

3rd Sami Culture Policy Summit

Viermie K invites cultural actors in Sápmi and Nordic countries, international and indigenous experts, Sami culture organizations and artists, government agencies, politicians, civil servants, researchers and professionals as well as citizens with an interest in the Sami community.

The summit continues to contribute to the future of Sámi cultural policy and raises awareness about the Sámi cultural sector:

Sami agency in Sápmi and the Nordic countries – Legal frameworks and public policies – S.O.S. First Aid (art) Kit – What next?

By inviting Sami and other experts we want to explore examples of policy and development. Highlighting progress, legal grounds and challenges, mixed with cultural performances, the Summit aims to strengthen democracy and the Sámi culture policies in Sápmi.

[See the recording of the summit here](#)

PROGRAM

Friday 12 March 2021 (digital)

Hosts: Viermie K, the Sami cultural network

Producers: Michael Lindblad and Maja Bonta

Conference center/studio: Aejlies cultural center, Dearna/Tärnaby

Conference service and registration: Giron Sámi Teáhter

Conference language: English

Conference music: Marja Mortensson/Aarehgijre – Early Spring, 2017

09:30 – 10:00 The Summit 2021 opens for connecting

10:00 – 10:05 Opening act performance with *Wimme Saari*

10:05 – 10:15 Welcome to SUMMIT 2021 and Viermie K

Michael Lindblad, president Giron Sámi Teáhter.

10:15 – 11:10 Sami agency in Sápmie and the Nordic countries

Moderator: *Christina Heatta*

Christina Heatta, Saami council

Lars Miguel Utsi, Sami parliament, Sweden

Pirita Näkkäljärvi, Sami parliament, Finland

Magne Svineng, Sami parliament, Norway

Question & Answers

11:15 – 12:25 **Legal frameworks and public policies**

Moderator: *Ande Somby*, Independent indigenous intellectual and associate professor Faculty of Law, Arctic university of Norway

Marie B. Hagsgård, Council of Europe

Elle Merete Omma, Head of the EU Unit, Saami Council

Marja Bål Nango, Filmmaker and expert advisor Norwegian Film Institute

Question & Answers *Ande Somby*

Film *Njuokčamat/The tongues* by Marja Bål Nango

12:25 – 13:25 **Lunch**

13:25 – 14:35 **S.O.S. First Aid (art) Kit - the Sábmie case of Sweden**

Moderator: *Ande Somby*

Film *It takes a village. Work in progress with dance and spoken word*, *Rönn-Lisa Zakrisson Påveand Sebastian Björkman*, Giron Sámi Teáhter

Speech:

Viermie K - each representative present their organisations and themes:

Åsa Simma - Giron Sámi Teáhter and Long-term perspective 3 min

Inge Frisk - Stockholm Sámi Association and Adult education 3 min

Nicklas Danielsson - Sáhkie and Competence/education 3 min

Lea Simma - Tjállegoahte and Language/writing 3 min

Jerker Bexelius - Gaaltije and Decolonization 3 min

Oskar Östergren Njajta - Aejlies and Expertise 3 min

Karin Thomasson, Regional councillor, president of the Swedish National Touring Theatre and spokesperson for the four northern regions in Sweden 5 min

Amanda Lind, The Minister of Culture, Democracy and Sami affairs 5 min

Dialogue - What next?

Amanda Lind, Karin Thomasson and two representatives for *Viermie K*

Question & Answers

14:35 – 14:50 **Conclusion - What next! - Remarks and Question & Answer**

Moderators: *Ande Somby* and *Michael Lindblad*

14:50 – 15:00 **Closing act** with *Wimme Saari*