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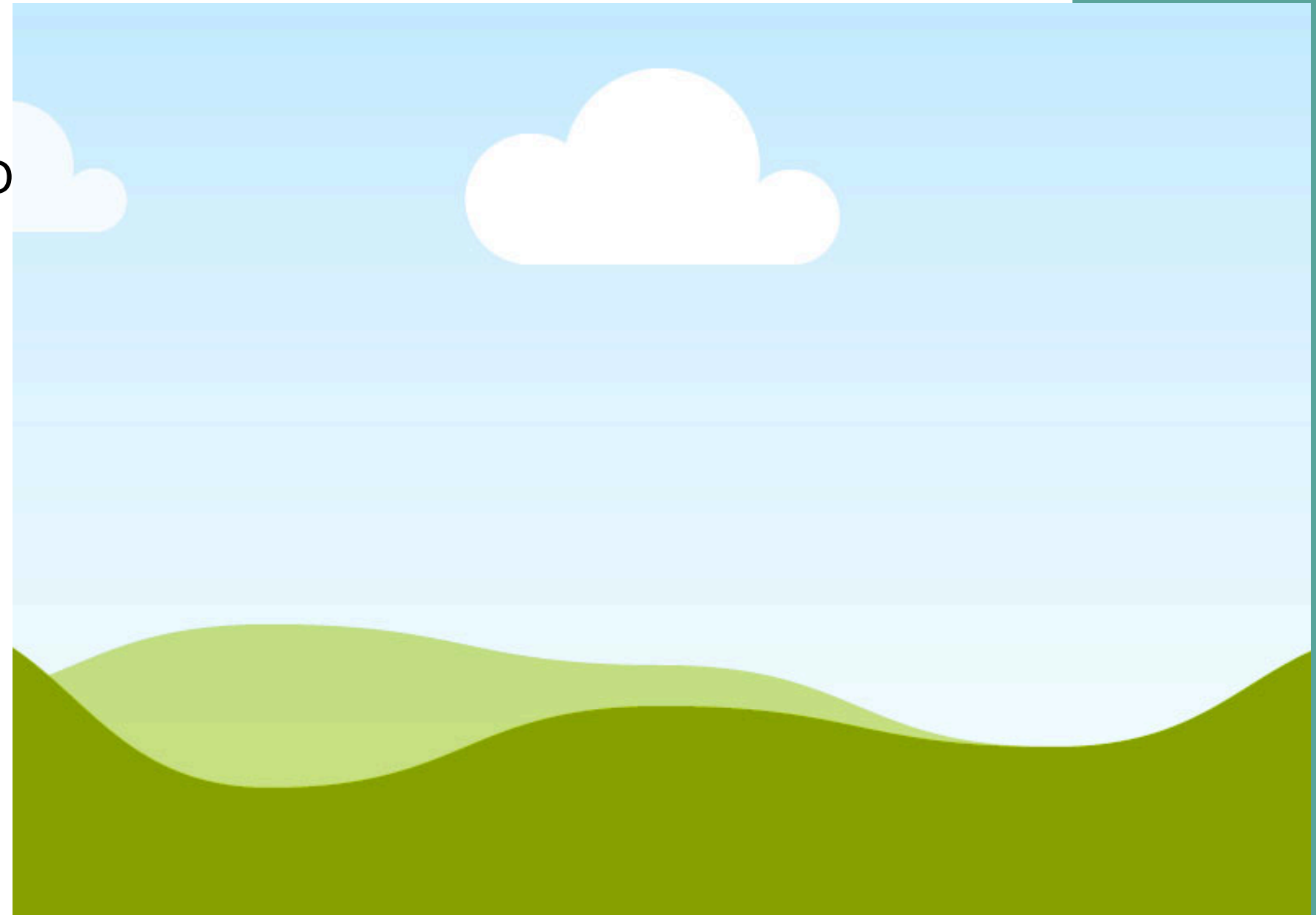
## topics from the Perspective of Civil Society Organizations

CO-OP4CBD Paris training session, 22-23 of April 2026  
Presented by Coordinator Fora for nature and outdoor life Troms, Christine Myrseth

Forum for Nature and Outdoor Recreation (FNF) Troms is a collaborative network of nature conservation and outdoor recreation organizations in the region.

- How is your organisation involved on CBD / biodiversity related topics?
- How to contribute to the CBD and KM GBF objectives as a local civil society organisation? (from global to local)

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# How FNF is involved in CBD / biodiversity-related topics

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**Collaborative civil society forum:** FNF is involved in CBD-related topics by working through a collaborative civil society forum, where complex biodiversity issues are addressed collectively across organizations, creating a shared environment for engagement.

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**Knowledge exchange:** Sharing information and translating CBD and KM-GBF goals into practical understanding and action at relevant levels.

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**Joint advocacy:** Coordinating common civil society positions and inputs into biodiversity policy, land-use planning, and decision-making processes.

