

SPEAKERS

Paula Lehtomäki

Secretary General, Nordic Council of Ministers



H. E. Paula Lehtomäki took over as the new Secretary General of the Nordic Council of Ministers on 18 March 2019, moving from a position as State Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office in Finland. Paula Lehtomäki is a Finnish politician. She started her political career in 1996, when she was elected to the Kuhmo town council. In 1999 she was elected to the Finnish Parliament, and again in 2003. In 2002, she was elected as the vice-chairman of Keskusta.

Per Espen Stoknes

Associate professor and author of "Tomorrow's Economy"

Per Espen Stoknes is a TED Global speaker, a psychologist with PhD in economics, and serves as the director of Centre for sustainability and Energy at the Norwegian Business School in Oslo. An experienced foresight facilitator and academic, he's also serial entrepreneur, including co-founding clean-tech company GasPlas. Author of several books, among them *Money & Soul* (2009) and the award-winning book: *What We Think About When We Try Not To Think About Global Warming* (2015). His latest is *Tomorrow's Economy* (2021) on MITPress. Per Espen has served as member of Norwegian Parliament, and sits on the EU Commission's mission board on Horizon Europe's Climate Change and Societal Adaptation.



Thomas Verheye

Principal Adviser on Green Finance and Investments at the DG ENV of the EU Commission



Thomas Verheye is Principal Advisor at the European Commission's Directorate General for the Environment on matters relating to sustainable finance and investment. He advises the Director General and senior managers on strategic directions and actions necessary for promoting greening the financial system and the economy. His prior positions include several other managerial responsibilities at the Commission including for EU policies on air quality, ozone depleting substances and fluorinated gases, innovative financing solutions relating to climate and energy, technology transfer under the UNFCCC, the auto-oil programme, etc. Previous employers include the Bank of New York (VP corporate action at the bank's global custody branch), the International Monetary Fund (Treasurer's department), and Ernst & Young (Audit). He holds a bachelor and master's degree in business economics from the University of Ghent, and an MSc in audit and tax from the Vlerick Business School.

Halla Tómasdóttir
CEO of The B Team

Halla Tómasdóttir is the CEO of The B Team, a group of courageous business and civil society leaders working together to transform business for a better world. Halla started her leadership career in corporate America working for Mars and Pepsi Cola. She was on the founding team of Reykjavík University where she established the Executive Education Department, founded and led a successful women's entrepreneurship and empowerment initiative and was an assistant professor at the Business School. She was the first female CEO of the Iceland Chamber of Commerce and later went on to co-found an investment firm with the vision to incorporate feminine values into finance. The company successfully survived the infamous economic meltdown in Iceland. In 2016 Halla was an independent candidate for the President of Iceland. She entered a crowded field of candidates and finished as the runner-up with nearly 30 percent of the vote.



Trond Moe
Nefco Managing Director



Trond Moe is a senior business executive that has spent more than 20 years of his career in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Moe has experience in multiple roles as CFO and Country Manager. He has led various projects with a focus on financing and the roll-out of telecom infrastructure in challenging markets. Furthermore, he has a broad network in Ukraine from his former role as President of the European Business Association. He joined Nefco as Executive Vice President of Investment Fund Operations in early 2018.

Hannu Savisalo
Industrial Counsellor, Chairman Valoe Oyj

Hannu Savisalo is the Chairman of the Board of Valoe Corporation and Savcor Technologies Oy. After years of being a researcher and teaching about materials technology at the Lappeenranta University of Technology, Hannu started his own company in 1979. A couple of years later, in 1981, Hannu established Savcor Group, which developed from a start-up operation to a worldwide business.



Peter Thagesen

Director International Market Policy, Confederation of Danish Industry



Peter Thagesen holds a Master's Degree in Economics from the University of Copenhagen. He has previously worked as career diplomat in the Danish Foreign Service during a period of almost 10 years. Peter started working at Confederation of Danish Industry in 2005 and was appointed Director for International Market Policy in 2008. Today his primary responsibilities include the following areas: The challenges of globalization, trade- and development policy, export control, export financing, security and risk management.

Alexander Helling *CEO, Baseload Capital*

Alexander Helling is in charge of Baseload Capital's investments and overall portfolio performance. He has extensive experience in international project finance, as well as in corporate governance.



Kimmo Ohtonen

Journalist, Author, Broadcaster



Kimmo Ohtonen is a Finnish journalist, author and broadcaster with a nearly twenty years of experience in the television industry both in the UK and Finland. Over the years, Kimmo has worked on numerous factual programmes and documentaries for British broadcasters BBC, ITV and Sky. Kimmo has specialised in working on social issues and environmental subject matters. In recent years he has worked for the Finnish Broadcasting Company (Yle) on various documentaries, including an international documentary series Disappearing North, which Kimmo created and presented.

Anu Partanen
Finnish journalist

Anu Partanen has had an extensive career in international journalism. She now works as Senior Advisor at Nordic West Office. She is the author of the widely-reviewed nonfiction book *The Nordic Theory of Everything: In Search of a Better Life*. She has been a regular commentator on the BBC, and she has worked at Fortune Magazine through the Innovation Journalism Fellowship at Stanford University. Anu is an internationally sought-after writer, public speaker, commentator, columnist, and advisor to organizations of all kinds. She regularly appears as a speaker on television and constantly hosts various events both in real life and virtually in Finnish and English.

