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Nordic Cooperation: Sustainability, Innovation, and Economic Growth

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This event brings together the Consul Generals of four Nordic Countries to explore Nordic cooperation as a distinctive regional model built on shared values, trust, and practical collaboration. What makes the Nordic model not only evolve and endure, but continue to lead in a rapidly changing world? The discussion will examine how close coordination between the Nordic countries has fostered innovation, economic growth, and strong cross-cultural and educational ties. Panelists will also reflect on the historical roots and the mechanisms that enable effective alignment across borders. With a focus on values such as equality and sustainability the conversation will highlight how the Nordic approach continues to shape resilient societies and offers inspiration for the future of regional and global collaboration.

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