

Program

The Nansen Conference

Climate Change and Displacement in the 21st Century

Oslo, Norway, June 5 - 7, 2011



Photo: Rune Eraker

Welcome to Oslo

Climate change is gaining momentum, and the international community is struggling to reach agreement on how to deal with it. Meanwhile, the frequency and intensity of important drivers of displacement such as droughts, floods and storms are increasing, in accordance with climate model projections. If current emission trends continue, we risk climate change that could drive displacement on an unprecedented scale due to natural disasters and environmental degradation.

The implications for human welfare and security and for our strategies for adaptation, disaster risk reduction, humanitarian aid and protection of displaced people could be far-reaching.

The Norwegian Government has announced that 2011 will be celebrated as the Nansen-Amundsen Anniversary. Fridtjof Nansen, who was born 150 years ago, played an important role both as a polar explorer and scientist and as a prominent humanitarian actor. He undertook some of the first systematic surveys of the Arctic climate system and was also the world's first High Commissioner for Refugees. In addition, 2011 marks the 60th anniversary of the Geneva Refugee Convention and the 50th anniversary of the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. Thus, the Nansen-Amundsen Anniversary coincides with the anniversaries of key international refugee conventions and with very important steps in the process towards a binding international climate agreement, culminating in COP 17 in South Africa towards the end of the year.

Against this backdrop, the Norwegian Government decided to organise the Nansen Conference on Climate Change and Displacement. We are now pleased to welcome you to Oslo to this conference, which brings together the climate change and humanitarian communities, and provides an opportunity to further explore the links between these two related and politically important issues.

The main focus will be on the vulnerability, resilience and capacity for adaptation of communities in areas that are prone to disaster due to climate change, the protection of displaced people, and promotion of action to help prevent or manage displacement. The conference also aims to provide up-to-date projections with regard to drivers of displacement such as drought, floods, storms and sea-level rise.

The format of the conference will provide a great opportunity to participate in discussions and meet key actors in various fields.

We look forward to two days of intensive exchange of knowledge and experience, and hope you will enjoy your stay in Oslo.



Jonas Gahr Støre

Minister of Foreign Affairs



Mr. Erik Solheim

Minister of the Environment and

International Development

All sessions will take place at “Høyres Hus”, situated at Stortingsgata 20.

Sunday June 5

10:00-18:00	All participants are invited to visit the exhibition at The Nobel Peace Center.	Free entrance when delivering the invitation sent by email
15:00-21:00	Registration desk is open at the Conference Center, Høyres Hus	
19:00-20:30	Welcome reception at Oslo City Hall	Host: Mr. Fabian Stang, Mayor of Oslo

Monday June 6

Session 1: Opening session

Chair: Ms. Margareta Wahlström, *United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction.*

08:00	Registration desk open. Coffee/tea served	Slide show photo exhibition Rune Eraker
08:45	All must be seated prior to the arrival of Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess Mette-Marit	
09:00-09:02	Welcome and introduction of Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess Mette-Marit	Ms. Margareta Wahlström , United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction
09:02-09:10	Formal opening address	Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess Mette-Marit
09:10-09:18	Opening address by Mr. Jonas Gahr Støre	Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway
09:18-09:26	Opening address by Mr. Erik Solheim	Minister of the Environment and International Development, Norway
09:30-09:45	Address by Dr. Antonio Guterres	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
09:45-10:00	Address by Dr. Rajendra Kumar Pachauri	Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, IPCC
10:00-10:15	Coffee break	

Session II: CLIMATE CHANGE RELATED DRIVERS OF DISPLACEMENT

Objective of session: To provide status of knowledge and understanding of current and projected climate change, and its likely consequences for displacement.

Chair: Mr. Harald Dovland, former Head of the Norwegian Delegation to the Climate Change Negotiations, vice-chair of conference.

