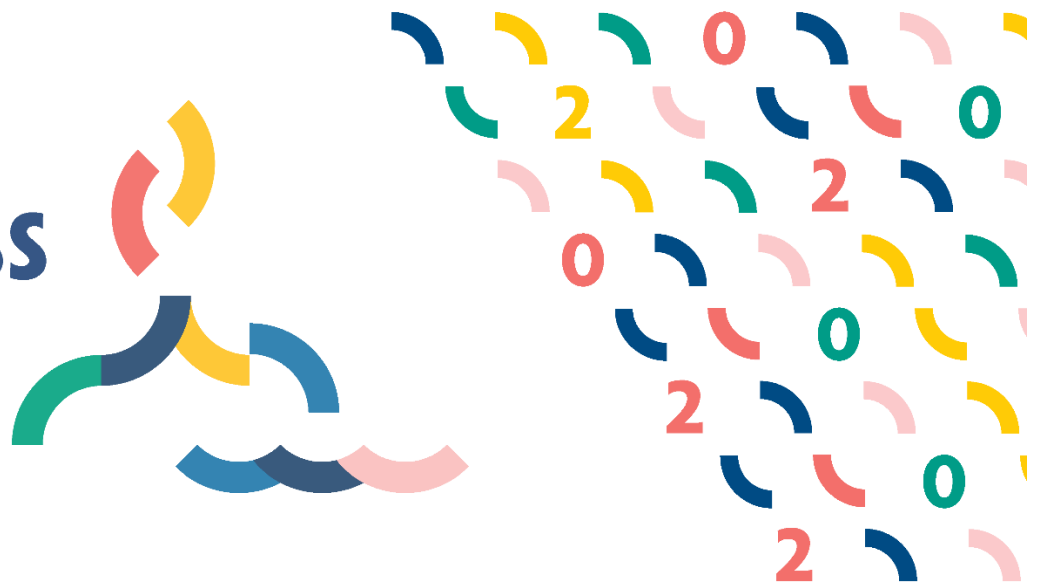


# UARCTIC CONGRESS 2020

OCTOBER 5-8, 2020  
REYKJAVIK, ICELAND



## Call for Session Proposals

The [UARctic Congress 2020](#) brings together institutional leaders, Indigenous representatives, academics, scientists and students from around the Circumpolar North and beyond. It is an excellent platform for all [UARctic](#) members to engage with each other and promote cooperation in circumpolar science and higher education. Together with partners, policy makers and other actors, the UArctic Congress strives to take the Arctic agenda forward by creating and strengthening collaborations that produce new findings and solutions for the future of the Arctic. The UArctic Congress program section is open for everyone, however it will particularly showcase the research and other activities conducted by the UArctic [Thematic Networks and UArctic Institutes](#), as well as by UArctic members organisations.

The UArctic Congress 2020 is part of [Iceland's chairmanship of the Arctic Council](#) (2019-2021) with the theme Together towards a sustainable Arctic highlighting the cooperation between states and peoples of the region. The Congress will highlight three of Iceland's priority themes:

- Arctic Marine Environment
- Climate and Green Energy Solutions
- People and Communities in the Arctic

### Session call

We welcome proposals for sessions to be held either during the UArctic Congress program dates on October 6 – 7 or during a joint day with the [Arctic Circle Assembly](#). Sessions can be comprised of dialogues and discussions, both oral and poster presentations, as well as panel or round table discussions. Please note that posters can be only presented in session held in October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Session proposals should include a short abstract on the session's planned content, as well as a list of speakers and their topics. If possible, 50% of the speakers should be confirmed at the time of submission; if not, please describe what kind of process the session conveners will conduct for finding and confirming the session speakers.

All sessions should strive for gender and geographical balance and to include Indigenous and youth and early career scientist representation to highlight both scientific and Indigenous Knowledge and views from the youth (16-26 years old). In general, sessions run for 2 hours and can have several conveners, however there must be one designated primary convener who will also be the main contact person. All together max of 30 parallel sessions will be organised with the possibility of 12 additional sessions depending on the room allocations and content of sessions.

As such, sessions might focus on a particular priority listed below or its sub-themes, as envisioned by the Program Committee. In addition one theme is targeted especially to UArctic's member organisations and their activities in joint education and research.

1. UArctic: A Platform for Joint Education and Research
2. Arctic Marine Environment
  - 2.1. Plastics in the Ocean
  - 2.2. Blue Growth
  - 2.3. Safe and Sustainable Shipping
3. Climate and Green Energy Solutions
  - 3.1. Climate Change
  - 3.2. Green Energy Solutions
4. People and Communities in the Arctic
  - 4.1. Youth in the Arctic
  - 4.2. Gender Equality
  - 4.3. Resilient Communities (including economy, connectivity, health and wellbeing)
5. Other

Proposals may ONLY be submitted via our [online submissions form](#). Please note that you will have to register as a user in the system. The registration will allow you to go back to your submission and also to evaluate and accept/decline the session abstract at the later stage, if your session is accepted to the congress.

**The deadline for session proposals is January 31, 2020. [Link](#) to the session submission form.**

**Decisions on the session call will be announced in early March 2020.**

If you have questions please contact: [congress.sessions@uarctic.org](mailto:congress.sessions@uarctic.org)

### **Congress Program Structure**

Oct 6-8, 2020; with Oct 6-7, 2020 being UArctic Congress only events and Oct 8 being joint program in the opening day of Arctic Circle Assembly.

- Oct 5: Meeting Day (arranged for UArctic committees, program and leadership teams)
- Oct 6 – 7: Parallel and Keynote Sessions
- Oct 8: Joint day within the Arctic Circle Assembly

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