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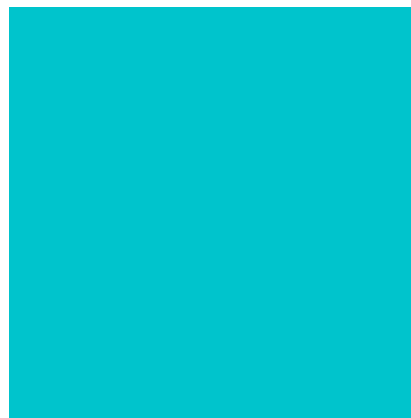
**Dialogue and partnerships:** Facilitating constructive engagement and dialogue between civil society, public authorities, policymakers, and other relevant stakeholders.

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**Capacity-building:** Strengthening member organizations' ability to engage effectively in biodiversity and CBD processes through skills development, knowledge sharing, and cooperation.



# How to contribute to the CBD and KM GBF objectives as a local civil society organisation? (from global to local) ?



Intentional participation and representation



Knowledge-driven action across knowledge systems



Collective capacity through networks and meaningful cooperation



## Article 8(j) + the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: From global obligations to local water management in Troms

Background: <https://fnf-nett.no/troms/vannforvaltning-befaring-av-manndalselva-og-mortenelva-4-5-september/>

- Measures for the Mortenelva River adopted by the county authorities
- Restoration funding allocated to the Manndalselva River
- We will present our work on biodiversity, local knowledge and water management at:

***National Reference Group for Water Management- meeting***  
(Tromsø, April) and the ***AIDA World Water Law Congress 2026***  
(Oslo, June)



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## AIDA Water Law Congress:

### Parallel Sessions:

Special Session:  
Knowledge Bases and  
Impact Assessments as  
Enablers of Just and  
Sustainable Protection and  
Use of Water



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# Knowledge and the CBD/KM-GBF: Local Contributions in Practice

## KM-GBF implementation – what it requires

**According to Section C of the KM-GBF, implementation must be based on:**

- Meaningful participation and rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities
- Multiple value systems and knowledge systems
- A whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach
- Collective responsibility for achieving the targets
- A human rights-based approach
- Rio Declaration principles, including precaution
- Science, innovation, and knowledge-based decision-making

**This also requires local arenas where knowledge, participation and dialogue can take place in practice. One example from our work is Nature in the North and our partnership in a research project; [Pathways](#).**



# Nature in the NorthA Civil Society-Led Nature Conference in Troms

*A Civil Society-Led Conference Supporting CBD and KM-GBF Implementation in Troms*

**Since 2022, FNF Troms has organized an annual nature conference as a civil society contribution to the local implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF).**

The conference creates a dedicated space to translate global biodiversity commitments into regional dialogue and practical action – with nature as the starting point for programme and topics.

**This year's focus:**

- **Tourism and nature**, including an **outdoor workshop** on Day 2A platform for **knowledge, participation and capacity-building**

The conference brings together civil society, public authorities, researchers, practitioners and the private sector, reflecting the KM-GBF's whole-of-society approach, meaningful participation, and knowledge-based decision-making. <https://fnf-nett.no/troms/opptak-og-oppsummering-natur-i-nord-konferansen-2025/>



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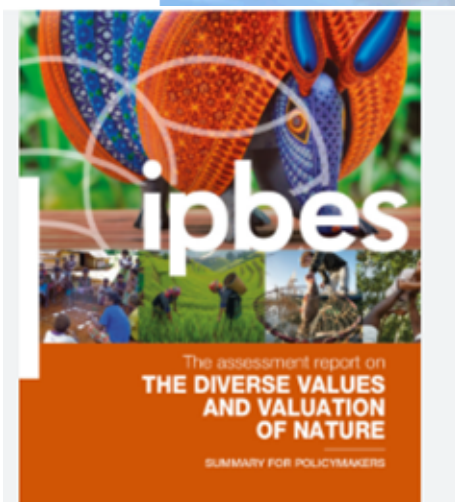
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# FNF Troms as a partner in a research project addressing IPBES and CBD-related topics

## PATHWAYS – utforsker lokale retninger for bærekraft

I PATHWAYS-prosjektet undersøker vi hva bærekraftig samfunnsutvikling betyr for folk i distriktskommuner – langs ulike bærekraftsretninger. Prosjektet skal blant annet teste medvirkningsprosesser som verktøy for å samskape bærekraft lokalt.



[https://www.nina.no/Bærekraftig-samfunn/PATHWAYS-utforsker-lokale-retninger-for-bærekraftig-utvikling#\\_](https://www.nina.no/Bærekraftig-samfunn/PATHWAYS-utforsker-lokale-retninger-for-bærekraftig-utvikling#_)

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Prosjekttittel: Samskaping av bærekraftsbanar for Distrikts-Noreg

Engelsk prosjekttittel: Co-creation of sustainability pathways for rural Norway

Prosjektperiode: 2025-2028

Samarbeidspartnere: Norges miljø og biovitenskaplige universitet (NMBU), Forum for Natur og Friluftsliv (FNF) i Troms og Forum for Natur og Friluftsliv i Innlandet



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# Local Perspectives and Capacity-Building for Biodiversity – what can it look like?