10:15-10:35	<i>Impacts of Global Warming on Humanity and Nature.</i>	Dr. James Hansen , Head of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies and Adjunct Professor at the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Columbia University
10:35-10:55	<i>Managing the Security Risks of Climate change in the 21st century</i>	Dr. Jay Gulledge , Senior Scientist and Director for Science and Impacts at the Pew Center on Global Climate Change
10:55-11:15	<i>Climate induced population displacement in a +4°C World</i>	Dr. Francois Gemenne , Research Fellow at the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations
11:15-11:25	Short Q&A	
11:25-11:30	Introduction to Parallel sessions, Case studies	Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Chair
11:30-12:30	Lunch	

Session III: PARALLEL SESSIONS, CASE STUDIES

Objective of session: Present cases which span the geographic and thematic diversity of the issue. Discuss key issues of where measures work and where they don't, and why, as to provide recommendations for action.

	Parallel A Dr. Koko Warner	Parallel B Dr. Jay Gulledge	Parallel C Ms. Madeleen Helmer
12:30-12.50	<i>Displacement or Adaptation? Climate Change and Migration in Mexico</i> Dr. Patricia Romero-Lankao , Head of the Resilient and Sustainable Cities theme at the Science and Applications Program, National Center for Atmospheric Research	<i>Climate change impacts and adaptation in Cuba</i> M.Sc. Ida Inés Pedroso Herrera , Researcher at the Department of Environmental Geology, Geophysics and Risks, La Habana, Cuba	<i>Climate Change and Protection in Pakistan. Experiences and responses during Pakistan 2010 Flood</i> Ms. Cat Jones , Protection and Advocacy Advisor Norwegian Refugee Council Pakistan and Ms. Michelle Yonetani , Senior Advisor- Natural Disasters at the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre

12:50-13.10	<i>Tuvalu, a laboratory of climate change?</i> Dr. Francois Gemenne, Research fellow at the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations	<i>Resettlement as adaptation – case study Mekong Delta Vietnam – stabilization or destabilization</i> PD. Dr. Ing. Jörn Birkmann, Head of the vulnerability assessment, risk management and adaptive planning section at the United Nations University, Institute for Environment and Human Security	<i>Climate events and migration in Ecuador: Consequences of the extreme 1997-1998 El Niño event</i> Dr. Oscar Alvarez Gila, Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno
13:10-13.30	<i>Climate change impacts and adaptation needs in Africa</i> Dr. Rajendra Kumar Pachauri, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, IPCC	<i>Climate change, migration and security for a new 21st century foreign policy</i> Michael Werz, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress and Laura Conley, Research Associate at the Center for American Progress.	<i>Consequences of desertification and land degradation for migration in Niger</i> Dr. Tamer Afifi, Associate Academic officer in the Environmental Migration, Social Vulnerability and Adaptation section of the United Nations University, Institute for Environment and Human Security
13:30-13.50	<i>Global Change – Local impact, displacement, adaptation and change of livelihoods in Inuit Nunaat</i> Mr. Aqqaluk Lyngø, Chair Inuit Circumpolar Council	<i>Climate change impacts and responses in Bangladesh</i> Dr. Atiq Rahman, Executive Director Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies	
13:50-14:15	Short Q&A	Short Q&A	Short Q&A
14:15-14:45	Coffee break		

Session IV: RESILIENCE BUILDING AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION I

Climate change adaption and disaster risk reduction

Objective of session: Discuss current status and way forward of policy frameworks to increase resilience to climate change and displacement. Prevention of forced displacement, institutional and rights based approaches.

Chair and moderator: *Mr. Harald Dovland, short introduction*

14:45-15:00	Climate smart disaster risk management	Dr. Atiq Rahman, Executive Director Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies
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15:00-15:15	<i>A human rights-based approach to resilience building</i>	Prof. Walter Kälin , University of Bern and former Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons
15:15-15:30	<i>Adaptation under the UNFCCC process: What can the Cancun Adaptation Framework offer?</i>	Dr. Koko Warner , Head of the Environmental Migration, Social Vulnerability and Adaptation Section at the United Nations University Institute for Environmental and Human Security
15:30-17:00	<p>Panel intro and debate, 3 minutes introductory comments per panellist</p> <p>Panel also consists of speakers of this session</p>	<p>Ms. Margareta Wahlström United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction</p> <p>Mr. Bart W. Édes Director Poverty Reduction, Gender and Social Development Division, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Mr. Neil Buhne Director of Geneva Liaison Office of the United Nations Development Programme's Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery</p> <p>Mr. Shahidul Haque Director Department of International Cooperation and Partnerships, International Organization for Migration</p>
17:00	End of Day 1.	

