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Arctic Contaminants Action Program (ACAP)											
1	2013	2015	1.1 Reduction of Black Carbon from Diesel Sources in the Russian Arctic Project (SLCFC PSG)	U.S.	Assess primary sources of black carbon in the Russian Arctic; develop a baseline emissions inventory for black carbon from diesel in key areas; implement targeted demonstration projects; establish policy recommendations and financing options.	Need for coordination of SLCF activities between ACAP, AMAP and AC TFBCM	Completed emissions inventory of black carbon from diesel sources in the Murmansk Region. Completed a pilot project to upgrade the bus fleet at a Murmansk bus company. Related to this project, one additional sub project and two feasibility studies have received psi funding: an energy system upgrade to wind-diesel at the Tundra Cooperative Saami reindeer farm in Murmansk (EUR 95K); a feasibility study for energy supply conversion from diesel in Dolgoshcheliye, Mezenskiy District (EUR 30K) and; a feasibility study mapping substituting solutions for diesel power plants in Arctic and North-West Russia (EUR 70K).	A brochure, available in English and Russian, describing the results have been prepared. ACAP has submitted the English version to Ministers for endorsement.	On-Track	Teresa Kuklinski (USA)	Kuklinski.Teresa@epa.gov
2	2012	2014	1.2 Reduction of black carbon emissions from residential wood combustion in the Arctic (SLCFC PSG)	Finland, Norway	Compile information on black carbon emissions along with abatement instruments and measures / Phase 1: Desk study on emission inventories and abatement instruments and measures for reduction on black carbon / Phase 2: to be decided	Need for coordination of SLCF activities between ACAP, AMAP and AC TFBCM	The final report was approved by SAOs in October 2014, to be put forward to Ministers.	Final Report: Reduction of Black Carbon Emission from Residential Wood Combustion in the Arctic	On-Track	Maria Marlene Kvalevåg	maria.kvalevag@miljodir.no
3	2013	Ongoing	1.3 Arctic Black Carbon Case Studies Platform (SLCFC PSG)	U.S.	Through this project, EPA will work with its partners in ACAP to present a catalogue of black carbon mitigation efforts – a set of standardized case studies or “snapshots” – to capture the variety of interventions and policy tools that can reduce black carbon emissions.	Need for coordination of SLCF activities between ACAP, AMAP and AC TFBCM	Initial set of case studies delivered to the January 2015 ACAP meeting. Case Studies are on the ACAP website in beta version.	Included in ACAP input to SAO Report to Ministers.	On-Track	Laura Sauls	Sauls.Laura@epa.gov

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4	2014	Ongoing	1.4 Valday Cluster Upgrade for Black Carbon Reduction in the Republic of Karelia, Russian Federation (SLCFC PSG)	U.S., NEFCO	This project aims to implement a range of alternatives for providing energy to off-grid settlements in this region with the objectives to; 1) contribute to mitigation of pollutants, including SLCPs such as BC and other GHGs; 2) decrease the dependence of the Cluster settlements on transported fossil fuels, 3) reduce the electricity/district heating costs for the municipality; 4) increase the reliability and quality of electricity/district heating supply and 5) strengthen the expertise of the local institutions in the energy supply and project management.	Need for coordination of SLCF activities between ACAP, AMAP and AC TFBCM	The objectives of the Project are to; 1) contribute to mitigation of pollutants, including SLCPs such as BC and other GHGs; 2) decrease the dependence of the Cluster settlements on transported fossil fuels, 3) reduce the electricity/district heating costs for the municipality; 4) increase the reliability and quality of electricity/district heating supply and 5) strengthen the expertise of the local institutions in the energy supply and project management. In Oct. 2014, PSI Committee approved the project, allocating EUR 1.12 million.	Included in ACAP input to SAO Report to Ministers.	On-Track	Husamuddin Ahmadzai (NEFCO)	Husamuddin.Ahmadzai@nefco.fi
5	2013	Ongoing	2.1 Non-ferrous/Zinc Smelter Mercury Reduction in the Russian Federation (Mercury PSG)	Russian Federation, U.S., NEFCO	The project will seek to identify, develop and apply pollution reduction approaches and technologies to a selected pilot smelter, and monitor the approaches for baseline and progress determinations. The project awaits a signed letter of commitment to participate in the project from the smelter facility owners.		NEFCO is currently planning an information exchange workshop "Technical Information Exchange on Mercury Abatement in the Metallurgical Industry", funded with approximately 30K US of Swedish funding.	Included in ACAP input to SAO Report to Ministers.	On-Track	Marianne Bailey (USA)*; Vladimir Ivlev (RF); Husamuddin Ahmadzai (NEFCO)	Bailey.Marianne@epa.gov; ivlev@mnr.gov.ru; husamuddin.ahmadzai@nefco.fi
6	2010	Ongoing	2.2 Mercury Control Technology Workshop	U.S., Russian Federation	Demonstrates the efficiencies of mercury emissions removal of standard activated carbon and bromated carbon injection / Investigates the stability of ash and sorbent residues and leaching potential of metals / Project Steering Committee will develop a proposal for a project focusing on disseminating and replicating results				On-Track	Marianne Bailey (USA)*; Husamuddin Ahmadzai (NEFCO)	Bailey.Marianne@epa.gov; husamuddin.ahmadzai@nefco.fi

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7	2001	Ongoing	3. Phase III: Demonstration of environmentally sound destruction of obsolete pesticides (Obsolete Pesticides PSG)	Finland, Russian Federation	Assess technologies for environmentally sound destruction of obsolete pesticides in Russia and demonstrate destruction of obsolete pesticides. Project will seek synergies with the PCB destruction project for management of PCBs in transformers in Russia. Dependent on availability of destruction technologies or possibilities to export.		SAOs to take note: Identification of available environmentally sound destruction technology. Identification of environmentally sound destruction capacity. Next steps depend on availability of destruction capacity in Russia or decision to export for environmentally sound destruction.	Included in ACAP input to SAO Report to Ministers.	Delayed	Timo Seppala (FI)	timo.seppala@ymparisto.fi
8	2001	Ongoing	4. Phase III (Dioxin/Furan PSG) Reduction/Elimination of Emissions of Dioxins and Furans in Russia with a focus on Northern regions	Sweden	Project to reduce dioxins and dust emission and training program for the Vorkutinskiy cement plant		Milestone 1: Seminar on environmental requirements on using waste as fuel; Milestone 2: Sample and Analysis of Emissions, Milestone 3: Action Plan for Reduction Actions at VCP, Milestone 4: Start of Reconstruction, Milestone 5: Completion of Reconstruction Actions, Milestone 6: Assessment of Reduction	Included in ACAP input to SAO Report to Ministers.	On-Track	Ake Mikaelsson (SE)	Ake.Mikaelsson@naturvardsverket.se
9	2001	Ongoing	5. Demonstration of management and destruction of 250 tons of PCB in transformers: Phase III (PCB PSG)	Russia, U.S., NEFCO	PCB Project addresses mitigation of the PCB problem in RF. The aim is to destroy 250 tons of PCB via two sub-projects: 1. Emptying and cleaning contaminated PCB containing transformers; 2. Destruction of PCB. The method can also be used to destroy other hazardous pollutants e.g. certain types of pesticides.	Appropriate co-ordination with pesticides and integrated hazardous waste management groups via ACAP	SAOs to take note: Next steps depend on permitting regimes of the Russian Federation	Included in ACAP input to SAO Report to Ministers.	Delayed	Husamuddin Ahmadzai (NEFCO)	Husamuddin.Ahmadzai@nefco.fi

