

SAO plenary meeting

Hotel Scandic Rukahovi

Ruka, Finland

13-14 March 2019

Final draft agenda

Tuesday 12 March 2019

18:15 “Winter Games” for all delegates

Day 1 | Wednesday 13 March 2019

9:00-12:00 *Senior Arctic Officials Executive meeting in parallel with Working Groups – Observers meeting*

12:00-13:00 Lunch for all delegates

13:00 SAO Plenary meeting convenes

1. Introduction

1.1. Opening remarks

Speaker(s): Aleksi Härkönen, Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials

1.2. Welcome remarks

Speaker(s): Jouko Manninen, Mayor of Kuusamo

1.3. Approval of agenda

Speaker(s): Aleksi Härkönen, Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials

2. Report from the SAO executive meeting

Speaker(s): Aleksi Härkönen, Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials

Background: The SAO Chair will provide information on issues discussed in the SAO executive meeting held on 12-13 March 2019.

Action: For information

Document(s): None

3. Arctic Council Secretariat annual report for 2018

Speaker(s): Nina Buvang Vaaja, Director, Arctic Council Secretariat

Background: The Arctic Council Secretariat director reports on the ACS's activities and accounts and presents the financial statement and the auditor's report for approval by the SAOs. She will also inform delegations about the Arctic Council archiving process.

Action: For information and approval

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_03_ACS-Annual-Report-2018

4. Report from the WGs-Observers session

Speaker(s): Working Group Chairs

Background: Delegates will be informed about the thematic session on marine litter between the Arctic Council Working Groups and Observers held on 13 March 2019 during the SAOX in Ruka.

Action: For information

Document(s): None

5. Observers' regular reporting

Speaker(s): Nina Buvang Vaaja, Director, Arctic Council Secretariat

Background: According to the "Arctic Council Rules of Procedure" (annex 2), every two years Observers are asked to provide up-to-date information about relevant activities and their contributions to the work of the Arctic Council. In 2018, 22 Observers were required to submit a regular report.

Action: For information

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_05_Observer-Regular-Reporting-Compilation

6. Update on SAON

Speaker(s): Thorsteinn Gunnarsson, SAON Chair

Background: The Strategy for Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (SAON) was presented in the SAO meeting in Levi in March 2018. The meeting concluded that SAON was moving in the right direction and an update on SAON was anticipated in future meetings.

One of the goals of SAON is to create a roadmap for a well-integrated Arctic observing system. A Value Tree Analysis methodology identifies and maps existing observation data and services in support of Arctic Societal Benefit Areas. A project under the Finnish Chairmanship of the Arctic Council has applied the value tree framework to atmosphere and marine observing systems. SAON also aims to promote free and ethically open access to all Arctic observational data. The Arctic Data Committee and partners organized in autumn 2018 the Polar Data Systems Architecture Workshop and progressed to detailed technical collaboration.

Action: For information

Document(s): None

7. Working Groups: review and approval of proposed deliverables for the 2019 Ministerial

Speaker(s): Working Group Chairs

Background: The WG Chairs will present a brief overview of their deliverables to be approved before the Rovaniemi Ministerial, as well as highlights from their 2019-2021 work plans.

Action: For information and consideration for delivery for final approval by the Ministers

Document(s): See respective WG documents

7.1 SDWG proposed deliverables for the 2019 Rovaniemi Ministerial and work plan for 2019-2021

Speaker(s): Pekka Shemeikka, SDWG Chair

7.1.1 Educational Opportunities

- Conclusions: Teacher Education for Diversity and Equality in the Arctic
- Book: Including the North: A comparative study of the policies on inclusion and equity in the circumpolar north

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-01_SDWG_Conclusions-Teacher-Education

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-01_SDWG_Book-Including-the-North

7.1.2 Heritage and Culture of Arctic Communities

- Report: EALLU – Arctic Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems: Youth, Knowledge & Change 2015-2019

