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Mechanism to Implement the Arctic Council Sustainable Development Action Plan (Subject to approval by SAOs)

At the Arctic Council ministerial meeting in Reykjavik the Sustainable Development Action Plan (SDAP) was adopted. The Reykjavik Declaration says that **Ministers** representing the eight Arctic States **adopt** *the Sustainable Development Action Plan as a tool for the practical realization of the Arctic Council's Sustainable Development Program and assessing the progress made by the Arctic Council in advancing sustainable development in the circumpolar region.* In addition, in their report to Ministers in Reykjavik, **SAOs** asked the SDWG *to use the SDAP framework to identify new areas of priority cooperative activities.*

Taking into account that the SDAP Table of Actions is a "living" document while the main text of SDAP is relatively stable, the following mechanism to implement the Arctic Council SDAP is approved by SAOs:

1. The Table of Actions should be posted on the Arctic Council website and updated regularly by the Arctic Council Secretariat in accordance with SAO direction.
2. All projects of the Arctic Council should be included in the Table of Actions.
3. Priority areas formulated in SDAP as well as gaps in activities should be taken into account while developing and approving new projects.
4. Once per year, no later than 30 days after the spring SAO meeting, the Chair of each relevant working group will submit an updated project list to the Arctic Council Secretariat in the Table of Actions format.
5. An Updated Table of Actions will be included in the report of SAOs to Ministers at the Arctic Council Ministerial meetings as an annex that will provide an assessment of progress of the Arctic Council Sustainable Development Program and will outline next steps in advancing sustainable development in the circumpolar region.
6. Criteria and indicators for assessment of progress of the Arctic Council Sustainable Development Program will be examined.

During the first stage of the SDAP implementation (2004-2006) special attention will be paid to definition of gaps and priorities on each priority area mentioned in the Table of Actions with the aim to propose measures to be taken by the Arctic Council to eliminate gaps. Each working group of the Arctic Council decides how this work will be done.