



Oslo Diplomatic Circle

Welcome to

Arendalsuka 2025

Global Outlook

August 12 at 12.00 hours

Ambassadors' Round Table

August 13 at 11.00 am

Anita Pratap

President

Oslo Diplomatic Circle organises events and briefings on Norwegian society, economy and policies. Supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway, it aims to promote cultural exchange and understanding between foreign Ambassadors and Norwegian society. It is non-political and non-profit.

Anita Pratap is an award-winning international journalist, author and columnist. She was CNN's South Asia Bureau Chief and is on the Board of the Foreign Press Association in Oslo. She curates and moderates events at Arendalsuka, Norway's annual Festival of Democracy.



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Global Outlook 2025: “New Realities for Europe”

Arendal Kulturhus, August 12 from 12.00 – 13.00

As global polarization increases, this year’s Global Outlook takes stock of a more transactional and interest-based world order and a volatile world economy. In the face of geopolitical, economic, social and security challenges, what is Europe’s pathway to be strong, united, green and innovative?

<https://www.globaloutlook.no>

Keynote: Foreign Minister **Espen Barth Eide**

Speakers: Historian and Philosopher **Philipp Blom**

Democracy Activist **Colombe Cahen-Salvador**



Panel: The Coming Flood of Disinformation

Nina Jankowicz, Co-founder American Sunlight Project, expert on disinformation as geopolitical strategy

Oksana Brovoko, CEO, Association of Independent Regional Press Publishers, Ukraine.

Moderator: **Anita Pratap**



Arendal’s Main Stage, Kulturhus



Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide at Global Outlook 2024





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Arendal's Gamle Rådhus



Ambassadors' Round Table 2024

ARENDALSUKA – AMBASSADORS' ROUND TABLE 2025

August 13, 2025 from 11:00 – 12:30 am, Gamle Rådhus, Arendal

"De-Risking Trade" Doing Business in Uncertain Times

For decades, the rules-based world order provided a stable environment for trade by harmonizing policies and regulatory frameworks. Companies now face the challenge of operating in a climate of new geopolitical and geoeconomic risks, having to evaluate the impact of tariffs on prices, supply chains, consumption and growth. To face the uncertainties, some experts advise replacing rigid formats with flexible models. But predictability is necessary for long-term business planning. Our speakers will discuss changes in international trade, measures taken by countries to de-risk markets and assess the emerging new global alignments, partnerships and strategies.

<https://www.arendalsuka.no/programsoek/details/13066>

Speakers:

- H.E. Espen Bath Eide - Minister of Foreign Affairs
 - H.E. Nicolas De La Grandville - Ambassador of the European Union
 - H.E. Florence Robine - Ambassador of France
 - H.E. Amy Baker - Ambassador of Canada
 - H.E. Mikael Eriksson - Ambassador of Sweden
 - H.E. Rodrigo de Azeredo Santos - Ambassador of Brazil
 - H.E. Eric Meyer - Chargé d'Affaires, United States of America
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- **Welcome:** Robert Nordli, Mayor of Arendal
 - **Moderator:** Anita Pratap - Author and Journalist
- Panel discussion is followed by Q and A with the audience.



This year 33 Ambassadors are attending Arendalsuka



GLOBAL OUTLOOK OVER THE YEARS



FM Børge Brende 2017



FM Anniken Huitfeldt



FM Ine Eriksen Søreide



Nicolai Tangen, CEO of Norway's "Oil Fund"



Foreign Minister Barth Eide at 2024 Global Outlook



Gamle Rådhus – a red carpet welcome to one of the most beautiful salons in Arendal

Ambassadors' Round Table over the Years





Round Table organisers: Mayor Nordli and Anita Pratap

Ambassadors of El Salvador and Cuba with Mayor



Ambassadors at the Round Table with Governor Gina Lund



ARENDALSUKA – 165,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE WEEK-LONG FESTIVAL IN 2024

Arendalsuka is Norway's biggest political gathering held annually since 2012 in the picturesque coastal town Arendal. The guiding principle of the five-day event held in August is: informed public opinion strengthens democracy. It is attended by the Prime Minister, cabinet ministers, leaders of all political parties, parliamentarians, business, academics, researchers, activists, NGOs, CEOs. About 2,000 events are organized. Last year, 165,000 people attended Arendalsuka.

www.arendalsuka.no





Arendalsuka- Norway's annual democracy festival for all ages, where debate and discussion, fun and frolic, go hand in hand in the joyful spirit of learning and laughter



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Arendalsuka – where even serious discussion has its share of fun moments



Every year, after the Round Table, Ambassadors enjoy Arendal Mayor's Minglefest by the pier

Look forward to seeing you at Arendalsuka 2025!

Anita