DINNER ARRANGEMENT

Host: Mr. Erik Solheim, Minister of Environment and International Development.

18:00	Guided walk from the conference hotels (Hotel Continental, Rica Victoria Hotel, P-Hotels and Thon Hotel Munch) to "Rådhusbrygge 2" where the boats will depart	
18:30	Boat departure from "Rådhusbrygge 2" to The Fram Museum	Please be on time
19:00-21:30	Dinner at the Museum	Aperitif, Tapas Buffet and drinks
21:30	First boat departs from Fram to "Rådhusbrygge 2"	
22:00	Last boat departs from Fram to "Rådhusbrygge 2"	

Tuesday June 7

Session V: RESILIENCE BUILDING AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION II

Chair: Ms. Margareta Wahlström, *short introduction*

08:30-08:45	Address by Dr. Kristalina I. Georgieva	European Commissioner for Internal Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response
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Disaster preparedness and early warning

Objective of session: Discuss the analysis and type of information that should be included into early warning systems, specifically information that can inform preparedness for displacement situations, and recommend actions for achieving this.

Moderator: Dr. Patricia Romero-Lankao, *Head of the Resilient and Sustainable Cities theme at the Science and Applications Program, National Center for Atmospheric Research.*

08:45-09:05	<i>Climate knowledge for action: A global framework for climate service</i>	Mr. Jan Egeland , Director Norwegian Institute of International Affairs and Co-chair High Level Task Force for Global Climate Service
09:05-09:25	<i>From Early Warning to Early Action</i>	Ms. Madeleen Helmer , Head of the Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre
09:25-10:15	Panel intro and debate, 3 minutes introductory comments per panellist Panel also consists of speakers of this session	Mr. Dao Xuan Hoc Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam Mr. Richard Choularton Senior policy officer, Office for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction, World Food Programme Mr. Oddvar Hesjedal Executive Vice President and Head of People Development at Telenor Group.
10:15-10:45	Coffee break	

Session VI: RESPONSE AND PROTECTION STRATEGIES

Chair: Ms. Margareta Wahlström, *short introduction*

Filling the gaps in the protection regime

Objective of session: Discuss how international protection regimes cater for the protection of people displaced by climate-related disasters and what can be done to enhance protection.

Moderator: Prof. Roger Zetter, Director of the Refugee Study Centre, University of Oxford.

10:45-11:00	Human rights-based approach to protection of environmentally displaced persons	Dr. Chaloka Beyani , United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced People
11:00-11:15	Can protection of environmentally displaced persons be found in existing protection regimes? What are the next steps, from a protection perspective?	Dr. Volker Türk , Director of the Division of International Protection, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
11:15-11:30	How to address the protection gap – ways forward	Prof. Jane McAdam , Director International Refugee and Migration Law Project, University of New South Wales, Sydney
11:30-12:15	Panel intro and debate, 3 minutes introductory comments per panellist Panel also consists of speakers of this session	Ms. Elisabeth Rasmusson Secretary General of Norwegian Refugee Council Mr. Rolf Einar Fife Director General, Legal Affairs Department, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
12:15-13:45	Lunch	

Adapting humanitarian disaster response to climate-induced displacement

Objective of session: Analyzing capacity needs for humanitarian response and recommend measures to be taken to ensure appropriate capacity at all levels.

Moderator: Mr. Jan Egeland Director Norwegian Institute of International Affairs.

13:45-14:05	Building appropriate humanitarian response capacities to climate induced displacement	Ms. Kelly David , Head of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs' Regional Office of Southern and Eastern Africa
14:05-14:25	Climate change: How to ensure national level response capacities? Uganda as a case	Prof. Tarsis Kabwegyere , Former Minister of Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees, Uganda
14:25-14:45	Impact of climate change on humanitarian response systems	Mr. Louis-Georges Arsenault , Director, Office of Emergency Programmes, UNICEF
14:45-15:30	Panel intro and debate, 3 minutes introductory comments per panellist	Ms. Katuscia Fara Senior Officer Climate Change Adaptation, Community preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction,

	Panel also consists of speakers of this session	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Ms. Amelia Kyazze Head of Conflict and Humanitarian Policy Department, Save the Children UK
15:30-15:35	Break	

