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PROGRAM

- 9:15-10:00** *Registration of participants*
- 10:00-10:10** **WELCOME REMARKS**
Elisabetta Belloni, Secretary General, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome
- 10:10-10:20** **OPENING ADDRESS**
Vincenzo Amendola, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome
- 10:20-11:40** **FIRST PANEL: Governance and Geostrategic Priorities in the Arctic**
This panel will focus on the activities of the Arctic Council, highlighting their contribution to identifying and addressing global priorities. Participants will include international experts.
Topics: The current governance system in the Arctic, which relies mainly on soft law, has proved to be rather effective. What are the key components of this success? What is the outlook for the near future, considering regulatory aspects as well? What contribution can Italy make to the definition of shared objectives in the region in light of its strategic interests? What additional opportunities can the Arctic Council offer to Observer States?
- Moderator** **Franco Frattini**, President, Italian Society for International Organization (SIOI), Rome
- Speakers** **Mark Brzezinski**, Executive Director of the Arctic Executive Steering Committee, White House, Washington D.C.
Eric V. Lorenzen, former Secretary of State for the Arctic, Danish Ambassador in Rome
Boris Iarochevitch, Head of Department, Responsible for the Arctic, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels
Markku Heikkilä, Director for Communication, Arctic Center, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi (Finland)
Natalino Ronzitti, Professor Emeritus of International Law, and Scientific Advisor, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome
- Q&A**
- 11:40-12:00** **COFFEE BREAK**

12:00-13:30

SECOND PANEL: Science and Protection of the Arctic Environment

This panel will offer an overview on research development and innovation in the Arctic Council subsidiary bodies and debate the goals of national agencies and other institutions working on site. Participants will be scientists and institutional representatives.

Topics: What main issues are currently being investigated in the Arctic? What are the provisions for access to different sites under the existing operating framework? What is the impact of global warming and ice melting on the living conditions of the local population and on economic activities in the region? How can science contribute to enhancing awareness on safety implications? Which is the role of indigenous communities and how is their traditional knowledge valued?

Moderator

Enrico Brugnoli, Director, Department Earth system science and environmental technologies, National Research Council (CNR), Rome

Speakers

Nicole Biebow, Project Manager, EU-PolarNet, Bremerhaven (Germany)
Carlo Barbante, University of Venice, National Research Council (CNR)
Angelo Camerlenghi, National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics (OGS), Trieste
Paolo Favali, National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology (INGV), Rome
Riccardo Lanari, Director, Institute for Electromagnetic Sensing of the Environment (IREA-CNR), Naples
Vito Vitale, Institute of Atmospheric Sciences and Climate (ISAC-CNR), Bologna

Q&A

13:30-14:30

BUFFET LUNCH

Buffet lunch will be offered during the break to facilitate networking activities.

14:30-16:00

THIRD PANEL: Economic Dimension and Innovation in the Management of the Arctic and its Resources

This panel will debate best practices and expectations of companies working in the field, as well as the contribution that their high-tech expertise can offer to the activities of Arctic Council Task Forces and Working Groups on specific issues.

Topics: How can high-tech companies contribute to identifying sustainable solutions for the use of mineral resources, fossil fuels and renewable sources of energy? Which are the risks and opportunities associated with the building of new infrastructures and the establishment of sea lanes? Is the existing regulatory framework on telecommunications infrastructure adequate, also with regard to space technology? What assets are offered by our companies for the so-called "human dimension"? How can companies help to find solutions for sustainable development and improve living conditions in urban settlements?

Moderator **Giampiero Gramaglia**, Communication Advisor, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Speakers

Luca Bertelli, Chief Exploration Officer, Eni, Rome
Massimo Comparini, Chief Executive Officer, e-Geos, Rome
Giuseppe Coronella, Executive Vice President, Fincantieri Oil & Gas, Rome
Anu Fredrikson, Director of the Arctic Economic Council Secretariat, Tromsø (Norway)
Stefano Iorio, Chief Executive Officer, Rebaioli, Brescia
Catherine Jahre-Nilsen, Advisor, Statoil Arctic Unit, and Chair, IOGP Arctic Committee, Stavanger (Norway)

Q&A

16:00 **CONCLUSIONS**

Benedetto Della Vedova, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome