

Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (SAON)

Workshop for Government Agency Officials

March 18-19, 2010

Miami, Florida, USA

Agenda (As amended during the workshop)

March 18

The workshop will begin with a set of plenary talks to set the stage for the workshop and focus on examples of successful international collaborations that might serve as examples for SAON to consider.

1300: Opening of the Workshop – David Hik and John Calder, SAON SG Co-Chairs

1310: David Hik – History and organization of SAON and objectives of the workshop

1330: John Calder – Review of key statements from previous SAON workshops

1350: Nikolaj Bock – the European EIONET as an example of a multi-national observing activity

1410: Terry Callaghan – SCANNET, a circum-Arctic, multi-national observing network for terrestrial observations

1430: Lars-Otto Reiersen – Examples of pan-Arctic data integration for AMAP's scientific assessments

1450: Break

1520: Karin Refsnes – Update on the SIOS

1540 Louis Fortier – ArcticNet, a Canadian network of experts that partners with international opportunities and with industry and Inuit organizations.

1600: David Grimes – WMO activities, specific title to be determined

1620: Divide into four breakout groups to focus on observations required for:

- human health and well-being and economic development (Nymand-Larsen and Kruemmel);
- oceans and marine resources (Joseph and Rogne);
- land surface, land use, and terrestrial resource management (Callaghan and Hik); and

- climate, weather, and extreme events (Calder and Reiersen).

Within each group, discussions are to focus on:

1. Agency experiences with effective international collaboration
2. Agency experiences with data management, including building data sets across agencies and across borders
3. Agency experiences in supporting international observing networks
4. Agency perspectives on potential value of increased partnering, data sharing, and integrated product preparation

1800: Breakout groups conclude

March 19

0800: Plenary meeting to hear reports from four breakout groups

0900: Charge to new breakout groups (only two)

0915: New breakout groups focused on:

1. Marketing and Value Added (Josephson and Hik)
2. Specific Actions (Calder and Reiersen)

1015: Break, followed by continuation of breakout groups

1130: Plenary to hear reports from second breakout groups

1200: Concluding discussion

1230: Workshop concludes

1400: Breakout group chairs meet to review next steps