SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL (SEC) EXPERT GROUP
TERMS OF REFERENCE

Senior Arctic Officials
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Haparanda
Rationale

• Increased human activities in the Arctic
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- Capacity deficit in the SDWG
- Analysis of socioeconomic drivers and effects
- Need of expertise – all WGs and SAOs
- Easy, quick and reliable access to accurate information
Sustainable Development

• 4 million people live in the Arctic

• New challenges - and opportunities:
  – environment
  – people
  – societies
  – cultures and languages
  – businesses
  – economy
Some of the on-going projects

• Arctic Human Development Report II
• Arctic Social Indicators Phase II
• Arctic Maritime and Aviation Transportation Initiative (AMATI)
• Arctic Indigenous Languages Symposium
• Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic
• Reindeer Herding and Youth
• Assessment of Cultural Heritage Monuments and Sites in the Arctic
• Electronic Memory of the Arctic
• Circumpolar-Wide Inuit Response to the AMSA
Cross-cutting activities

• Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic (AACA)
• Ecosystem Based Management (EBM)
• Arctic Ocean Review (AOR)
• Arctic Resilience Report (ARR)
• AMSA IIc
Mandate

• The SEC Expert Group will work to advance social, economic and cultural research.

• Provide AC, WGs and PPs with relevant information

• Terms of Reference reviewed every two years
Social Economic Cultural Expert Group

• Establish interdisciplinary group
• Fully engage with PPs, communities and decision makers
• Integrated research community will improve circumpolar policy decision-making
• Propose approaches and methodologies to assist the SDWG
Roles and Responsibilities

• A subsidiary body of the SDWG
• Increase institutional capacity
• Gap analysis and identify research priorities
• Develop priority based project proposals
Composition

• SDWG HoDs will each nominate one (1) representative to interim SEC Expert Group

• First Task will be to identify:
  – Emerging priorities
  – Possible Actions
  – Scope of expertise needed to fulfill mandate
Communication and Funding

• Follow under the AC and SDWG communication strategy
• External communication scrutinized by SDWG
• Current AC Working Group activities are funded on a voluntary basis