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Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP)											
10	2013	2017	1. Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic – Part C	All	Implement Phase 2 which includes development of climate scenarios and integrated environmental frameworks/models to improve predictions of climate change and other relevant drivers of change in the 3 pilot regions. Traditional knowledge and PPs are involved in all three regional assessments.116	EPPR, PAME, SDWG, CAFF, ACAP	2013/2014: Implementation of regional activities. 2015: Progress reports to Ministers	Progress report	On-Track	AMAP Secretariat	amap@amap.no
11	2013	2015	2. SLCF Expert Group	Canada, Norway, USA	Support work of Task Force for Action on Black Carbon and Methane / Update assessment to include scientific data and information on black carbon, methane and tropospheric ozone from sources inside and outside of the Arctic	Task Force for Actions on Black Carbon and Methane	<p><u>SLCF Expert Group on Black Carbon and Tropospheric Ozone:</u></p> <p>Policy-makers summary - text delivered to AC, printed document under preparation for AC Ministerial; scientific assessment report undergoing technical editing/layout; overview report under preparation; future work addressed in AMAP workplan 2013-2015</p> <p><u>SLCF Expert Group on Methane:</u></p> <p>Policy-makers summary - text delivered to AC, printed document under preparation for AC Ministerial; scientific assessment report undergoing technical editing/layout; overview report under preparation; future work addressed in AMAP workplan 2013-2015</p>	Policy-makers summaries; Scientific assessment reports (available electronically)	On-Track	AMAP Secretariat	amap@amap.no

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12	2013	2015	3. Human Health Assessment	Canada, Norway	AMAP's human health assessment group will: Produce an update to the 2009 AMAP Human Health Report / Continue to work with SDWG's human health expert group on issues of joint concern (incl. Food Security)	SDWG	Policy-makers summary - text delivered to AC, printed document under preparation for AC Ministerial; scientific assessment report undergoing technical editing/layout; overview report under preparation; future work addressed in AMAP workplan 2013-2015	Policy-makers summaries; Scientific assessment reports (available electronically)	On-Track	AMAP Secretariat	amap@amap.no
13	2013	2015	4. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Expert Groups	Norway, USA	Continue work on safety guidelines and demonstrate the use of cross-jurisdictional environmental monitoring	EPPR	2015: February: Final draft UAS Arctic Airspace Access Whitepaper presented to AMAP HoDs. June: Final UAS Arctic Airspace Access Whitepaper and UAS Handbook to be presented to meeting of SAOs	(void)	On-Track	AMAP Secretariat	amap@amap.no

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14	2013	2015	5. Follow-up activities Radioactivity	Norway, Russia	AMAP's radioactivity expert group will: Produce an update to the 2009 AMAP Radioactivity report	EPPR	Policy-makers summary - text delivered to AC, printed document under preparation for AC Ministerial; scientific assessment report undergoing technical editing/layout; overview report under preparation; future work addressed in AMAP workplan 2013-2015	Policy-makers summaries; Scientific assessment reports (available electronically)	On-Track	AMAP Secretariat	amap@amap.no
15	2013	2015	6. Follow-up activities POPs	Canada, Sweden	AMAP's POPs expert group will: Produce an update to the 2009 AMAP POPs assessment		2015: Policy-makers summary - text delivered to AC, printed document under preparation for AC Ministerial; scientific assessment and overview reports under preparation; technical report completed (delivered to AC and Stockholm Convention) 2016: Update assessments on POPs of Emerging Concern and Biological Effects of POPs and Mercury (underway) 2017: Update assessment on Climate Change Impacts on POPs Updated assessment on chemicals of emerging Arctic concern: End 2015 Update assessment of POPs and mercury biological effects: End of 2015/2016 Assessment of climate change impacts on contaminants in the Arctic: Early 2017	Policy-makers summary on POPs trends	On-Track (slight delays on some parts)	AMAP Secretariat	amap@amap.no

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16	2013	ongoing	7. Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (SAON) Project: Coordination of metadatabases	U.S.	Coordinate databases on Arctic observational metadata	CAFF	Progress report (in AMAP report)	Progress report (in AMAP report)	On-Track	AMAP Secretariat	amap@amap.no
17	(void, ongoing)	(void, ongoing)	8. AMAP Trends and Effects Programme	All	AMAP is conceived as a <i>process</i> integrating both monitoring and assessment activities, in order to: - produce integrated assessment reports on the pollution and climate status and trends of the conditions of Arctic ecosystems; - identify possible causes for changing conditions; - detect emerging problems, their possible causes, and the potential risk to Arctic ecosystems including indigenous peoples and other Arctic residents; - recommend actions required to reduce risks to Arctic ecosystems.	EPPR, PAME, SDWG, CAFF, ACAP	Ongoing	The programme provides input to AMAP assessments	On-Track	AMAP Secretariat	amap@amap.no

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Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF)											
18	2001	ongoing	1. Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program (CBMP) - General	Kingdom of Denmark, U.S. are the overall leads for the CBMP. Individual components are led by different countries. The key components are outlined in this tracking tool.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The CBMP is a flagship program of the CAFF working group and an ongoing monitoring program that has received international recognition. •The CBMP is the biodiversity component of the Sustaining Arctic Observing Network (SAON) and is the official Arctic biodiversity network of the Global Earth Observation's Biodiversity Observation Network (GEOBON). •CBMP activities are structured around the major Arctic ecosystem: marine, freshwater, terrestrial and coastal. • The plans help improve ability to detect important trends, link these trends to their underlying causes, predict future trends and scenarios for Arctic biodiversity, and thereby provide more timely and credible information to support decision making. • The CBMP endeavors to include TK holder expertise from the inception of projects to the analysis of information gained. It also seeks to include a diverse network of experts with both science and TK expertise. 	AMAP, PAME	See below	See below	On-Track	Tom Barry	tom@caff.is
19	2009	ongoing	1.1 CBMP Marine Biodiversity Monitoring group	Rotating chairs currently - US and Norway currently leading the steering group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Arctic Marine Biodiversity Monitoring Plan was delivered in 2011 and is the first of four pan-Arctic biodiversity monitoring plans developed by the CBMP to improve the ability to detect and understand the causes of long-term change in the composition, structure and function of Arctic ecosystems. Since the delivery of the marine plan further work is underway to continue to assess the state of the ecosystem and national implementation. • The CBMP supports the inclusion of TK holder expertise from the inception of projects to the analysis of information gained. It also seeks to include a diverse network of experts with both science and TK expertise. 	AMAP, PAME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •State of the Arctic marine biodiversity report (2015/2016) •National reports for implementation of the marine monitoring plan (2015) •Annual report and workplan (2014) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •National reports for implementation of the marine monitoring plan (2015) •Annual report and workplan (2014) 	On-Track	Tom Barry	tom@caff.is

