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**Agenda for the SDWG Workshop:  
PRIORITY ACTIONS IN ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE  
ARCTIC**

**Salekhard, Russian Federation  
13-14 March 2006**

**MONDAY, 13 MARCH**

**Introduction and Welcome**

**Session 1: SDAP FRAMEWORK AS A TOOL FOR ASSESSING AND ACTIONS**

*Facilitator:* **Russia**

*Documents:*

- Discussion paper: **Russia**
- Overview inventory of SDWG activities: **Canada**

Discussion and recommendations.

**Session 2: ECONOMIC DIMENSION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:  
STATE OF THE PROBLEM, GAPS AND PRIORITY ACTIONS**

*Facilitator:* **USA**

***2.1 Sustainable economic activity and increasing prosperity of Arctic communities***

*Documents:*

- Introductory notes: **Norway**
- ECONOR findings: **Norway**
- Sustainable Development of Settlements: **Russia**
- AHDR recommendations: Gerard Duhaime, Laval Univ., Canada

Discussion and recommendations on themes of priority project proposals and priority actions for 2006-2008

***2.2 Sustainable use of natural, including living, resources***

*Documents:*

- Introductory notes concerning natural resources: **Canada**
- Russian Continental Shelf Potential: **Russia**

- Introductory notes concerning living resources: **Russia**
- Arctic Energy Summit Proposal: **USA**

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### ***2.3 Development of transport infrastructure, information technologies and modern telecommunications***

*Documents:*

- Introductory notes: **USA (Chair of CITF)**

#### ***2.3.1 Aviation***

*Documents:*

- Co-report: **USA**
- Co-report: **Russia**

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#### ***2.3.2 Marine transport***

*Documents:*

- Co-report: **USA**
- Co-report: **Russia**
- Preliminary summary and recommendations from the Arctic Shipping Assessment with special attention to projected levels of the Arctic Marine Activity, Analysis and Recommendations: **USA-CITF**: report on PAME meeting 02-03 March 2006
- ACIA recommendations related to Arctic shipping: **USA**

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#### ***2.3.3 Information technologies and modern telecommunications***

*Documents:*

- Co-report: **USA -CITF**
- Co-report: **Sweden**

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**TUESDAY, 14 MARCH**

**Session 3: SOCIAL DIMENSION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: STATE OF THE PROBLEM, GAPS AND PRIORITY ACTIONS**

*Facilitator:* **RAIPON**

***3.1 Health of the people living and working in the Arctic***

*Documents:*

- Introductory notes: **USA**
- Co-report: **Russia**
- Co-report: **AHHI-USA**
- SLiCA recommendations: **Denmark/Greenland/Faroe Islands**

Discussion and recommendations on themes of priority project proposals and priority actions for 2006-2008.

***3.2 Education and cultural heritage, including language***

***3.2.1 Education***

*Documents:*

- Introductory notes: **UArctic**
- SLiCA recommendations: **Denmark/Greenland/Faroe Islands**

***3.2.2 Cultural heritage, including language***

*Documents:*

- Introductory notes: **Saami Council**
- SLiCA recommendations: **Denmark/Greenland/Faroe Islands**

Discussion and recommendations on themes of priority project proposals and priority actions for 2006-2008 on 3.5.1 and 3.5.2

***3.3 Prosperity and capacity building for the people of the Arctic, in particular for children and youth***

*Documents:*

- Introductory notes: **Canada**

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### **3.4 Gender equality**

*Documents:*

- Introductory notes: **Norway**
- SLiCA recommendations: **Denmark/Greenland/Faroe Islands**

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### **3.5 Enhancing well being, eradication of poverty among indigenous and local communities**

*Documents:*

- Introductory notes: **IPS/AAC**
- SLiCA recommendations: **Denmark/Greenland/Faroe Islands**

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### **Session 4: POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CRITERIA AND INDICATORS FOR ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS OF THE ARCTIC COUNCIL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CIRCUMPOLAR REGION**

*Facilitator:* **Russia**

*Documents:*

- Introductory notes: **Russia**
- AHDR Recommendations: **(document only, prepared by Peter Schweiter)**

Discussion and recommendations for the next steps

### **Session 5: ELABORATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE REPORTED TO THE MINISTERS IN OCTOBER 2006 AND INCLUDED IN THE SDWG WORK PLAN 2006-2008**

*Chair:* **SDWG Chair**

*Documents:*

- Summary of the workshop recommendations: **SDWG Secretariat**

Discussion of main outcomes of the workshop. Establishment of *Ad hoc* working group to follow-up on workshop recommendations. Norway will give a verbal presentation on their chairmanship program.