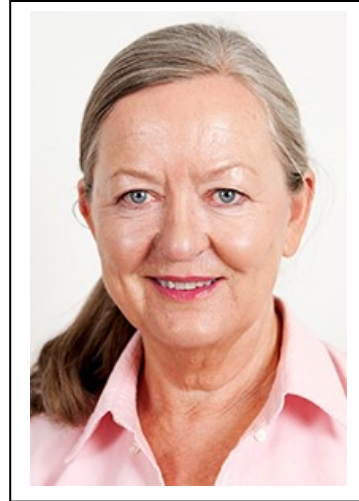


Ms Berit Lein

Assistant Director General

Norwegian Environment Agency



1. Education

Master in Law equivalent University of Oslo, 1982

2. Professional career

Assistant Director General at the Norwegian Environment Agency (Directorate for nature management until 2013) since 1989, with overall responsibility for the following:

- Establishment and management of protected areas in Norway (including Svalbard), a network which today comprises around 3000 protected areas and 17 % of Norway's mainland land area
- International co-operation related to biodiversity, including key conventions and agreements (Convention on biological diversity (CBD), Ramsar convention on wetlands, Bern convention on nature conservation in Europe, the natural heritage part of the World Heritage Convention and the Polar Bear Agreement), regional co-operation (European, Arctic and Nordic), bilateral co-operation (including environmental agreements with Russia, China, Myanmar, and India) and international organizations (including IUCN and Europarc)
- Nomination and management of Norwegian World Heritage properties.
- Miscellaneous areas related to the agency's roles and responsibilities, including spatial planning, wildlife management, outdoor recreation and environmental economics

3. Experience at the regional and international level

Participation and responsibilities related to a number of projects and long-term commitments related to roles and responsibilities in the Norwegian Environment Agency, including the following:

- World Heritage Committee: Representing Norway as a member of the committee 2003-2007
- Arctic Council program on Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF): National representative 1995-2012 and chair 1999-2000.
- Bilateral environmental co-operation: Leading programs and projects with China, India and Myanmar and membership in Steering Committee EEA Grants Czech Republic 2014-2017.
- IUCN: Follow-up of the agency's membership and participation in the Norwegian delegation to the World Conservation Congresses since 1990

Miscellaneous participation in national and regional boards and committees, including membership in the Norwegian Committee on Polar Research and chairing an Arctic program under the Norwegian

Research Council, membership in the foundation boards for the Secretariat for the Arctic Council Monitoring and Assessment Program (AMAP) and UNEP GRID Arendal.

Secondment to Environment Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service, 1994.

4. Languages

Norwegian (mother tongue) and English.

5. Membership in professional and international organizations

Member of IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)