Monday, June 11

Arrival of the participants

14.00 - Registration at City Hall
Hallituskatu 7

15.00 OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

Mr Claes Andersson, MP, Chairman of the Finnish Delegation to the Nordic Council, Finland

Speech by Mr Paavo Väyrynen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, representing the chairmanship in the BEAC, Finland

Greeting by Ms Berit Brorby, Vice President of the Nordic Council

Greeting by Ms Hannele Pokka, Governor, Lapland

15.30 ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE
Chair: Claes Andersson

"Prospects of Northern Regional Cooperation - Parliamentary Component"
Address by Ms Valentina Pivnenko, MP, State Duma, Russia

Address by Mr Magnus Rystedt, Managing Director, NEFCO

"Research on adaption to rapid change in the Barents region"
Address by Ms Paula Kankaanpää, Director, Arctic Centre, Vice Rector of the University of Lapland, Rovaniemi

"Environment and indigenous peoples"
Address by Mr Pekka Aikio, Chairman of the Finnish Sami Parliament

16.30 Discussion
17.00  **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELLBEING – communicable diseases**  
*Chair: Berit Brørby*

"Health situation in Barents – new possibilities in the framework of the Northern Dimension partnership"
Mr Wegard Harsvik, Secretary of State, Norway

"Health Perspectives of Margins and Minorities - Northern Dimension Upside Down"
Ms Aino Snellman, Medical Doctor, GP, Office of the Finnmark County Governor, Norway

18.00 -18.30 Discussion

19.30 – 20.30 Reception at the City Hall  
hosted by the City of Rovaniemi

**Tuesday, June 12**

09.00  **TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS**  
*Chair: Valentina Pivnenko*

"Current situation and future prospects for development of transport infrastructure in Murmansk region"
Mr Evgeny Nikora, Speaker of Murmansk Regional Duma, Russia

"Transport in the Barents Region – today and tomorrow"
Mr Timo Rautajoki, Director, Lapland Chamber of Commerce

10.00  Discussion

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45  Discussion (cont’d)

11.00  Concluding remarks, adoption of resolution  
*Chair: Claes Andersson*

Closing of the conference

12.00  Lunch at Lappia House

Afternoon  Departures