## ***When Nature Becomes a Project – and Not a Part of Us***

*In Southern Norway, people go to nature for outdoor recreation. In Northern Norway – and in Greenland, where I come from – you simply go outside. **What does that say about how we relate to nature?***

*These are thoughts and reflections I am left with after participating in the Outdoor Recreation Conference in Fredrikstad. In many ways, it gave me a sense of an identity crisis. My upbringing – the way I live and relate to nature – was described there as a project, an activity, something external to myself. But who really benefits from that in the long run?  
(Marie Nyborg, FIVH North and FNF Troms)*

**We will discuss these perspectives and much more in our fora in the years to come!**





Nordreisa kommune

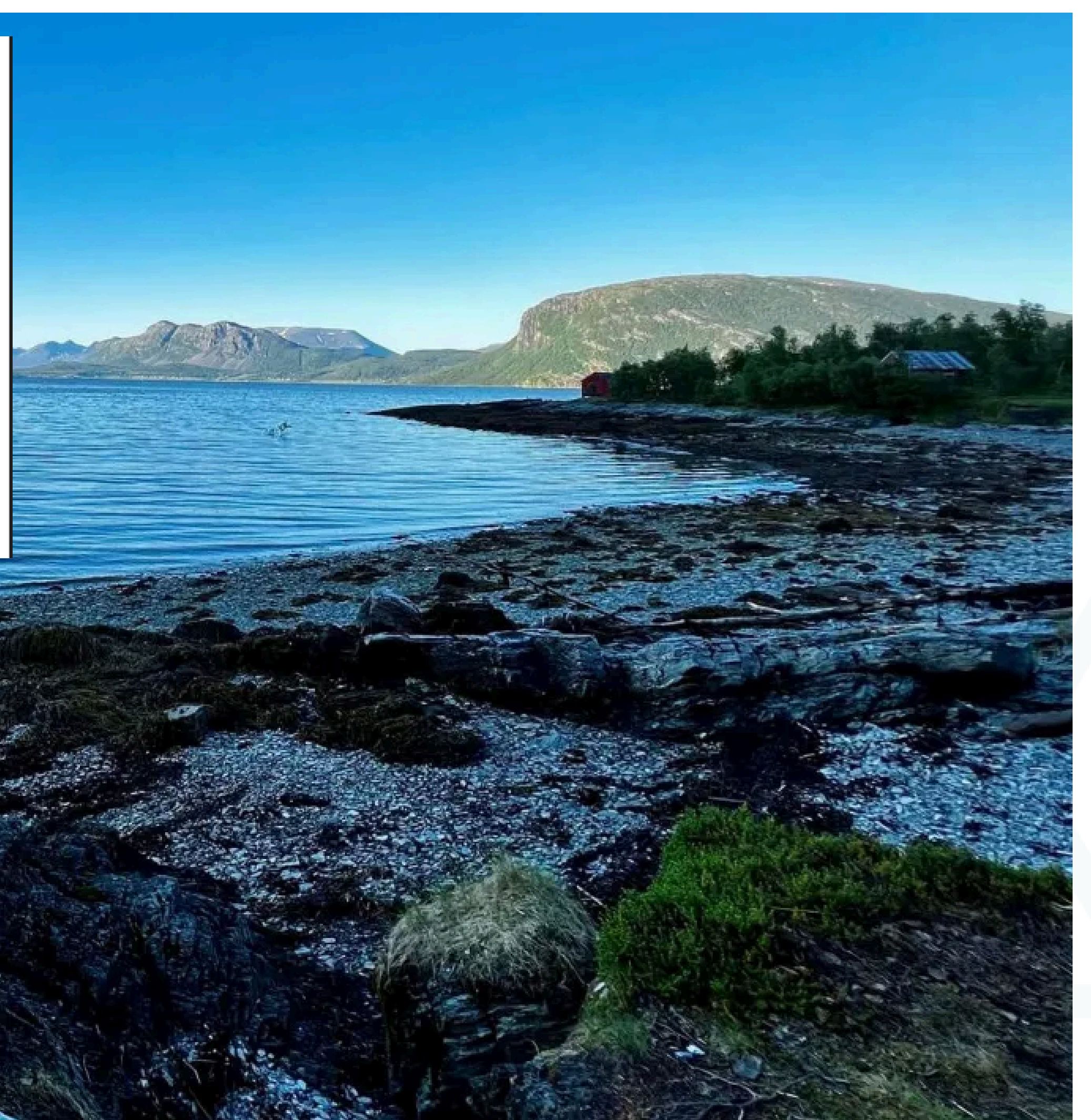
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## Høringsuttalelse: Områderegulering for næringsområdet Hjellneset Sak 23/166.

Planprogram og varsel om oppstart, Nordreisa kommune





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# Thank you for your attention and interest!

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