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-02_SDWG_Report-EALLU

7.1.3 Reduction/Elimination of Inequalities

- Website: Gender Equality II project

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-03_SDWG_Info-Sheet-Gender-Equality-II

7.1.4. Human Health

- Report: One Arctic – One Health project
- Report: Circumpolar Resilience, Engagement and Action Through Story (CREATeS) project
- Videos: Digital Stories by youth

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-04_SDWG_Report-One-Arctic-Health

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-04_SDWG_Report-CREATeS

7.1.5 Community Vitality

- Report: Arctic Resilience Action Framework project
- Recommendations: SDWG suggestions on ARAF

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-05_SDWG_Report-ARAF-project

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-05_SDWG_ARAF-Suggestions

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-05_SDWG_Report-ARF

7.1.6 Water and Sanitation Services

- Report: Best Waste Management Practices for Small and Remote Arctic Communities

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-06_SDWG_Report-Waste-Management-Best-Practices

7.1.7 Infrastructure

- Report: Good Practices for Environmental Impact Assessment and Meaningful Engagement in the Arctic – including good practice recommendations

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-07_SDWG_Report-Good-Practices-Recommendations-EIA-Meaningful-Engagement

7.1.8 Sustainable Energy

- Report: Arctic Sustainable Energy Futures project
- Toolkit: The Arctic Community Energy Planning and Implementation (Acepi) Toolkit
- Report: Arctic Remote Energy Networks Academy (ARENA) project
- Website: ARENA website: <http://arena.alaska.edu>
- Webinars: ARENA webinars – <http://arena.alaska.edu/2017-webinars/>
- Video: Synopsis video – <https://www.sdwg.org/activities/sdwg-projects-2017-2019/arctic-remote-energy-networks-academy-arena/>

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-08_SDWG_Report-Sustainable-Energy-Futures-Project
SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-08_SDWG_Report-Toolkit-ACEPI
SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-08_SDWG_Report-ARENA
SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-08_SDWG_Report-Arctic-Energy-Summit-2017

7.1.9 Sustainable Business Involvement and Development

- Report: The Arctic as a Food-Producing Region project_

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-01-09_SDWG_Report-Arctic-Food-Producing-Region

7.1.10 SDWG Work Plan for 2019-2021

Document(s): None

15:00 Family photo and coffee break (30 minutes)

7.2 PAME proposed deliverables for the Rovaniemi Ministerial and work plan for 2019-2021

Speaker(s): Renée Sauvé, PAME Chair

7.2.1 Underwater Noise in the Arctic: A State of Knowledge Report

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-02-01_PAME_Report-Underwater-Noise

7.2.2 Desktop Study on Marine Litter, including microplastics in the Arctic (Phase 1)

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-02-02_PAME_Study-Marine-Litter

7.2.3 Guidelines for Implementing an Ecosystem Approach to Management of Arctic Marine Ecosystems

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-02-03_PAME_Guidelines-Ecosystems-Approach-Management

7.2.4 Meaningful Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Marine Activities (MEMA) Part II Executive Summary for Policy Makers

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-02-04_PAME_Report-MEMA-PartII

7.2.5 Second reporting on progress/implementation of the 2015-2025 Arctic Marine Strategic Plan (AMSP)

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-02-05_PAME_Progress-Implementation-AMSP

7.2.6 PAME Work Plan for 2019-2021

Document(s): None

7.3 EPPR proposed deliverables for the Rovaniemi Ministerial and work plan for 2019-2021

Speaker(s): Jens Peter Holst-Andersen, Chair of EPPR

7.3.1 Awareness videos for small communities on oil pollution risks, impacts and response

Video files:

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-03-01_EPPR_OilResponse_CH1.mp4
SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-03-01_EPPR_OilResponse_CH2.mp4
SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-03-01_EPPR_OilResponse_CH3.mp4
SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-03-01_EPPR_OilResponse_CH4.mp4
SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-03-01_EPPR_OilResponse_CH5.mp4
SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-03-01_EPPR_OilResponse_CH6.mp4