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20	2010	ongoing	1.2 CBMP Freshwater Biodiversity Monitoring group	Rotating chairs currently - Canada, Sweden currently leading the steering group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Arctic Freshwater Biodiversity Monitoring Plan is one of four pan-Arctic biodiversity monitoring plans developed by the CBMP to improve the ability to detect and understand the causes of long-term change in the composition, structure and function of Arctic ecosystems. Since the delivery of the freshwater plan further work is underway to continue to assess the state of the ecosystem and national implementation. The CBMP endeavors to include TK holder expertise from the inception of projects to the analysis of information gained. It also seeks to include a diverse network of experts with both science and TK expertise. 	AMAP, PAME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of the Arctic freshwater biodiversity report (2016) National reports for implementation of the freshwater monitoring plan (2013) Annual report and workplan (2014) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National reports for implementation of the freshwater monitoring plan (2013) Annual report and workplan (2014) 	On-Track	Tom Barry	tom@caff.is
21	2011	ongoing	1.3 CBMP Terrestrial Biodiversity Monitoring group	Rotating chairs currently - Canada is currently leading implementation of the plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Arctic Terrestrial Biodiversity Monitoring Plan is one of four pan-Arctic biodiversity monitoring plans developed by the CBMP to improve the ability to detect and understand the causes of long-term change in the composition, structure and function of Arctic ecosystems. Since the delivery of the terrestrial plan further work is underway to continue to assess the state of the ecosystem and national implementation. The CBMP endeavors to include TK holder expertise from the inception of projects to the analysis of information gained. It also seeks to include a diverse network of experts with both science and TK expertise. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of the Arctic terrestrial biodiversity report (2017) National reports for implementation of the terrestrial monitoring plan (2014) Annual report and work plan (2014) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National reports for implementation of the terrestrial monitoring plan (2015) Annual report and work plan (2014) 	On-Track	Tom Barry	tom@caff.is

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22	2014	2015	1.4 CBMP Coastal Biodiversity Monitoring Plan	Canada, U.S. co-leads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Arctic Coastal Biodiversity Monitoring Plan is the final of four pan-Arctic biodiversity monitoring plans being developed by the CBMP to improve the ability to detect and understand the causes of long-term change in the composition, structure and function of Arctic ecosystems. The CBMP endeavors to include TK holder expertise from the inception of projects to the analysis of information gained. It also seeks to include a diverse network of experts with both science and TK expertise. 	AMAP, PAME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms of Reference (2015) Coastal monitoring background paper (2015) Delivery of the Coastal monitoring plan (Date 2016). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms of Reference (2015) 	On-Track	Tom Barry	tom@caff.is
23	2001	2015	1.5 CBMP • Indicators and indices	CAFF Secretariat lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CBMP has chosen a suite of indices and indicators that provide a comprehensive picture of the state of Arctic biodiversity – from species to habitats to ecosystem processes to ecological services. These indices and indicators are developed in a hierarchical manner, allowing users to drill down into the data from the higher-order indices to more detailed indicators. These are being developed through an expert consultation process. The CBMP endeavors to include TK holder expertise from the inception of projects to the analysis of information gained. It also seeks to include a diverse network of experts with both science and TK expertise. 	AMAP, PAME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indices reports for migratory birds and land cover change (2015) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indices reports for migratory birds and land cover change (2015) 	On-Track	Tom Barry	tom@caff.is

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24	2012	ongoing	2. Nomadic herders: enhancing resilience of pastoral ecosystems and livelihoods	Russia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of this project is to strengthen the sustainability of the pastoralist livelihoods; and to increase the resilience and capacity of the nomadic communities to adapt to change. • The project engages TK holders and their information. 			None	Awaiting update	Evgeny Syroechkovskiy	ees_jr@yahoo.co.uk
25	2013	2015	3. Arctic Biodiversity Congress	Norway, Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A major international science and policy conference being held December 2-4, 2014. Objective of the Congress is to promote the conservation and sustainable use of Arctic biodiversity through dialogue among scientists, policy-makers, government officials, industry, civil society and indigenous peoples. • There were several Congress case studies and sessions devoted to the ABA recommendation related to TK, including on the co-production of knowledge as well as TK in circumpolar initiatives. 		• Report to SAOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Chairs' statement on conclusions and recommendations (2015) •Congress proceedings (2015) •Case study summary (2015) •Scenario planning summary (2015) •Three theme summaries (2015) 	On-Track	Risa Smith	risa.smith@ec.gc.ca

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26	2013	2015 (delivery of the implementation plan, however, follow-up to the plan will be ongoing)	4. Arctic Biodiversity Assessment Implementation Plan	Canada, Norway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministers directed the development of an implementation plan for the policy recommendations part of the Arctic Biodiversity Assessment (ABA). The ABA was a key deliverable for CAFF in 2013 and included: (1) an Arctic Biodiversity Trends (2010) report; (2) a full ABA Scientific Report and synthesis (2013); (3) compendiums of traditional ecological knowledge (2013); and lastly, (4) the ABA Summary for Policy Makers (2013). The implementation plan is an important product that will help shape the direction of CAFF's work and ensure follow-up to a major Arctic Council assessment. TK was considered in the ABA, including through the creation of TK compendiums as well as specific policy recommendations related to TK. Work is also underway a report entitled, "Understanding Traditional Knowledge on Biodiversity Change in North America", to improve the TK included in the ABA compendium focused on the North American region. Work is underway on the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity in the Arctic 	All WGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports to SAOs/Ministers 2015 ABA Implementation Plan (2015) Understanding Traditional Knowledge on Biodiversity Change in North America (2015/2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports to SAOs/Ministers 2015 ABA Implementation Plan (2015) 	On-Track	Trish Hayes, Canada,	Trish.Hayes@ec.gc.ca
27	2013	2017	5. The Arctic Migratory Bird Initiative	Canada, Norway, Russia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Arctic Migratory Bird Initiative is a Chairmanshp priority. The project's objective is to improve conservation outcomes for arctic-breeding migratory birds by addressing conservation issues throughout their migratory range. Focus is on three conservation issues: 1. Habitat destruction/degradation; 2. Unsustainable harvest; 3. Bycatch Actual work will be undertaken on a flyway basis, with priority issues identified on each flyway. 		•AMBI Work Plan (2015)/ Ministerial	•Progress report to SAOs/ Ministers (2015)	On-Track	Vicky Johnson	vicky.johnson@ec.gc.ca

