

Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting

Nuuk, Greenland, 12 May 2011

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION



This document contains practical information related to the Ministerial Meeting, i.e. registration info, accommodation, how to take advantage of bulk travel reservations, etc. A few suggestions for places to go and things to do in your free time are also included.

We wish you a memorable and pleasant stay in Nuuk



Registration

Both travel options to Nuuk and hotel capacities in the city are limited, which requires the chairmanship to limit the number of delegates in each delegation. For this reason, only delegates named on official delegation lists will be able to participate in the meeting. We kindly ask Senior Arctic Officials, Permanent Participants, Working Groups and Observer Heads of Delegation to submit one official delegation list each (according to the described quotas*), with a deadline of **12 April 2011**. Information about how to register for the meeting will be forwarded to Heads of Delegations at a later stage.

Delegation sizes will be restricted due to limited travel options and hotel capacity. Information will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

How to get to Nuuk

For your convenience, the Chairmanship has blocked a limited number of seats with Air Greenland (once a day, 0900 hrs) from Copenhagen to Nuuk via Kangerlussuaq: *Monday 9 May, Tuesday 10 May and Wednesday 11 May*. The return block reservation is for Friday 13 May from Nuuk to Copenhagen. The price for the flight Copenhagen-Nuuk-Copenhagen is DKK 12.430,00 including all taxes and fees (Note: If you book Wednesday 11 May the price is 12.890,00 including all taxes and fees).

Flight tickets will have to be booked *as soon as possible*, and by **7 March 2011** at the latest if you are to benefit from the block reservation by the Chairmanship. Booking after this will be beyond the block reservation and will be dependent on seat availability/price.

Please book as follows: contact the Greenland Travel Agency at the following e-mail address groups@grb.dk, attention Susanne Olsen, or call on +45 33131011.

Information necessary when booking:

Full name (as in your passport)
Address for the confirmation/invoice
Email address
Date of birth
Credit card number, expiry date and security number

You will receive a confirmation when your booking is registered. This may take a few days.



Payment:

When booking, the amount will be withdrawn from your credit card. By other payment than credit card, there will be 8-day payment period and an invoice fee of DKK 100.

Changes:

In case it will be necessary to change the ticket after booking it may be useful to know that change of name or date is possible. The fees for making changes are:

- From reservation date to 9 March; fee of DKK 200 pr. change.
- From March 10th to the day before departure; fee of DKK 1000 pr. change (from March 10th it is not possible to change the dates, only the names).

Cancellation:

From reservation date until 9 March; fee of DKK 800 per person. After 10 March tickets cannot be cancelled.

Do not hesitate to contact Greenland Travel Agency if you wish to book or arrange alternative transportation.

Please note that a normal booking on Air Greenland's website or choosing an alternative travel option might be less expensive than tickets booked in the Chairmanship's block reservations.

Other flight options (not part of block reservations)

1. Via Iceland:
 - a. Air Greenland operates a route between Keflavik International Airport and Nuuk twice a week (<http://www.airgreenland.com>)
 - b. Air Iceland has a connection between Reykjavik domestic airport and Nuuk (<http://www.airiceland.is/AirIceland/Destinations/Nuuk/>).
2. Private charter (please note that the airport in Nuuk is small and cannot handle large aircrafts).

Visa requirements

If you need a travel visa, please make sure that the application states the visa must be valid for Greenland. Detailed information can be found at this site: http://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-us/coming_to_dk/visa/visa.htm. Please allow sufficient time for the authorities to process the application.

Accommodation

Nuuk is a small Arctic metropolis and, as such, hotel accommodation is limited. There are two hotels in Nuuk – Hotel Hans Egede (http://engelsk.hhe.gl/index.asp?side_id=1) and the Soemandshjemmet (<http://www.soemandshjem.gl/gb/default.htm>). Fortunately, there are also a number of rental apartments (<http://www.hotelnordbo.dk/ukindex.html>) as well as “Bed and Breakfasts” available.

In order to ensure a fair and even distribution of rooms to the delegations, the Arctic Council Secretariat, on behalf of- and in cooperation with the chairmanship, will distribute the rooms to the participants. When you register for the meeting (information will follow), you will simply be asked whether or not you need accommodation. Based on your reply, accommodation will be reserved for you. The AC Secretariat, or your HOD, will give you the name of your hotel/apartment/B&B prior to your Nuuk arrival.

