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1. Introduction

- 1.1. Welcoming Remarks
- 1.2. Approval of the Agenda (AC-SAO-FEB09-Final Draft Agenda)

2. Outstanding Working Group Deliverables for the 2009 Ministerial

2.1. The Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (*PAME to present*)

Background: PAME will present the draft key findings and recommendations of the AMSA 2009 Report for SAO consideration and input. PAME will also update on the status of the full AMSA 2009 Report and the expected deliverable for the 2009-ministerial.

Action: SAOs are requested to consider the draft key findings and recommendations and provide PAME with input. They are also asked to consider the process to finalize the AMSA and deliver the Assessment to Arctic Council Ministers at their meeting in 2009.

<p><u>Documentation:</u> AMSA Recommendations/Findings Draft 4 (AC-SAO-FEB09-2.1a); Draft Communication Plan for AMSA (AC-SAO-FEB09-2.1b); Full text of AMSA draft#4 can be downloaded-contact PAME Secretariat.</p>
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2.2. Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change in the Arctic (VACCA) (*SDWG to present*)

Background: This is a major deliverable of SDWG for the 2009-ministerial. SDWG will present the draft recommendations based on the scoping study and VACCA workshop held in Tromso, Norway on 22-23 October 2008.

Action: SAOs will be asked to accept the report for delivery to the 2009 Ministerial meeting.

<p><u>Documentation:</u> VACCA Preliminary Final Report (AC-SAO-FEB09-2.2)</p>
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2.3. Energy Report to Ministers (*SDWG to present*)

Background: This is a major deliverable of SDWG for the 2009-ministerial. SDWG will present the draft report and recommendations. The report was mandated by Ministers in Salekhard and examines cooperation on Arctic energy and suggests some possible areas for future cooperation.

Action: SAOs will be asked to accept the report for delivery to the 2009 Ministerial meeting.

<i>Documentation:</i> Draft SDWG Energy Report to Ministers (AC-SAO-FEB09-2.3)
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2.4. SAON – Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (*AMAP to present*)

Background: The Salekhard Declaration expressed great interest by the Arctic Council in sustained observations in the Arctic region. In response to this Declaration, AMAP along with IASC and other partners have conducted the “SAON Process” to provide recommendations on how such observations could be implemented. Three workshops and two information exchange meetings have been held to develop recommendations for sustaining observations in the Arctic. The final SAON report “Observing the Arctic” was delivered by AMAP on behalf of the SAON Initiating Group (SAON-IG) to the Arctic Council and presents the accomplishments and recommendations of the work. The primary recommendation of the SAON-IG is the establishment of an Arctic Observing Forum (AOF) in association with the Arctic Council. Draft Terms of Reference have been prepared by the SAON-IG and comments are requested by 31 March.

Action: SAOs are asked to share views on the SAON report and its recommendations and provide views on “SAON-Arctic Observing Forum: Draft Terms of Reference” and how the Arctic Council should remain involved in the continuing evolution of the SAON process.

<i>Documentation:</i> SAON Final Report (AC-SAO-FEB09-2.4a); SAON-Arctic Observing Forum: Draft Terms of Reference (AC-SAO-FEB09-2.4b)
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2.5. Non-CO2 drivers of Climate Change (*AMAP to present*)

Background: Based on recommendations from the AMAP workshop to discuss non-CO₂ drivers of climate change of special relevance to the Arctic, AMAP recommended that SAOs consider some specific immediate actions. In Kautokeino, SAOs agreed to continue their consideration of the workshop recommendations and the related US proposal at their February meeting.

Action: SAOs are asked to consider the recommendations from the workshop and the specific actions proposed by AMAP, and the US proposal, and provide guidance on further actions.

