



Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic – part C

Terms of Reference for Regional Implementation Teams

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Preamble

The project “Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic – part C”, AACAC, was adopted by the 2013 Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting.

The AACAC project is divided into three different parts; part A is an overview of assessments performed by AC working groups over the past 10 years led by SDWG, part B is an overview of existing adaptation actions taken in the Arctic led by Canada and Russia. These were reported out to the Ministerial meeting May 2013.

The AACAC-C aims to consider Arctic-focused climate and integrated environmental frameworks and models that can improve predictions of climate change and other relevant drivers of Arctic change.

There are three pilot regions covered by AACAC-C: Barents, Davis Strait/Baffin Bay and Bering/Chukchi/Beaufort. All three regions include both marine and terrestrial areas.

These terms of reference cover all three Regional Implementation Teams. Each Regional Implementation Team has flexibility regarding the size of the specific team and tasks to be undertaken. Coordination of efforts across the regional implementation teams will take place in an overall integrations team (INT) with representatives from the regional integration teams. It is, however, important that each Regional Implementation Teams secures a close cooperation with the Integration Team, the other Regional Implementation Teams and the AC working groups.

Organization and Participation

A Regional Implementation Team (RIT) is organized on a two-tier level: A core group and an extended advisory group:

Members of the core group are:

- Two or three co-chairs; (from countries in the specific region)
- One or two representative(s) from each of the other countries in the region;



- One or two representative(s) from permanent participants;
- Three or four identified experts/regional lead authors

The extended advisory RIT includes:

- Representative(s) from relevant AC working groups and task forces;
- Representatives from stakeholders;
- Representatives from cooperating organizations and projects

Each RIT can decide the size of the extended advisory RIT.

RIT can invite as necessary additional experts from e.g. international organizations, stakeholders, regional and local administration to participate in meetings or part of the work.

The AMAP Secretariat gives support to RIT and participates in RIT meetings.

Meetings in the extended RITs will take place as decided by the core group, but at least once pr. year. The core group will meet as needed to secure progress of the work.

Mandate

The responsibilities of RIT are to:

1. Produce the regional integrated report and other deliverables of regional AACAC activities and contribute to the deliverables for the overall integrated report;
2. Identify existing work, data and information relevant to the regional assessment;
3. Identify sector work to be included in the regional work and establish a plans for the deliverables to the regional integrated report;
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5. Through the INT cooperate with the other Regional Implementation Teams and take an interest in the overall AACAC work, to ensure best use of resources, data and information;
6. Cooperate and liaise with international organizations, as necessary;
7. Ensure scientifically sound implementation of the AACAC in their region;
8. Follow the common methodology and strategic framework and other coordinating issues developed between the INT and RITs;
9. Make sure regional work and deliverables are according to the AACAC implementation plan, including progress reports to the Integration Team;

Responsibility of RIT co-chairs

RIT co-chairs are elected for the period of the Regional Assessment work (2013-2017). The Co-chairs will lead the RIT and oversee the implementation of regional activities. They represent RIT and regional activities in the Integration Team and other groups as necessary. The co-chairs call and chair RIT meetings in the core group and extended advisory team. Co-chairs decide the meeting frequency and which meetings are among the core group and which meetings include also the extended advisory group. Co-chairs will serve as the RIT representatives in the Integration Team. Co-chairs should seek work division among RIT members.



Responsibility of RIT members

These responsibilities are valid both for core group members and the extended advisory team members. RIT members shall have a pro-active role in RIT work. Members shall contribute to RIT work and perform tasks given to them by the RIT co-chairs and report back to co-chairs or meetings as decided. Members can nominate agenda items to be discussed at meetings. Members from AC working groups should be the core contact point to their working group and secure input from their working group to RIT.

Responsibility of AMAP Secretariat

The AMAP secretariat will provide secretariat support functions to RITs. The Secretariat should maintain close cooperation with co-chairs regarding the regional implementation and progress of AACA-C. The Secretariat prepares documents for RIT meetings in cooperation with RIT co-chairs and members. The Secretariat prepares minutes of the meetings.