7.3.2 Status report on ARCSAFE

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-03-02_EPPR_Report-Status-ARCSAFE

7.3.3 After Action Report and Updated MOSPA Operating Guidelines

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-03-03_Report-MOSPA

7.3.4 MOSPA Exercise Planning Guidance Document

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-03-04_EPPR_MOSPA-Exercise-Planning-Guide

7.3.5 Legal challenges and MOSPA: Summary Report synthesizing technical report

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-03-05_EPPR_Report-Legal-Challenges

7.3.6 EPPR Image database: An open source library of infographics and photos

Document(s): None

7.3.7 EPPR Work Plan for 2019-2021

Document(s): None

17:00 Meeting adjourns for the day

19:00 Dinner hosted by the Town of Kuusamo and the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Day 2 | Thursday 14 March 2019

07:30-8:30 Breakfast meeting: SAO Chair meets with the Observer delegations

09:00 SAO plenary meeting reconvenes

7. (Cont.) Working Groups: review and approval of proposed deliverables for the 2019 Ministerial

7.4 CAFF proposed deliverables for the Rovaniemi Ministerial and work plan for 2019-2021

Speaker(s): Cynthia Jacobson, CAFF Chair

7.4.1 Arctic Coastal Biodiversity Monitoring Plan (CBMP)

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-04-01_CAFF_CBMP

7.4.2 State of the Arctic Freshwater Biodiversity Report (SAFBR)

- SAFBR Science Report
- SAFBR Key Findings and Advice for Monitoring

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-04-02_CAFF_SAFBR_Science-Report
SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-04-02_CAFF_SAFBR_Findings-Advice-Monitoring

7.4.3 Arctic Migratory Bird Initiative (AMBI) workplan 2019-23

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-04-03_CAFF_AMBI-Workplan-2019-23

7.4.4 Salmon Peoples of Arctic Rivers, report of Phase I

Document(s): None

7.4.5 Mainstreaming case study on the incorporation of biodiversity provisions into the mining industry

Document(s): None

7.4.6 Resilience and Management of Arctic Wetlands Phase I report

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-04-06_CAFF_Resilience-Management-Arctic-Wetlands-PhaseI

7.4.7 CAFF Work Plan for 2019-2021

Document(s): None

7.5 AMAP proposed deliverables for the Rovaniemi Ministerial and work plan for 2019-2021

Speaker(s): Marianne Kroglund, AMAP Chair

7.5.1 Arctic Climate Change Update 2019

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-05-01_AMAP_Arctic-Climate-Change-Update-2019

7.5.2 Arctic Ocean Acidification Update: Summary for Policymakers

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-05-02_AMAP_Policymakers-Summary-Ocean-Acidification

7.5.3 Biological Effects of Contaminants on Arctic Wildlife and Fish: Summary for Policymakers

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-05-03_AMAP_Policymakers-Summary-Contaminants

7.5.4 AMAP Strategic Framework 2019+

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_07-05-04_AMAP_Strategic-Framework-2019-2021

7.5.5 AMAP work plan for 2019-2021

Document(s): None

7.6 ACAP proposed deliverables for the Rovaniemi Ministerial and work plan for 2019-2021

Speaker(s): Ulrik Westman, ACAP Chair

7.6.1 Black Carbon Case Studies

Web link(s):

Black Carbon Case Studies Platform: <https://www.uarctic.org/news/2019/2/calotte-academy-2019-call-for-papers/>

Environmental Response Management Application (ERMA):
<https://erma.noaa.gov/arctic/erma.html#/layers=1+38575&x=-56.39282&y=59.51203&z=3&panel=layer>

7.6.2 Framework for the Circumpolar Expansion of the Local Environmental Observer Network (CLEO)

Web link(s):

CLEO: <https://www.leonetnetwork.org/en/>.

