Pielpajärvi Wilderness Church	
	Departures	