The Meeting venue

The Ministerial meeting takes place in the cultural centre, *Katuaq*, located in the town centre. Link to Katuaq: www.katuaq.gl.

Nuuk in May

Local transport

Nuuk is a small city and the main hotel is located within 500 metres of the Cultural Centre, *Katuaq*, where the meetings take place. If you stay at the *Soemandshjemmet* (www.soemandshjem.gl/gb/default.htm), or in the suburbs *Nuussuaq* or *Qinngorput* you might need a taxi: +299 36 36 36 or +299 321 321.

Credit cards and currency

Danish ‘Kroner’ (DKK) is the national currency. Major credit cards are widely accepted at hotels, stores, cafes and restaurants. Some credit card companies require PIN codes when making a transaction outside the home country. Some shops may ask for your ID when making a credit card payment. The two banks in Nuuk are open between 09:00 and 15:30/15:00, with ATMs outside their buildings and at various shops.

Greenland tourism: www.greenland.com (sightseeing, restaurants, shopping, electricity, currency, etc.)



Gør Maj Sund is an annual public sports- and outdoor event held in May every year. This year, the participants of the Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting are invited to join, free of charge. The events include: historical power walks, long distance running, spinning, mountain biking, as well as dancing, midnight swimming, etc. A detailed programme of all

the *Gør Maj Sund* events will be made available to all upon arrival. The programme is also accessible from *Gør Maj Sund* website: www.sundmaj.gl.

Historical hike around Nuuk (5 km – about 2.5 hrs)

Tour time: Monday 9 May, 18:00 hrs from meeting venue

This hike is arranged by *Gør Maj Sund* and the Greenland Government in co-operation. Starts at 18:00 hrs by the meeting venue, *Katuaq*, and ends at the same place at approx. 20:30 hrs. The guided tour offers fascinating insights of the Greenland's historic capital, and is popular amongst visitors and locals alike. An experienced guide will take us on a tour of Nuuk, sharing information on the history and culture of Greenland's capital as we walk along. The hike is approx. 5 km and the pace is moderate. Remember to bring warm clothes and your camera. If you haven't already selected this event when you registered online, please contact *Mette Frost* at mefr@nanoq.gl for additional information and registration.

Hike to Mount Ukkusissat/Store Marlene (760 m above sea level, about 5 hrs)

Tour time: Saturday 14 May, 10:00 hrs from meeting venue

Recommended: good boots, warm clothing, water, box lunch

This is a *Gør Maj Sund* event open to Ministerial meeting participants and the public. Guides speak Greenlandic, Danish and English.

The hike is challenging and beautiful, presenting a great view of the surrounding mountains, lakes, the town and Godthåb fiord. From *Qinngorput* we hike to Lake Cirkussøen and starting our ascent to Mount Ukkusissat/Store Marlene. The terrain is rough, but we make several stops to enjoy the view as we move slowly towards the top. Note: Participation in this event is at your own risk and that guide's instructions be adhered to, in order to avoid any serious mishaps. If you haven't already selected this event at meeting registration on line, please contact *Mette Frost* at mefr@nanoq.gl for additional information and registration.

Other events during the Ministerial (fee charged)

Nuuk Tourism Hospitality Desk for participants at the Ministerial

Nuuk Tourism has arranged a number of tours open specifically for the participants during the ministerial meeting, all with English-speaking guides. Booking: info@nt.gl (www.nuuk-tourism.gl) Tel. +299 32 27 00. The following activities are offered by Nuuk Tourism (fee charged); booking and payment is settled directly with them.

Nuuk in ancient times (historical walk)

Price: DKK 250 per person

Duration: 2 hours

Tour times: 15:00 hrs Wednesday 11 May and Friday 13 May

Starting point: Nuuk Tourism, Colonial Harbour

The tour includes an historical walk of the old harbour, a visit to the National Museum of Greenland (home of the famous mummies discovered in the North of Greenland), and visit Our Saviour's church, Greenland's Cathedral. An ideal tour for history buffs and for everyone else who enjoys a good story.