<i>Documentation:</i> AMAP Technical Paper “The Impact of Short-Lived Pollutants on Arctic Climate” (AC-SAO-NOV08-2.2a); AMAP Technical Paper “Sources and Mitigation Opportunities to Reduce Emissions of Short-term Arctic” (AC-SAO-NOV08-2.2b); Recommendations from the AMAP workshop on non-CO ₂ forcings of climate (AC-SAO-NOV08-2.2c); US proposal on non-CO ₂ drivers (AC-SAO-NOV08-2.2d)
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2.6. Nordic Mapping Agencies Proposal for an Arctic Spatial Data Infrastructure

Background: In response to EPPR/CAFF and AMAP’s consideration of the current and potential use of spatial information within the Arctic Council, the Nordic Mapping Agencies of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden and the National Spatial Planning of Greenland have proposed to enlarge the Barents Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) into an Arctic SDI, i.e. to also include Russia, Canada and the USA. Working Groups note the usefulness of an Arctic SDI to their activities and recommend that the Arctic Council support

the initiative, and request the Mapping agencies/Parties behind the initiative to cooperate closely with the Arctic Council Working Groups.

Action: SAOs are asked to support the proposed initiative.

Documentation: Letter from Nordic mapping agencies to the SAO Chair (AC-SAO-NOV08-14.1a); Proposal for building an Arctic SDI (AC-SAO-NOV08-14.1b)

2.7. Indigenous People's Secretariat

Background: IPS Chair Patricia Cochrane will report on the work of the IPS Governing Board and introduce a proposal for new Terms of Reference for management of the IPS.

Action: TBD

Documentation: Draft Proposal from IPS Board (AC-SAO-FEB09-2.7)

3. Preparations for the April 2009 Ministerial

3.1. Media event(s)

Background: At Kautokeino, SAOs and PPs stressed the importance of outreach and expressed support for a media event, inter alia, to release AMSA upon its completion. AMAP, CAFF and SDWG suggested that a media event at the 2009 Ministerial could focus on several key deliverables and priorities of the Norwegian Chairmanship. Working Group secretariats have volunteered to prepare a draft plan for SAO review. Working Groups are invited to raise initial proposals with SAOs for their feedback at this meeting.

Action: SAOs are invited to consider the Working Groups' initial proposals for a media event and to provide further guidance to assist development of a draft media plan.

Documentation: PAME Draft Communication Plan for AMSA (AC-SAO-FEB09-3.1)

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4. ANNEX: Documents for information purposes

4.1. Working Group Draft Reports (2006-2008/9)

- **ACAP (AC-SAO-FEB09-ACAP DRAFT REPORT 2006-2009)**
- **AMAP (AC-SAO-FEB09-AMAP DRAFT REPORT 2006-2009)**
- **CAFF (AC-SAO-FEB09-CAFF DRAFT REPORT 2006-2009)**
- **EPPR (AC-SAO-FEB09-EPPR DRAFT REPORT 2006-2009)**
- **PAME (AC-SAO-FEB09-PAME DRAFT REPORT 2006-2009)**
- **SDWG (AC-SAO-FEB09-SDWG DRAFT REPORT 2006-2009)**

4.2. Working Group Draft Work Plans 2009-2011:

- **ACAP (AC-SAO-FEB09-ACAP DRAFT WORK PLAN 2009-2011)**
- **AMAP (AC-SAO-FEB09-AMAP DRAFT WORK PLAN 2009-2011)**
- **CAFF (AC-SAO-FEB09-CAFF DRAFT WORK PLAN 2009-2011)**

- **EPPR (AC-SAO-FEB09-ACAP DRAFT WORK PLAN 2009-2011)**
 - **PAME (AC-SAO-FEB09-ACAP DRAFT WORK PLAN 2009-2011)**
 - **SDWG (AC-SAO-FEB09-ACAP DRAFT WORK PLAN 2009-2011)**
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- 4.3. PAME Final Draft Report on the Ecosystem Approach (AC-SAO-FEB09-4.3)**
 - 4.4. AMAP Final Report: 2009 Arctic Pollution Issues: State of the Arctic Environment Report (SOAER), with Executive Summary (AC-SAO-FEB09-4.4)**
 - 4.5. AMAP Final Report: AMAP 2009 Update on Selected Climate Issues (AC-SAO-FEB09-4.5)**
 - 4.6. NEFCO PSI Update to SAOs (AC-SAO-FEB09-4.6)**
 - 4.7. Revised PSI Committee Rules and Procedures 22 January 2009 (AC-SAO-FEB09-4.7)**