

# Agenda for the Special Session on Observer Engagement

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## Special Session on Observer Engagement

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4 October 2016 | 08:30 – 12:00 | Westin Portland Harborview Hotel, Portland, Maine

#### Part I. Plenary Session

08:30-10:00am | Location: Eastland Grand Ballroom

*Session Lead: David Balton, SAO Chair*

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Arctic science and research

In light of the progress being made toward a completed agreement on Arctic science cooperation, this part of the Special Session will broadly focus on science and research cooperation in the Arctic Council. Observers may wish to focus either on: (1) work they are doing related to Arctic scientific research and suggestions for facilitating such work via mechanisms in the Council, (2) science challenges encountered that the Council may be able to help with, or, (3) general science and research topics that might benefit from greater Observer engagement. Please limit interventions to no more than 3 minutes.

3. Conclusion to Plenary Session

***10:00-10:30am Break (transition to different room for Part II)***

#### Part II. Roundtable discussions with Working Group Chairs

10:30-12:00 | Location: Winslow Homer Junior Ballroom

*Session Lead: Amy Merten, EPPR Chair*

Part II of the Special Session will be conducted in a roundtable format, with EPPR Chair, Amy Merten, serving as the overall lead. Each of the WG Chairs will lead an informal roundtable discussion to focus on opportunities for Observer engagement in the work of the Council.

Observers are free to join whichever of the six tables they have an interest in, provided adequate seat availability. At approximately the halfway point of this session, Observers may move to a different table.

Document: Opportunities for Observer Engagement in Arctic Council Working Group Activities (September 2016)