Liability and Compensation for Transboundary Petroleum Damage from Offshore Installations

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Petroleum is a commodity that will not disappear in the distant future. This session focuses on one specific risk of exploring and producing petroleum offshore, namely a petroleum spill. Offshore petroleum spills can cause severe damage to people, property, the environment, and communities. Who pays for that? The question becomes more complicated when an oil company causes an oil spill in one country and the damage is inflicted in the neighboring country. How is transboundary petroleum damage treated in the law and how can the situation be improved?

17:00 Introduction: Patrick CHAUMETTE, Professor, Head of the Human Sea ERC Programme, University of Nantes, France. Catherine JAHRE-NILSEN, Senior Advisor, Statoil Arctic and International Chair, IOGP Arctic Committee, Oslo, Norway - Responsible Arctic oil exploration and production. Nils BÖHMER, Managing director, Bellona, Oslo, Norway - Industry standards in operations. Iva PARLOV, PhD Researcher at the K.G.Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea, The Arctic University of Norway - Current international regulatory framework. Raphael VIANNA, Post-doctor Human Sea Programme, Ph.D. in Law, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, lawyer in Brazil - Petroleum pollution and civil liability. Kristoffer SVENDSEN, Associate Member of Aberdeen University, Centre for Energy Law, Visiting expert, Human Sea Programme - Who pays for spills in the arctic? Erik RØS/EG, Professor, University of Oslo, Norway - A climate for uniform laws?

18:30-19:00 Questions: Erik RØS/EG, moderator.