Session VII: CLOSING SESSION

15:35-15:55	Chairs summary	Ms. Margareta Wahlström , United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction
15:55-16:00	Closing remark	

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Registration and Information Desk

The registration and information desk will be located at the conference center “Høyres Hus” and will have the following opening hours:

Sunday June 5: 15:00 – 21:00

Monday June 6: 08:00 – 17:30

Tuesday June 7: 08:00 – 16:30

The phone number for the registration desk is +47 95 70 90 59, and will be answered during the desk’s opening hours. For urgent matters at other hours, please call one of the contact people listed below.

For Speakers

All speakers are requested to deliver their presentation to the secretariat no later than 30 minutes prior to the *start* of the session in which they will hold their presentation - please note that this is *not* 30 minutes before the presentation. This will provide the organizer enough time to deliver the presentation to the conference room and the technician.

Official Conference Hotels

The following hotels are the official conference hotels:

1. Hotel Continental, Stortingsgaten 24/26, 0117 Oslo. Phone: +47 22 82 40 00.
2. Rica Victoria Hotel, Rosenkrantzgate 13, 0160 Oslo. Phone: +47 24 14 70 00.
3. P-Hotels, Grensen 19, 0159 Oslo. Phone: +47 800 46 835.
4. Thon Hotel Munch, Munchs gate 5, 0165 Oslo. Phone: +47 23 21 96 00.

Service at the hotels

At the following dates and times, the organizers will provide conference assistants to lead delegates from the conference hotels to the conference center, Oslo City Hall and the pier from which the boat will depart on Monday. Please meet up at the indicated time at your hotel’s reception.

Please note that the service is only available from the four official conference hotels, listed above.

Sunday June 5: 18:30 to Oslo City Hall.

Monday June 6: 08:00 to the Conference Center.

18:00 to the Pier.

Photo Exhibition

Photographer Rune Eraker, who has taken the signature picture used on the front page of this program, will show more of his work in the coffee and registration area of the conference center.

Name badge

Members of the organizing committee can be identified by the red stripe on top of their name badge, speakers will have blue and all other participants will have a blank stripe.

Social Program

Free entrance to The Nobel Peace Center, Sunday June 5, 10:00-18:00.

Don't miss the opportunity to visit the Nobel Peace Center, situated in front of Oslo City Hall and close to the conference center and the conference hotels. A ticket will be sent to all participants by email before the conference, which will allow free access to the center. If you have not received the ticket, just inform the people at the entrance that you are a participant at The Nansen Conference, and they will let you in for free.

The current exhibition at the Nobel Peace Center: **TRANSIT**

Description of the exhibition: How does it feel to leave the safety of home and not be able to return? How do you survive at a subsistence level? What is life like for a child who is forced to flee from his or her home? What is it like to live in constant fear for your life and of losing those close to you? Through photographs, films, soundtracks and conversations with refugees, TRANSIT aims to give visitors insight into the lives of people on the run.

TRANSIT also presents Fridtjof Nansen and his efforts to help prisoners of war, victims of famine and refugees in the early years of the 20th Century.

Welcome reception at Oslo City Hall, Sunday June 5, 19:00 – 20:30

The Mayor of Oslo invites you to a Welcome reception at Oslo City Hall. The characteristic architecture, the artwork and the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony make it one of Oslo's most famous buildings. Oslo City Hall is situated in the city center, close to the conference venue and Oslo's main street, Karl Johans gate. The Mayor of Oslo will address the conference participants, light refreshments will be served and you will have the opportunity to attend a guided tour of the building.

Dress code: Informal

Dinner at The Fram Museum, June 6, 19:00. (Departure by boat at 18:30 from "Rådhusbrygge 3", the Pier in front of Oslo City Hall).

The vessel Fram, used by Fridtjof Nansen on his journey across the Arctic Ocean and his attempt to reach the North Pole, will be the venue for our dinner.

We will leave the harbor in front of Oslo City Hall at 18:30 by boat. The boat trip will take approx. 15 minutes. During the welcome drink, the museum director will tell the story of the museum and the Fram. A buffet dinner with drinks will be served. You will have the opportunity to enter the vessel and walk on and below deck.

