EMERGENCY PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

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SAO meeting, Salekhard
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EPPR promotes the protection of Arctic inhabitants, livelihoods, and the Arctic environment from emergencies & strives to be the premier international forum for cooperation on emergency prevention, preparedness and response to advance risk mitigation and improve response capacity and capabilities in the Arctic.
EPPR-II 2021 MEETING SERIES

• Search and Rescue Expert Group
  • 10 November
• Marine Environmental Expert Group
  • 18 November
• Head of Delegation meeting and plenary
  • 22-24 November
• In total 95 registered participants, 75 participants in the plenary meeting
HIGHLIGHTS

• Nine project updates
• Readouts from all three Expert Groups
• Two new projects approved:
  • Casualty Tracking Workshop
  • Shoreline COSRVA
• Two reports approved:
  • Arctic Guardian Exercise After Action Report
  • Radiological/Nuclear Risk Assessment in the Arctic
• One project pending intersessional approval:
  • Indigenous Knowledge exchange session
• Opened floor for Observer updates
EPPR STRATEGIC PLANNING

• Heads of Delegation agreed to embark on strategic planning in order to:
  • Maintain good governance within EPPR,
  • Confirm EPPR’s Strategic Plan (Fairbanks, 2016) continues to be relevant, and
  • Ensure EPPR is well-positioned to implement the Arctic Council’s Strategic Plan

• Two-part approach:
  1. Virtual event focused on Arctic Council and EPPR processes, procedures and protocols
  2. In-person session to evaluate whether EPPR is appropriately focused to meet current and future needs
RECENT EVENTS

- Russian Federation Exercise Safe Arctic, Sep 2021
- RAD EG working meeting, Sep 2021
- Arctic Circle Assembly, Oct 2021
- EPPR Intersessional HoD meeting, Oct 2021
- ARCSAR Oil in Ice TTX, Nov 2021
- EU Arctic Forum and Indigenous Peoples’ Dialogue, Nov 2021
- PAME Arctic Best Practice Shipping Information Forum, Nov 2021
- CAFF-EPPR Arctic Wildland Fire Sharing Circle, Nov 2021
WILDLAND FIRE SHARING CIRCLE

• CAFF and EPPR supported GCI and the US in hosting the event on November 17-18, 2021

• Designed to share information related to wildland fires within and across Arctic Council Working Groups, as well as with the broader research community, practitioners and responders from Arctic and non-Arctic States

• Welcoming remarks by the SAO Chair Ambassador Korchunov and keynote address by GCI Co-Chair Edward Alexander

• EPPR and CAFF Chairs shared closing & opening remarks

• Organizing committee: GCI, U.S., Miami University and CAFF & EPPR Secretariats
RADIATION EG

• Radiological/Nuclear Risk Assessment in the Arctic – Technical Report was approved in EPPR-II 2021.
• Two follow-up projects ongoing:
  • Capabilities
  • Consequences
• Ongoing cooperation and information sharing with AMAP

Facilitates the implementation of the EPPR mandate and strategic plan framework regarding radiological and nuclear emergencies
SEARCH AND RESCUE EG

- Arctic Guardian Exercise After Action Report was approved in EPPR-II 2021
- Two new projects:
  - Validation of International Maritime Organization (IMO) Polar Code Survival Time Requirement project
  - Casualty Tracking Workshop with the Arctic Coast Guard Forum Combined Operations Working Group (ACGF COWG)
- Project updates
- Exercise readouts
- Impacts of COVID on operations
- Emergency Medical Preparedness and in the Arctic

Maintains and implements the Agreement on Cooperation on Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue in the Arctic
MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE EG

• Arctic Guardian Exercise After Action Report was approved in EPPR-II 2021
• One new project:
  • Shoreline Treatment Circumpolar Oil Spill Response Viability Analysis S-COSRVA project
• MOSPA Operational Guidelines
  • Planned update for 2022
• Project updates
• Exercise readouts
• Impacts of COVID on operations

Maintains and implements the Agreement on Cooperation on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response in the Arctic (MOSPA)
ACGF COOPERATION

• Arctic Guardian Exercise Joint After Action Report finalized and approved in EPPR
• Joint Casualty Tracking Workshop approved in EPPR, pending approval from ACGF
• Future of joint exercising discussed
FUTURE PLANS

• Cooperation on SDWG Resilience project TTX in 2022
• EPPR Strategic Retreat in Q1 of 2022
• EPPR-I 2022 planned to take place in Faroe Islands second week of June 2022
• Joint workshop with CAFF Arctic Fire project in 2022
• EPPR-II 2022 planned to be held in Canada
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