

Background

For the past four years Norway's University of Nordland, the High North Centre for Business and Governance (affiliated with the University), the International Institute of Energy Politics and Diplomacy (MIEP) at MGIMO University in Moscow, Russia, and HBW Resources have hosted an annual Arctic Dialogue. The primary goal of the Tour is to foster dialogue and increase information sharing on resource development between stakeholders in the Arctic. Graduate students from both the Sustainable Management and Energy Management programs, which are joint programs between the Bodø University Graduate School of Business and MGIMO University travel with and participate in the Arctic Dialogue.

All stakeholders involved with the annual Dialogue are equal participants and help to construct the direction of the content through meetings in the months leading up to the event. The circum-Arctic-Dialogue focuses on communities that are currently examining the prospects of expanding offshore oil

and gas production and minerals development in an environmentally sustainable manner. The roundtable seminar series brings together heads of state, local community members, local political leaders in the Arctic, Arctic indigenous organisations and representatives as well as academics, industry leaders, and students in order to foster discussion, develop dialogue on sustainable development and sound environmental practices as well as share regional experiences including Nordland, Troms and Finnmark in Norway, North Aleutians and North Slope, Alaska and the Gulf of Mexico in the United States, the Beaufort and Labrador Seas in Canada and Yamal Peninsula and Sakhalin, Russia.