



# THE NANSEN LEGACY

## – CLIMATE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**It was in Bergen that Fritjof Nansen was inspired to take his first steps into the world of science.**

**Nansen is still highly relevant today. As a scientist and as a source of inspiration. He was important and versatile enough to serve as a corrective to current policies. This year, in our endeavours to get a glimpse of Nansen's world, we have to ask ourselves whether we have set the right course in this country. Are we utilising our enormous wealth in the spirit of Nansen? And do human rights count more than national boundaries?**

**We must acknowledge, to a much greater extent than we do today, that the world's poor are the worst hit by climate change.**

**In the Cities of the Future programme, The City of Bergen has spoken in favour of a broad initiative to start work on a convention on human rights that will secure the right to a sustainable future and sustainable decisions that are made within the climate goals recommended by the UN.**

**The first three conferences on climate and human rights were held in connection with the United Nations Days in 2008, 2009 and 2010. This year again, we have brought together enthusiastic expert speakers and can offer fantastic cultural experiences. We will continue to do this in the years ahead, so set aside the last Thursday before United Nations Day.**

**Welcome to Hotel Norge on Thursday 20 October.**

## Chairperson: Per Jon Odeen

### 8.00 Registration, coffee

### 9.00 Colourful opening with Gabriel Fliflet and Benedicte Maurseth

#### **Fridtjof Nansen - an inspiration to climate researchers of today**

- Ola M. Johannessen, Executive Chairman of the Board, Nansen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center. (In Norwegian)

#### **Climate Change and Human Rights, A Rough Guide**

- Melinda Ching-Simon, Human Rights Officer, Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Section (HRESIS)

### 10.30 Break

#### **We have an increasing number of experiences regarding "dangerous" weather, both at home and globally. What is happening with the weather - og what is going on with our climate?**

- Helge Drange, Professor at Department of Geophysics, University of Bergen. (In Norwegian)

#### **If we could decide...**

- Anders Bjørneby from the United Nations Association of Norway - region West and Silje Marie Ryland, Jørgen Haug and Katarina Sandbakk from Sotra upper secondary school present the project 'Youth and climate'. (In Norwegian)

### 11.45 Lunch

#### **Bømlo municipality - enterprising people in beautiful natural surroundings!**

Mayor Inge Reidar Kallevåg presents the municipality's environmental efforts and the municipality's folk high school. (In Norwegian)

#### **Performance by musical theatre students from the the folk high school.**

#### **It is complicated - Wenche Skorge**

- For 40 years, Norway's oil resources have been a source of joy, optimism, wealth and belief in the future. To a greater or lesser extent, the oil has made us all wealthy. At the same time, we must solve the climate challenges, and we must acknowledge the need for everyone to contribute, including the general public. The technological standards and innovative capacity of the Norwegian petroleum and energy sector means that it is ideally equipped to participate in the solution. (In Norwegian)

#### **Climate and human rights - an effort in the spirit of Nansen**

- Arne Christian Stryken, lecturer at the Nansen Academy. (In Norwegian)

### 14.15 Coffee break

#### **Mombasa and Bergen - an urban development case - local cooperation across national borders is important to achieve good solutions**

- Commissioner Lisbeth Iversen and International Projects Director Petter Wiberg. (In Norwegian)

### 16.00 The movie of today

- In cooperation with BIFF, Bergen International Film Festival: The Last Mountain, in cinema Magnus Barfot. End of movie at 17.30.

#### **Registration via mail:**

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#### **Registration deadline: 12. October**

**Place: Radisson Blu Hotel Norge  
Nedre Ole Bulls Plass 4, Bergen**

**Participation is free**



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