Boats will leave for Oslo city center at 21:30 and 22:00.

Dress code: Casual.

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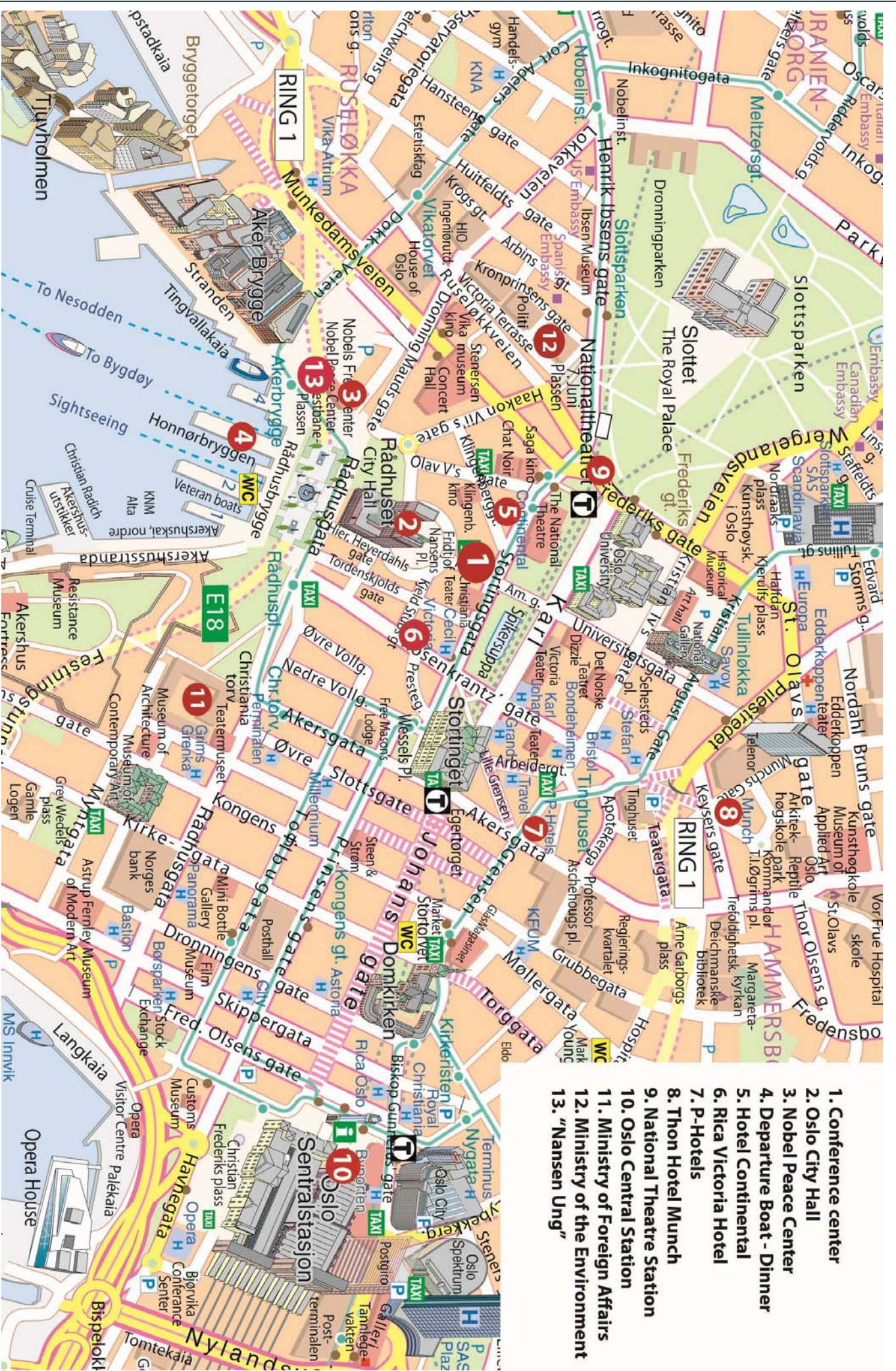
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8. Thon Hotel Munch
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10. Oslo Central Station
11. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
12. Ministry of the Environment
13. "Nansen Ung"