

**ACAP**  
**Work Plan for 2011-2013**  
(for approval by SAO's)

ACAP will continue, as outlined below, to undertake activities and implement projects approved by the Ministers:

1. Review progress in reducing contaminants the Arctic, including the impact of ACAP projects and capacity built through ACAP as well as complementary national actions of Arctic Council member states.
2. Cooperate with other Working Groups, in particular PAME and AMAP, and the Short-Lived Climate Forcers Task Force (SLCF TF) to exchange information on contamination in the Arctic and progress in making reductions.
3. Cooperate with Barents Euro Arctic Council (BEAC) on hot spot exclusion from the BEAC HS list.
4. Develop an Integrated Hazardous Waste Management Strategy (IHWMS) focusing on the Northern Regions of the Russian Federation that will address, among other items, disposition and destruction of collected contaminants, mercury containing wastes, brominated flame retardants (BFR), POPs including PCBs and obsolete pesticides. A report presenting a strategy for at least one region will be delivered to the Ministerial meeting in 2013.
5. Prepare demonstration project on diesel black carbon reductions in the Arctic, taking into account needs of indigenous populations, and identify additional projects on short-lived climate forcers (SLCFs) that ACAP may wish to undertake as part of its new SLCF contaminants project steering group.
6. Complete obsolete pesticides inventory and safe storage project in the remaining Russian Arctic priority regions.

7. Assess together with the Russian experts and Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology the environmental performance of Russian hazardous waste destruction facilities for destruction of hazardous waste, including obsolete pesticides, PCBs and other POPs as soon as such capacity becomes available. Implement at least one demonstration projects on environmentally sound destruction of obsolete pesticides and PCBs according to the Stockholm Convention. A report on the results from the assessment and demonstration project will be delivered to the Ministerial meeting in 2013.
8. To further identify important point sources and to implement control technologies for reduction/elimination of dioxin/furan releases at such point sources e.g. pulp and paper mills, metal industries, cement kilns and waste incineration plants in the Russian Arctic. A report summarizing the results from the work will be delivered to the Ministerial meeting in 2013.
9. As contribution to UNEP Global Mercury Partnership, prepare strategy for further mercury reductions in the Arctic including Terms of References and business plan for a demonstration projects in one or two regions of Northwest Russia on demonstration projects to address additional mercury-release sectors in Russia (products, coal-fired power plants, non-ferrous metal production and mining).
10. Continue to seek possibilities to reduce brominated flame retardant (BFR) releases to the Arctic.
11. Identify areas of ACAP activity that are relevant to reducing indigenous communities' exposure to contaminants in remote areas of the Arctic in co-operation with the indigenous people organizations (IPCAP) and explore synergies between the priorities identified by ACAP and indigenous peoples' organizations.
12. Implement model projects on safe handling, storage and treatment of hazardous chemicals present as local sources of contamination on remote arctic areas incl. Franz Josef Land (FJL).
13. Continue cooperation with the Barents Euro-Arctic Council and NEFCO to address "hot spots" in the Arctic.
14. Continue cooperation with NEFCO to finance and facilitate implementation of ACAP projects and mobilize the Project Support Instrument (PSI) and define project eligibility requirements.

15. Initiate co-operation to address the contamination issues arising from the oil, gas, mining, and shipping sectors in the Arctic based on the findings and recommendations of the Assessment of Oil and Gas Activities in the Arctic by AMAP and the PAME Arctic Ocean Review and related Arctic Council initiatives in these areas.
  
16. Enhance outreach and information exchange to promote successful projects of ACAP, including among relevant international organizations.