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28	1992	ongoing	6. Seabird program	Overall chair: Canada. Individual components are led by different countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Seabird program promotes, facilitates, and coordinates conservation, management and research activities among circumpolar countries and improves communication between seabird scientists and managers inside and outside the Arctic. Key activities include work to monitor seabirds (e.g., survival, diets, phenology, and productivity) to explain observed changes in populations as well as provide circumpolar information on the status of seabirds to management agencies in Arctic States. 			Items scheduled for delivery include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circumpolar Seabird Monitoring Plan (2014) 	On-Track	Grant Gilchrist, Canada,	grant.gilchrist@ec.gc.c
29	1992	ongoing	7. Arctic Flora program	Overall chair: US. Individual components are led by different countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CAFF Flora Group (CFG) promotes, encourages and coordinates the international conservation of Arctic flora, vegetation, and habitats as well as research activities. It works to enhance the exchange of information on Arctic flora and vegetation and factors affecting the status and trends in Arctic flora species. A key activity led by the US is the Circumboreal Vegetation Map (CBVM) will develop a global map of the circumboreal forest biome with a common legend. By recognizing the boreal region as a single geo-ecosystem with a common set of cultural, political and economic issues, the CBVM project will be the first detailed vegetation map of the entire global biome. 		Reports to SAOs/Ministers 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moss & Lichen checklists Proceedings of CFG workshops - 2013/14 	On-Track	Stephen Talbott	Stephen_Talbot@fws.gov

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30	2011	ongoing	8. Conservation of biodiversity in a changing Russian Arctic - scoping study	Russia	Assessment activity		Reports to SAOs/Ministers 2021		Project on hold, awaiting Global Environment Facility Decision	Evgeny Syroechkovskiy	ees_jr@yahoo.co.uk
31	2012	ongoing	9. Arctic Biodiversity Data Service (CAFF)	CAFF Secretariat, Individual components are led by different countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the online mechanism to house, collect, display and search for Arctic biodiversity related data, maps and graphics for decision making. • The Arctic Spatial Data Infrastructure (Arctic SDI) is an initiative from the national mapping organisations of all eight Arctic Council countries to collect and exchange spatially referenced data on the Arctic to create a harmonized map of the entire Arctic region. 	PAME	Reports to SAOs/Ministers 2015	Arctic Biodiversity Data Service – portal and data framework (2015)	On-Track	Tom Barry	tom@caff.is

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Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR)											
32		Ongoing Program - umbrella-project Updated Dec 2014	1. Arctic Rescue - 2014	Russia	Improve state of preparedness and response along the Russia Northern Sea Route including conducting exercises and conferences		August 19- 21, 2014: Conference in Arkhangelsk	Included in EPPR input to SAO Report to Ministers	On-Track	Igor Veselov, RF	veselov@mchs.gov.ru
33		Ongoing Program - umbrella-project Updated Dec 2014	2. Development of Safety Systems in Implementation of Economic and Infrastructure Projects - 2014	Norway, Russia	Improvement of industrial and environmental safety related to economic and infrastructural projects (primarily development of hydrocarbons on the Arctic continental shelf and hydrocarbons transportation)		August 5-7, 2014: International SAR exercise in Varanday	Included in EPPR input to SAO Report to Ministers.	On-Track	Igor Veselov, RF	veselov@mchs.gov.ru
34		Phase I: March 2010-Sept 2014. Phase II: Sept 2013-Sept 2015	3. Arctic Region Oil Spill and Logistics: Environmental Response Management Application (ERMA) Phase I and II	U.S., Canada	Phase I: Develop a GIS tool for oil spill response resource and logistics. Phase II: Use Arctic ERMA in operational exercises with US and Canada.		Phase I and II complete. Final Report up for SAO approval to Minister in SAO/Whitehorse.	Pending SAO approval: Final Report on Phase I and II of Arctic ERMA	On Track	Amy Merten (US)	Amy.Merten@noaa.gov
35		Ongoing Program Updated June 2014	4. Arctic Environmental Hazards and National Mitigation Programs	U.S.	The purpose of this document is to provide broad information on activities in the Arctic that pose a risk to the Arctic environment. The document also discusses the responsibilities of the Arctic states regarding emergency prevention, preparedness and response programs and activities		The document is now complete and approved by EPPR I in June 2014. It will be presented to SAOs in Whitehorse for Ministerial approval. Updates of the document may be undertaken when deemed necessary.	Pending SAO approval: Arctic Environmental Hazards and National Mitigation Programs	On Track	Ann Heinrich (US)	ann.heinrich@nnsa.doe.gov
36	June 2014	December 2014	5. Planning of a Circumpolar Oil Spill Response Gap Analysis	US, Norway, Denmark (TBC)	A Gap Analysis will be the first step. Discussions on how this is being undertaken by lead countries.	AMAP, PAME, CAFF,	Proposal was approved by EPPR in December 2014. A scoping workshop is planned for mid-2015.	Included in EPPR input to SAO Report to Ministers.	On-Track	Synnøve Lunde	synnove.lunde@kystverket.no

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Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR)											
37		Ongoing program for exercises	6. Radiation Emergency Training and Exercises	Russia, U.S.	Improve emergency preparedness and response capabilities through radiological emergency exercises / Next full-scale exercise planned for mid-2014 in Russia		Emergency Exercise "Arctic 2014" June 23-24, 2014 in Murmansk region. The Handbook from Arctic 2014 is being put forward for SAO approval in Whitehorse.	Pending SAO approval: "Handbook: Exercise "Arctic-2014" A brochure will be made available for the Showcase event.	On-Track	Ann Heinrich	ann.heinrich@nnsa.doe.gov
38	October 2011	June 2015	7. Operational Safety and Health of Arctic Oil Spill Response Workers	U.S.	The output will be a supplement to the Arctic Council "Field Guide for Oils Spill response in the Arctic Waters".		Finalized 2015	Included in EPPR input to SAO Report to Ministers.	On Track	George Conway (US)	gconway@cdc.gov
39	May 2013	Ongoing Program Updated Dec 2014	8. Maintain and update the operational guidelines attached to the Agreement on Cooperation on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response	Norway/EPPR Chairmanship	Maintain and update the operational guidelines as required		Final Report from the first exercise, led by Canada in 2014, will be put forward for SAO approval in Whitehorse.	Pending SAO approval: Exercise: After Action Report on the Agreement on Cooperation on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response in the Arctic	On-track	EPPR Chairmanship	
40	May 2013	Ongoing Program Updated Dec 2014	9. Coordination and practical implementation of the SAR and OSR Agreements	Norway, U.S., Denmark (TBC)			At the SAO/Whitehorse, EPPR is requesting SAOs expand the Working Group's mandate to explicitly include SAR.	Inclusion of SAR in the EPPR mandate will need to be included in the Declaration and/or SAO Report to Ministers.	On-track		
41	June 2013	January 2016	10. IMO Guide on Oil Spill Response in Ice and Snow Conditions	Canada, Norway	Development of guide for submission to IMO.	ACAP, AMAP	Finalization expected 2016, pending IMO decision.		On-Track	Ole Kristian Bjerkemo	ole-kristian.bjerkemo@kystverket.no

