



Climate Change in Sápmi

Sámi Parliament, Norway

Governing council member Maja Kristine Jåma





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Background

Sámi Parliament 2019 decision: “Climate change and equitable development”:

“The Sámi Parliament will take the initiative to prepare a report that specifies what climate change means for sámi culture”

Political Platform, Beaiveálgu 2021

30.11.21: Governing Council announcement: The Saami Council will have the main responsibility for the investigation, which will involve the three sámi parliaments, various sámi organizations and institutions, as well as sámi knowledge holders

23.02.23: Presentation of the report: “Climate Change in Sápmi – an overview and a Path Forward”

Climate Change in Sápmi – an overview and a Path Forward

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Gunn-Britt Retter, Saami Council

**the President at the Sámi Parliament (NO)
Silje Karine Muotka**

The case

Explaining the Paris Agreement

Focus on:

- adaptation to climate change
- loss and damage
- finance and inclusive decision-making processes
- human rights, indigenous people's rights
- climate justice

“The palsas have started to melt.”

– reindeer herder in northeast Sápmi

“We are born and raised with having eight seasons. Will my grandchildren have them in the future?”

– reindeer herder from a forest reindeer herding community in Sápmi

“The weather has become much more unpredictable and extreme. It is always windy, and the wind is stronger. The precipitation is much more intense—a lot falls in a short time.”

– reindeer herder in northern Sápmi

“The disappearance of Arctic fox and the increase of red fox is maybe the most significant change that we have noted in regard to species. But this began in my father’s lifetime, before I started to work with the reindeer. The white-tailed eagles have also increased in our district. Maybe they have increased so much because they don’t find enough food at the coast and come further inland?”

– reindeer herder in northeast Sápmi

“They say it was more stable weather before—when it was winter there was winter. Nowadays you don’t know how the weather will be next week – if it will be raining in the middle of the winter, in January and February, or will be cold. It can be -20 C one week in January and four days later it can be zero degrees and raining.”

– reindeer herder in southern Sápmi

“Since I was 4-5 years old, every year I have fished at home in the mountain lakes, both with net and rod. When I was about 10 years old, it was about 50/50 between Arctic char and trout. Today, it is about 10/90—if we are lucky—in the same lake and the same season. Sometimes we only get trout in the nets and no char. There are many who witness this in our area. I spoke to someone in the Jåhkâmâhkke area about exactly this so it might be the same in other areas. In my partner’s area up north in Finnmarku, there are lakes that only have char in them, which for me is absolutely incredible to hear. It feels like we are completely losing it.”

– reindeer herder in southern Sápmi

The debate

Sámi contribution and sámi knowledge

The green shift or green colonialism?

Double burden: climate consequences and unfair costs of climate action

Climate justice

Well-being

The decision

Climate measures are subject to consultations

Human rights must be respected

Free Prior and Informed Consent

Contribution forward

Convention on Biological Diversity

Land management

Strengthen Sámi institutions to work with climate adaptation

Climate funding

More research

Sámi knowledge

Health politics



The Sámi Parliament demands recognition, protection and safeguarding of the Sami's rights for climate action in the future



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We should exemplify our ancestors' values of fully utilizing resources and avoiding unnecessary waste

Our cultures are not based on values of constant growth but on harmony and reciprocity

These ethics should be used and valued by the broader society as they can reorient general resource and material use while also serving as a path toward a sustainable and just future



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"I wonder if the Sámi Peoples' life is like the snow. That the day the snow no longer exists, then we don't exist either. That what threatens and slowly erodes us is so absolute and incalculable that it is no longer possible to stop. Just like what threatens the snows.

I don't know if we have the chance. But I think we just have to be happy for all those who do their part. Both for us and for the snow. The rest can only be hope."

Sigbjørn Skåden, 2023