Greenlandic Art Tour

Price: DKK 250 per person

Duration: 1.5 hrs

Tour times: 13:00 hrs Monday 9 May and
Friday 13 May

Starting point: Nuuk Tourism, Colonial
Harbour

The tour starts with a visit to *Kittat*, a
workshop committed to keeping alive the
knowledge and skills needed to create a
Greenlandic national costume. The tour also



includes a visit to the National Museum to view the national costumes on display, as well as a talk about the history and development of traditional and modern clothing in Greenland. Active workshops where skilled craftsmen work on bone or stone carvings, and sealskin products are also included in the tour.

Panoramic fiord Tours (whale watching)

Price: DKK 695 per person

Duration: 4 hours

Transportation: Boats

Tour times: 15:30 hrs Monday 9 May, Friday 13 May and Sunday 15 May

Starting point: Tidevandstrappen (Tide ladder, Atlantic Harbour)

This tour offers a spectacular view of the area around Nuuk, the signature mountain of *Sermitsiaq*, and the surrounding islands. Other wild life is usually observed as well, such as seals, seagulls, eagles and other birds. Coffee and tea served.

Tour to the Icefiord

Price: DKK 1500 incl. lunch

Duration: 7 hours

Transportation: Boat

Tour times: 08:00 hrs Monday 9 May, Friday 13 May, Saturday 14 May and Sunday 15 May

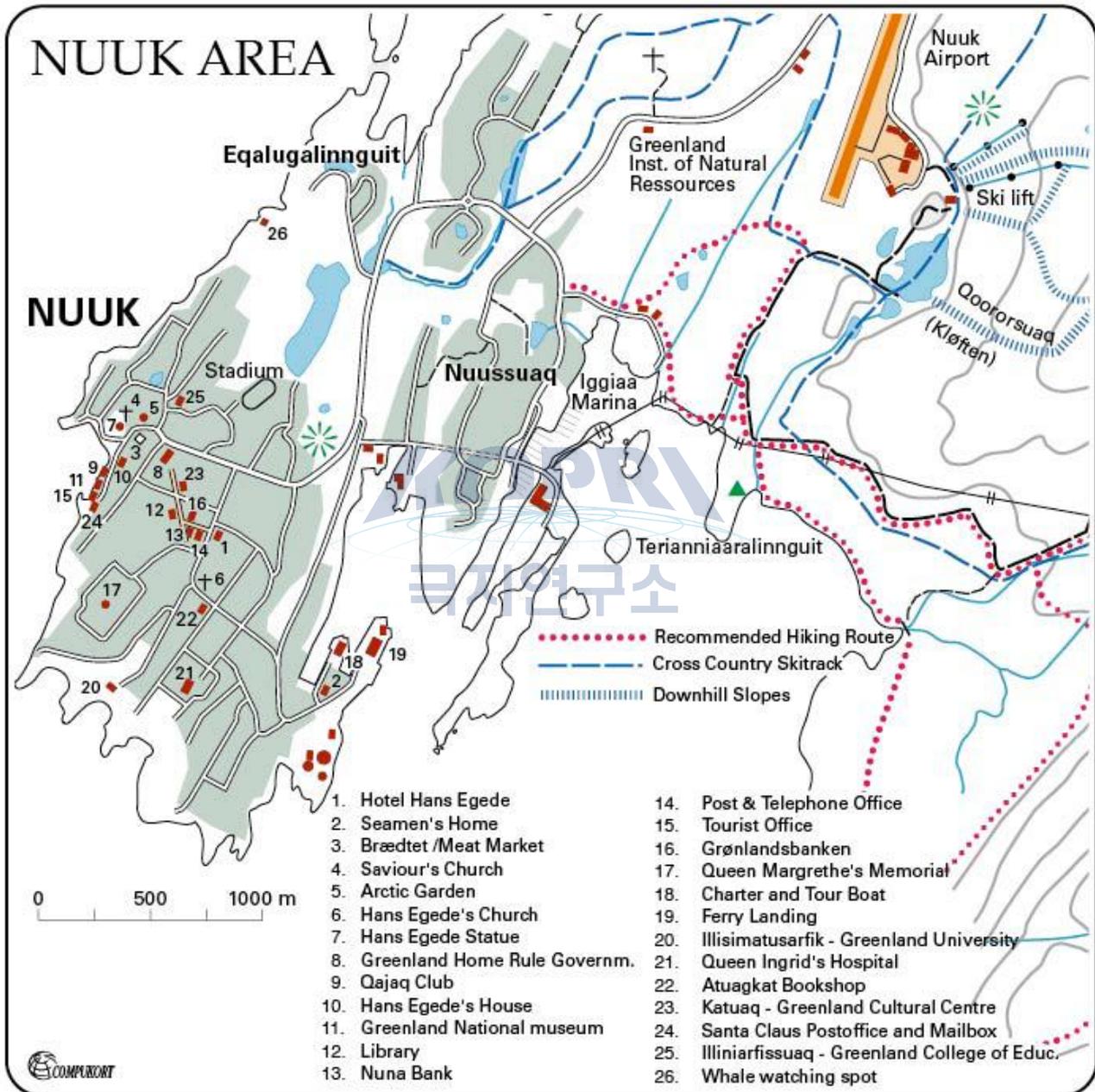
Starting point: Tidevandstrappen (Tide ladder, Atlantic Harbour)