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Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR)											
42	June 2013	May 2015	11. EPPR Arctic Guide on oil Spill Response in Ice and Snow Conditions	Canada, Norway	Development of a EPPR/AC Guide based on the final draft IMO Guide, for use in Arctic regions.	ACAP, AMAP	The "Arctic only" EPPR Guide is being put forward for SAO approval in Whitehorse.	Pending SAO approval: Guide to Oil Spill Response in Snow and Ice Conditions in the Arctic	On Track	Ole Kristian Bjerkemo	ole-kristian.bjerkemo@kystverket.no
43	June 2014	2017	12. Prevention, Preparedness and Response for small communities	Norway, US, Canada, AIA, ICC		AIA and other PPs	Scoping workshop to be held in 2015 to fully develop the project and fully engage relevant stakeholders, including Permanent Participants and Observers.	Included in EPPR input to SAO Report to Ministers.	On Track	EPPR Chairmanship	
44	June 2014	June 2015 for scoping	13. Remotely Piloted Aircraft for Emergency Response			AMAP	Scoping workshop was held in December 2014. Follow-up activities are being developed.		On Track	EPPR Chairmanship	
45	June 2014	December 2015	14. Development of a Database of Arctic Response Assets	U.S.	The objective for the project is to develop a searchable oil spill response database and populate it with detailed information on Arctic specific equipment, vessels, dispersant stockpiles and application platforms, in situ burn boom, well containment and cap and flow devices, and other resources owned by or regionally available to all member states of the Arctic Council.		Project was approved by the EPPR Working Group in December 2014.	Included in EPPR input to SAO Report to Ministers.	On Track	David Moore	

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Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME)											
46	2009/2010	Ongoing	1. Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment II (A) (AMSA) – Linking with International Organizations	U.S.	Continue to monitor and identify opportunities to engage with international organizations (IMO, ISO, IALA, WMO etc) to advance implementation of AMSA recommendations		Ongoing as work advances with AMSA implementation. / IALA to give presentation and briefing at PAME II 2013	progress/status provided in the "Status of the Implementation of the AMSA 2009 Recommendations" Report for the 2013-2015 period.	On-Track	Elizabeth McLanahan (US)	Elizabeth.McLanahan@noaa.gov
47	2009/2011 HFO Phase II 2011	HFO Phase II Report finalized in Feb 2014	2. AMSA I(B) – IMO Measures for Arctic Shipping	Norway, Russia, U.S.	Actions 1 and 2: Support the work of IMO on developing the Polar Code, including on Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) in the Arctic / Action 3: Project will include: obtaining and analyzing data on vessel activity; identification of gaps in existing regulatory requirements for use and carriage of HFO; preparation of a risk analysis for present and projected use of HFO		IMO Intercessional Working Group for Polar Code (Sept 30 – Oct 4); expected Polar Code completion in 2014 / Final HFO Phase II Report presented at SAO and deputy ministerial meeting Spring 2014	progress/status provided in the "Status of the Implementation of the AMSA 2009 Recommendations" Report for the 2013-2015 period. Additional report on follow-up recommendations to the HFO Phase II project (to be decided at the PAME II-2014	On-Track	Elizabeth McLanahan (US)	Elizabeth.McLanahan@noaa.gov
48	2009/2010	Ongoing as work advances with AMSA implementation and relevant work within relevant international organizations	3. AMSA I(D) – Strengthen Passenger Ship Safety in Arctic Waters	Canada, Denmark, U.S.	Continue to monitor and support IMO activities to strengthen passenger ship safety and work with passenger ship industry and others to identify and improve best practices. Also see item 10.		Ongoing as work advances with AMSA implementation and relevant work within relevant international organizations	progress/status provided in the "Status of the Implementation of the AMSA 2009 Recommendations" Additional report for the 2013-2015 period. Report on follow-up recommendations to the AMSA II(D) project (to be	On-Track	Elizabeth McLanahan (US)	Elizabeth.McLanahan@noaa.gov
49	2011	Ongoing, part of SDWG/ICC and AIA activities	4. AMSA II(A) – Survey of Arctic Indigenous Marine Use	PAME Chair	Solicit progress reports from States and PPs on use of marine resources as relevant, including the AIA project on building marine based subsistence mapping capacity in Arctic coastal communities	SDWG/ICC project and AIA	Ongoing work by AIA as per their project on building marine based subsistence mapping capacity in Arctic coastal communities.	progress/status provided in the "Status of the Implementation of the AMSA 2009 Recommendations" Report for the 2013-2015 period.	On-Track	James Gamble (AIA)	aia@alaska.net

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Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME)											
50	2012	AMSA II(D) Report finalized in Feb 2014	5. AMSA II(D) – Specially Designated Arctic Marine Areas	Canada, Finland, Norway, Russia, U.S.	Develop recommendations on areas with the high seas of the Arctic Ocean that may merit consideration as possible proposals for protective measures in IMO	Linkages with the AMSA II(C) i.e. AMAP, CAFF and SDWG	Final AMSA II(D) Report submitted to the PAME I-2014 meeting (Feb) and PAME welcomed their valuable contribution. PAME will discuss next steps at the PAME II-2014 meeting in Sep 2014. Follow-up activities to be discussed at the Sep 2014 PAME meeting with possible activities for inclusion to the PAME	progress/status provided in the "Status of the Implementation of the AMSA 2009 Recommendations" Report for the 2013-2015 period.	On-Track	Anja Elisenberg (NO)	Anja.Elisenberg@md.dep.no
51	2014	Ongoing	6. AMSA II(D)-Regional Reception Facilities Plan (RRFP)	Russia, USA in collaboration with the correspondence group/project team	Prepare an Arctic RRF as a long term solution, meeting the challenges facing the expected increases in shipping. The aim is to allow for the environmentally sound management of ships waste and ensure that ships can comply with MARPOL in the Arctic.		2015 SAO/Ministerial meeting as a part of the PAME 2015-2017 WP	provided as an activity in the PAME 2015-2017 WP	On-Track	Elizabeth McLanahan (US)	Elizabeth.McLanahan@noaa.gov
52	2013	Ongoing	7. AMSA II(F) - Oil Spill Prevention	All Arctic States	Contribution and communication to the TFOPP as it relates to PAMEs work.	TFOPP and EPPR	Collaboration and communication to the TFOPP work	progress/status provided in the "Status of the Implementation of the AMSA 2009 Recommendations" Report for the 2013-2015 period.	On-Track	PAME Secretariat	pame@pame.is
53	2010	Ongoing	8. AMSA II(G) – Address impacts on Marine Mammals	PAME Chair, U.S.	Collaborate with other AC working groups to monitor and provide support for work related to the impact of shipping on marine mammals	AMAP and CAFF, SDWG	Ongoing	progress/status provided in the "Status of the Implementation of the AMSA 2009 Recommendations" Report for the 2013-2015 period.	On-Track	PAME Secretariat	pame@pame.is

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Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME)											
54	2009/2010	Ongoing	9. AMSA II(H) – Reduce Air Emissions	Finland, Norway, Russia, U.S.	Monitor and support IMO work related to black carbon / Encourage continued scientific research related to BC emissions, including a technical definition and appropriate measurement methods and control measures		Ongoing and subject to the work plan of the new Task Force for Actions on Black Carbon and Methane	progress/status provided in the "Status of the Implementation of the AMSA 2009 Recommendations" Report for the 2013-2015 period.	On-Track	Elizabeth McLanahan (US)	Elizabeth.McLanahan@noaa.gov
55	2009/2010	Ongoing	10. AMSA III(A) – Address the infrastructure Deficit	U.S.	Continue to monitor and support initiatives for strengthening Arctic marine infrastructure	SDWG/AMATII project in particular	Ongoing as work advances with AMSA implementation and relevant work within relevant international organizations	progress/status provided in the "Status of the Implementation of the AMSA 2009 Recommendations" Report for the 2013-2015 period.	On-Track	Elizabeth McLanahan (US)	Elizabeth.McLanahan@noaa.gov
56	2009/2010	Ongoing	11. AMSA III(B) – Arctic Marine Traffic Systems	Norway, U.S, in collaboration with the PAME shipping expert group and the PAME Secretariat	Build on work related to vessel traffic monitoring and tracking and build on the AMSA 2005 shipping database and develop an Arctic shipping data service in consultation with AIS technical experts identified by member governments.		Ongoing as work towards developing a circumpolar shipping database.	progress/status provided in the "Status of the Implementation of the AMSA 2009 Recommendations" Report for the 2013-2015 period. Also an activity in the PAME 2015-2025 WP	On-Track	Elizabeth McLanahan (US)	Elizabeth.McLanahan@noaa.gov
57	2013	Final Report including recommendation to be submitted to the 2015 Ministerial meeting	12. Arctic Marine Tourism Project (AMTP)	Canada, U.S	Potential elements could include: collecting and assessing existing information on trends and adverse and beneficial impacts; developing an inventory of existing laws, codes, practices, guidelines and best practices; identifying fundamental principles of sustainable tourism; developing best practices / Canada will champion the development of Arctic Cruise Ship Guidelines as part of its AC Chairmanship commitments	AMAP, CAFF and SDWG. Letters sent to all WG Chairs to engage for feedback on the initiative.	Final draft AMTP "best practices" guidelines submitted to the March 2015 SAO meeting for approval.	Final report on the Arctic Marine Tourism Project (AMTP) "Best Practices".	On-Track	Renee Sauve (CA)	renee.sauve@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

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Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME)											
58	2010	Ongoing	13. Update the Arctic Ship traffic data - Linking with AMSA III(B) above	All Arctic States	Explore opportunities for updating arctic ship traffic data contained in AMSA for use in studies, assessments, trend analysis and development of recommendations that enhance Arctic marine safety (Also see item 9)	SDWG/AMATII	Ongoing and currently in discussion with WWF/ArkGIS to transfer and/or use and further develop the mapping of marine activities in the Arctic marine environment.	As an activity in the PAME 2015-2025 WP	Delayed	PAME Secretariat	pame@pame.is
59	2011	Ongoing	14. AMSA implementation progress report	Canada, Finland, U.S.	Continue to provide biennial AMSA implementation progress reports for submission to AC Ministerial meetings	AMAP, CAFF, EPPR and SDWG as relevant to the follow-up activities of the AMSA Report	The co-leads have started developing this report and will provide the 1st draft to the PAME II-2014 meeting (Sep).	progress/status provided in the "Status of the Implementation of the AMSA 2009 Recommendations" Report for the 2013-2015 period.	On-Track	Renee Sauve (CA)	renee.sauve@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
60	2011	Final Report submitted and approved by the Apr 2014 SAO meeting	15. Health, Safety and Environmental Management Systems for Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling Activities	U.S.	Findings from the HSE and Safety Culture workshops, Deepwater Horizon investigations, regulatory systems reviews and assessment of management systems in the Arctic are being completed. Recommendations will be developed based on these findings for the final report.	EPPR	Arctic Offshore Oil and Gas Guidelines: Systems Safety Management and Safety Culture Report approved by the March 2014 SAO meeting. Inputs and participation at the TFOPP meetings to ensure synergies and collaboration of efforts. Follow-up activities under consideration by PAME.	submit to the 2015 Ministerial for approval.	On-Track	Elizabeth McLanahan (US)	Elizabeth.McLanahan@noaa.gov
61	2011	Ongoing	16. Arctic Oil and Gas Management, Regulation and Enforcement (MRE) Web-Based Information Resource	PAME Secretariat	Ongoing / Website (was launched in May 2013 and provides indexed access to information and data on national entities and agencies websites related to management, regulation, and enforcement of Arctic offshore oil and gas activities. (online May 2013) / Annual spring updates	EPPR	Ongoing. Inputs and participation at the TFOPP meetings to ensure synergies and collaboration of efforts.	General update/status on follow-up of this report as a part of the PAMEs progress report to ministers 2015. Website to be opened up for access and will be updated once per year.	On-Track	PAME Secretariat	pame@pame.is