Don't miss this opportunity to see icebergs, and bits and pieces of the legendary Greenland Ice Cap. Three glaciers, all part of the Ice Cap, slowly and relentlessly move towards the fiord, continually breaking off big chunks of icebergs in the process. Enjoy the fresh air, the spectacular mountain peaks and the utter wilderness. Not a house for miles and miles. The tour also stops at a small, abandoned settlement used today as a summer cottage area. Enjoy a walk around this enchanted little place. Tour includes a lunch served onboard. Be sure to bring your camera.

Santa's Famous Christmas Card

Santa's Tourist Office and Café Santa (at Colony Harbour) – is famous for its “Greenland Santa” Christmas cards. Purchase a specially made card in one of several languages for your child or other favourite small person. Recipient will receive the card right before Christmas. Just provide the address, and Santa Claus will do the rest. Price: DKK 50 (including shipping and handling).

Map of Nuuk



The Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting in *Katuaq*, Nuuk May 2011 · Timetable

Time	Mon. 9 May	Tues. 10 May	Wed. 11 May	Thu. 12 May	Weekend Friday 13-Sunday 15	
0800-0900	0800-1500 hrs Boat tour to the Ice fiord **	Registration	Registration	Registration	Departures Friday (No flights in Greenland Saturday-Sunday) During the weekend, there will be several sightseeing opportunities, amongst them: Hike to Mountain Ukkusissat Sat.14, 1000-1500 hrs *free of charge Registration: mefr@nanoq.gl Nuuk Tourism has arranged the following: Nuuk Colonial Harbour tour Wed./Fri., 1500-1700 hrs** Art tour Mon./Fri., 1300-1430 hrs** Whale watching Mon./Fri., 1530-1930 hrs** Boat tour to the Ice fiord Mon./Fri./Sat./Sun., 0800-1500 hrs** **not free of charge Registration: info@nt.gl Tel: +299 32 27 00 Web: www.nuuk-tourism.gl Please have a look in the 'Participant Information' brochure for further details.	
0900-1000		SAO/PP negotiations	SAO/PP negotiations	Excursion for Ministers 0900-1200 hrs Time at free disposal/Sightseeing opportunities for others 0900-1200 hrs		
1000-1100						
1100-1200				Working Group Press briefing 1100-1200 hrs		
1200-1330	1300-1430 hrs Art Tour **	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
1330-1400		SAO/PP negotiations	SAO/PP negotiations			
1400-1500	1530-1930 hrs Whale watching **	Closed SAO/PP session		Ministerial Meeting 1400-1700 hrs		
1500-1600						1500-1700 hrs City walk **
1600-1700						
1700-1800						
1800-1900	1800-2030 hrs	SAO dinner		Arrival Foreign Ministers		
1900-2000	Historical hike around Nuuk *free of charge		SAO dinner	Dinner for Foreign Ministers in Hans Egede Hus		
2000-2100				Dinner for all delegates in Katuaq		