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Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME)											
62	2013	Ongoing	17. Arctic Ocean Review follow-up	Canada, Norway, U.S.	Activities to be added based on the findings of the AOR, and approved by SAOs	All working groups as relevant to the AOR Recommendations	Follow-up matrix that has now incorporated other PAME-relevant follow-up activities based on outcomes/recommendations from the 2013 Ministerial meeting	contributions to AOR follow-up is identified in all PAME activities as relevant.	On-Track	Anja Elisenberg (NO)	Anja.Elisenberg@md.dep.no
63	2013	Ministerial meeting 2015	18. Revision of the Arctic Council Marine Strategic Plan (AMSP)	Canada, Norway, U.S.	Will take into account relevant outcomes from Kiruna Ministerial for inclusion into a new AMSP	AMAP, CAFF, EPPR and SDWG on marine-related issues	final draft AMSP 2015-2025 submitted to March 2015 SAO meeting for approval.	Final revised Arctic Marine Strategic Plan (AMSP) for the period 2015-2025.	On-Track	Renee Sauve (CA)	renee.sauve@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
64	2009	ongoing activity by PAME since 2002	19. Ecosystem Approach to Management	Norway, U.S.	Continue to work on integrated assessment and comparing case studies / Consider the use of identified areas of heightened ecological significance / Refer to the PAME 2013-2015 Work Plan for further details on activities. PAME will continue with specific projects based on the priorities of the Arctic Council, taking into account outcomes and needs from other Arctic Council work, including the follow-up of the EBM	AMAP, CAFF and SDWG	Progress report on the work of the Ecosystem Approach expert group (EA-EG) describing work over the last 6 months as well as a summary of achievements under the work plan for the 2013-2015 period and a revised Terms of reference (ToR) for the PAME-led joint Ecosystem Approach Expert Group (EA-EG) with participation of other Arctic Council working groups (AMAP, CAFF, SDWG) in an effort to ensure an adequate breadth in expertise of nominated members to the EA-EG.	Progress Report on the Ecosystem Approach work and a revised ToR for the joint EA-EG, including follow-up to the EBM Recommendations of relevance to PAME.	On-Track	Anja Elisenberg (NO)	Anja.Elisenberg@md.dep.no
65	2013	Final Report submitted and approved by the 2015 Ministerial meeting	20. Framework for a Pan-Arctic Network of Marine Protected Areas (MPA)	Canada, Norway, U.S.	Form an expert group to explore the development of a Pan Arctic framework for a network of Arctic Marine Protected Areas	CAFF, SDWG	Final draft document as prepared by the MPA Expert Group and agreed to by PAME I-2015 meeting submitted to the March 2015 SAO meeting.	Final report on the Framework for a Pan-Arctic Marine Protected Area (MPA) Network project.	On-Track	Renee Sauve (CA)	renee.sauve@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

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Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME)											
66	2013/2014	Ongoing	21. Follow-up of the Arctic Biodiversity Assessment	PAME	Will follow up on ABA recommendations as appropriate to PAME mandate and incorporated into a implementation plan/follow-up matrix that is being developed for the Arctic Ocean Review recommendations.	CAFF	As per the CAFF's follow-up matrix (under development)		On-Track	CAFF Secretariat	caff@caff.is
67	2013	Ongoing	22. Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic (AACA) part c	PAME	Provide input for AACA part C to AMAP as required and Incorporated into a implementation plan/follow-up matrix that is being developed for the Arctic Ocean Review recommendations as it relates to PAMEs mandate.	AMAP	As per the AACA (C) project plan		On-Track	AMAP Secretariat	amap@amap.no

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Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG)											
68	November 2011	2015	1. Arctic Human Development Report II (AHDR-II)	Iceland, Canada, Kingdom of Denmark	The Arctic Human Development Report II (AHDR-II) provides a decadal update and synthesis report on the state of human development in the Arctic.		Project is not being advanced to SAOs as an SDWG deliverable	N/A	N/A	Atli Mar Sigurdsson (HoD IC)	Atli.Sigurdsson@utn.stjr.is
69	November 2011	Ongoing	2. Assessing, Monitoring and promoting Arctic Indigenous Languages	ICC, Canada, Kingdom of Denmark , U.S.	Building on the Inuit Circumpolar Council's 2008 SDWG work in the same area, a follow-up Arctic Indigenous Languages Assessment Symposium was held February 10-12, 2015 in Ottawa, with strong youth participation, to present the Project's findings and facilitate knowledge transmission. Other deliverables under the Canadian Chairmanship include a Symposium Report, for information only, as well as a Project status report on the activities for 2013-15. The Arctic languages website (http://www.arcticlanguages.com) was launched in 2013 as an early project deliverable and features a large collection of electronic language learning tools as well as a repository of academic articles related to Arctic indigenous languages.		April 8-9 2015 SAO meeting	Project Status Report	On-Track	Matt Bender (HoD Canada)	Matt.Bender@ainc-inac.gc.ca
70	November 2011	2015	3. A Circumpolar-wide Inuit Response to the AMSA	ICC, Canada, Kingdom of Denmark,U.S.	Communicate findings of the AMSA to Inuit and seek guidance on moving AMSA forward / Expand earlier survey on Inuit use of sea and sea ice to assess how current Inuit use of sea and sea-ice is impacted by Arctic shipping.	PAME	March 4-5 2015 SAO meeting	Final Report – The Sea Ice Never Stops: Circumpolar Inuit Reflections on Sea Ice Use and Shipping in Inuit Nunaat	On-Track	Duane Smith (ICC)	inuvialuk@northwestel.net
71	November 2011	Unknown	4. Electronic Memory of the Arctic	Russia, Norway	Electronic information resources from libraries museums, Arctic Council archives, expert blog of EMA portal will allow experts to discuss issues on history of geographical discoveries and exploration, industry, geology, nature, folklore and literature of the circumpolar world, artistic heritage, ethnography (Russian driven).		Project is currently on hold due to transition issues related to the Russian Federation HoD.	N/A	N/A	Marina Palchikovskaya (EMA)	palmarina@emaproject.com

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Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG)											
72	November 2011	2015	5. Reindeer Herding and Youth (EALLIN)	Russia, Norway, Saami Council	Building on the work of the SDWG's 2009 EALAT Reindeer Herders' Voice project, efforts are ongoing to maintain and further develop sustainable reindeer husbandry in the Arctic / Work towards a vision of creating a better life for circumpolar reindeer herders / Continue to promote knowledge building.		March 4-5 2015 SAO meeting	Final Report and Executive Summary – Youth: The Future of Reindeer Herding Peoples	On-Track	Gunnhild Eriksen (HoD Norway)	ger.mfa.no
73	22-Oct-13	2015	6. Gender and Equity in the Arctic	Iceland, Finland, Norway, Kingdom of Denmark, AIA	Builds on the Taking Wing conference on gender equality and women in the Arctic that was organized in 2002. A conference was held in Akureyri, Iceland in October 2014 that focused on the living conditions of men and women throughout the circumpolar North, addressing key issues including access to and control over resources, representation in decision-making, political participation, regional development, human security, and material and cultural wellbeing.		April 8-9 2015 SAO meeting	Conference Report	On-Track	Atli Mar Sigurdsson (HoD Iceland)	Atli.Sigurdsson@utn.stjr.is
74	Mar-14	2015 (recommendations) Ongoing (implementation)	7. Integrating Traditional and Local Knowledge	Canada, Kingdom of Denmark, US, AIA, GCI	Develop recommendations to integrate traditional and local knowledge into the work of the Council.	All Arctic Council Working Groups, SCTF, TFBCM	March 4-5 2015 SAO meeting	Recommendations for the integration of traditional and local knowledge into the work of the Arctic Council.	On-Track	Matt Bender (HoD Canada)	Matt.Bender@ainc-inac.gc.ca
75	22-Oct-13	2015	8. Promoting Mental Wellness in Northern Circumpolar Communities. A symposium was held in Iqaluit, Canada in March 2015 in order to provide a forum to present finding, transfer knowledge, foster collaboration, and showcase best practices.	Canada, Norway, U.S., Russia, Kingdom of Denmark, ICC	Builds on the outcomes and recommendations of the Nuuk Hope and Resilience seminar (2009) and enhances the evidence base to promote mental wellness in circumpolar communities. Two research teams assessed circumpolar approaches to mental wellness and the potential for adapting interventions into other regions. A symposium will be held in Iqaluit, Canada in March 2015 in order to provide a forum to present finding, transfer knowledge, foster collaboration, and showcase best practices.		April 8-9 2015 SAO meeting	Final Report - Sharing Hope: Circumpolar Perspectives on Promising Practices for Promoting Mental Wellness and Resilience	On-Track	Matt Bender (HoD Canada)	Matt.Bender@ainc-inac.gc.ca

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Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG)											
76	23-Oct-13	2015	9. Arctic Adaptation Exchange: Facilitating Adaptation to Climate Change	Canada, US, AIA, GCI	The Arctic Adaptation Exchange online portal builds on the ongoing adaptation work of the Arctic Council, notably the Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic project (AACAA). The portal will serve as a central information hub for communities, researchers, and decision-makers across a variety of sectors by bringing the Arctic Council's work on adaptation, along with other relevant resources, together in one place in support of information exchange and decision-making.	All Working Groups (in terms of providing portal content)	March 4-5 2015 SAO meeting	Adaptation Portal	On-Track	Matt Bender (HoD Canada)	Matt.Bender@ainc-inac.gc.ca
77	24-Oct-13	2015	10. Review of Cancer Among Circumpolar Indigenous Peoples	Canada, Kingdom of Denmark, ICC	The project addresses cancer as an emerging health concern among circumpolar Indigenous Peoples, and recognizes the need for effective prevention and control measures through reliable surveillance data. Drawing on regional data specific to Indigenous populations, this project reviewed the patterns and trends of cancer among Arctic Indigenous Peoples.		March 4-5 2015 SAO meeting	Final Report – Review of Cancer Among Circumpolar Indigenous Peoples: Summary Report	On-Track	Matt Bender (HoD Canada)	Matt.Bender@ainc-inac.gc.ca

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Current Task Forces											
78	2013	2015	Facilitating the Creation of the Arctic Economic Council	Chair: Canada; co-chairs: Russia, Finland and Iceland	The AEC will be looked to as an independent body to promote sustainable economic and social development, and environmental protection. The AEC will also involve indigenous businesses and will provide a venue for all representatives to advance Arctic-oriented interests, share best practices, forge partnerships and engage in deeper cooperation.	N/A	March 2014: SAOs and PPs reach consensus on the document "Facilitating the Creation of the Arctic Economic Council." January 2014: AEC profiled at the Northern Lights in Ottawa, Canada. September-December 2013: TFCBF holds meetings in Reykjavik, St. Petersburg and Helsinki.	Creation of the Arctic Economic Council	On-Track	Mitch Bloom (Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency)	mitch.bloom@cannor.gc.ca
79	2013	2015	Arctic Marine Oil Pollution Prevention	Norway, Russia	The Kiruna Declaration calls for a Task Force to be established "...to develop an Arctic Council action plan or other arrangement on oil pollution prevention, and to present the outcomes of its work and any recommendations for further action at the next Ministerial meeting in 2015."	EPPR	June 2014: Task Force meeting in Ottawa, Canada. March 2014: Task Force meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland. January 2014: Task Force meeting in Oslo, Norway.	The goal is to develop an Arctic Council Action Plan on marine oil pollution prevention	On-Track	Else Berit Eikeland	
80	2013	2015	Action on Black Carbon and Methane	Canada, Sweden	Addressing short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs), such as black carbon and methane, offers the potential for local health benefits as well as substantial near-term climate benefits as part of a comprehensive strategy to address climate change. This initiative builds on the recent scientific and technical work on SLCPs accomplished within the Arctic Council, and complements work already underway in domestic, regional and other international forums, such as the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC).	ACAP, AMAP	May 2014: 4th Task Force meeting in Helsinki, Finland. April 2014: 3rd Task Force meeting in Moscow, Russia. December 2013: 2nd Task Force meeting in Stockholm, Sweden. September 2013: 1st Task Force meeting in Whitehorse, Canada.	To develop arrangements on actions to achieve enhanced black carbon and methane emissions reductions in the Arctic	On-Track	France Jacovella	France.Jacovella@ec.gc.ca
81	2013	2015	Enhancing Scientific Cooperation in the Arctic	Russia, United States	The Kiruna Declaration calls on the Task Force to "...work towards an arrangement on improved scientific research cooperation among the eight Arctic States."	N/A	April 2014: 2nd Task Force meeting in Helsinki, Finland December 2013: 1st Task Force meeting in Stockholm, Sweden	Recommendations on ways to enhance scientific cooperation	On-Track	Gustaf Lind (SE)	gustaf.lind@gov.se

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Canadian Chairmanship Initiatives											
82	2013	2015	Promoting Traditional Ways of Life	Chairmanship, Finland, GCI	An education and advocacy strategy aimed at promoting the traditional ways of life of Arctic inhabitants.	N/A	May 2014: Call for best practices sent to Senior Arctic Officials and Permanent Participants.	Develop a compendium of best practices on promoting traditional ways of life Develop an advocacy plan to promote the traditional ways of life of Arctic inhabitants.	On-Track	Bev Young	Beverley.Young@international.gc.ca
83	2013	2015	Strengthening the Arctic Council	Chairmanship	Main outcomes of this work are to: improve administrative processes, enhance the profile of the Arctic Council and enhance PP capacity. Examples of this include: tracking and reporting on the Council's work; increasing collaboration and coordination with international organizations; developing and archiving project with in-kind contributions from Library and Archives Canada; evaluating PP capacity, including funding; and promoting youth engagement.	Varies by component	Archiving project plan and records management needs assessment developed by Library and Archives Canada, in consultation with the Arctic Council Secretariat. Tracking tool developed with the six Arctic Council Working Groups. Presentation by the IMO Secretary General at the Yellowknife SAO meeting (March 2014) Research and survey conducted on enhancing Permanent Participant capacity	Improved records management practices. Tracking on all ongoing Arctic Council initiatives. Improved administrative processes. Recommendations for enhancing Permanent Participant capacity.	On-Track	Jeannette Menzies and Matt Sancton	Jeannette.Menzies@international.gc.ca Matthew.Sancton@international.gc.ca
Other AC Projects											
84	2011		Arctic Resilience Report	Sweden	Identify the potential for shocks and large shifts in ecosystem services that affect human well-being in the Arctic / Analyze how different drivers of change interact in ways that affect the ability to withstand shocks / Evaluate strategies for adaptation and transformation in the face of rapid change	AMAP (AACCA part C)	2015: Report to Ministers		Unknown	Marcus Carson	marcus.carson@sei-international.org