7.6.3 ACAP work plan for 2019-2021

Document(s): None

10:30 Coffee break (30 minutes)

8. Task Forces and other subsidiary bodies: review and approval of proposed deliverables for the 2019 Rovaniemi Ministerial

8.1 Black Carbon and Methane Expert Group (EGBCM)

Speaker(s): Mikael Hildén, EGBCM Chair

Background: EGBCM Chair will discuss developing actions to reduce emissions of black carbon and methane in the future and provide an update on the work of the expert group. He will present the findings of the 2017-2019 report and discuss the outline of the work plan 2019-2021.

Action: For information and consideration for delivery for final approval by the Ministers

Document(s): TBD

8.2 Task Force for Arctic Marine Cooperation (TFAMC II)

Speaker(s): Anita Mäkinen, TFAMC II Co-Chair

Background: In February 2018, the SAOs asked the TFAMC II to focus its work on developing potential complementary enhancements to existing Arctic Council mechanisms. The Co-Chair will provide a report on TFAMC II work and the produced recommendations.

Action: For information and consideration for delivery for final approval by the Ministers

Document(s): TBD

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Meeting reconvenes

8.3 Task Force on Improved Connectivity in the Arctic (TFICA)

Speaker(s): Marjukka Vihavainen-Pitkänen, TFICA Co-Chair

Background: The Task Force on Improved Connectivity in the Arctic (TFICA) was mandated to compare the needs of those who live, operate, and work in the Arctic with available infrastructure, and to work with the telecommunications industry and the Arctic Economic Council to encourage the creation of the required infrastructure with an eye toward pan-Arctic solutions and to report to Ministers in 2019. The TFICA Chair will present the findings of the task force's draft report to be submitted to the Arctic Council Ministers in Rovaniemi.

Action: For information

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_08-03_TFICA_Final-Meeting

9. Arctic Council participation in meetings of other bodies

9.1 Arctic Council side event at UNFCCC COP24

Speaker(s): Henna Haapala, Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of the Environment of Finland

Background: The Arctic Council together with Finland hosted an official side event "Curbing black carbon emissions for health and Arctic climate benefits" on 10 December 2018 at the UNFCCC COP24 in Katowice, Poland. This side event presented current knowledge on black carbon, and its climate and health impacts, as well as initiatives to reduce emissions by the Arctic Council and other stakeholders.

Action: For information

Document(s): None

9.2 Upcoming events with possible Arctic Council participation

Speaker(s): René Söderman, SAO for Finland; Bryndís Kjartansdóttir, SAO for Iceland

Background: During the Finnish Chairmanship, the Arctic Council organized side events at UNFCCC COPs and at the UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. The

Working Groups have been active in conferences of parties of conventions, relevant to their work. This agenda item provides an opportunity to discuss the possible participation in forthcoming events, such as the UN Climate Summit in September 2019 and the UNFCCC COP25 in November 2019.

Action: For discussion

Document(s): None

10. Agreement on Enhancing International Arctic Scientific Cooperation, report from the Inaugural Meeting

Speaker(s): Frej Sorento Dichmann, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Higher Education and Science, Kingdom of Denmark

Background: The Competent National Authorities (CNA) for the Agreement on Enhancing International Arctic Scientific Cooperation gather in Helsinki for an inaugural meeting on 11 March 2019. A report of the CNA meeting will be provided.

Action: For information

Document(s): None

11. Report 'Business Finance in the Arctic'

Speaker(s): Hanne Fugl Eskjær, SAO for the Kingdom of Denmark; Tero Vauraste, Chair of the Arctic Economic Council

Background: The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs commissioned a study on business finance in the Arctic, published in December 2018. The aim of the study, prepared in cooperation with the Arctic Economic Council, was to gain a better and deeper understanding of the situation regarding small and medium-sized enterprises and start-ups in the Arctic region and to develop recommendations on how to improve the investment climate across the region. The study also includes a mapping of existing financing instruments across the Arctic region.

Action: For information

Document(s): SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_11_Business-Finance-Arctic

14:30 Coffee break (30 minutes)

12. Update on Arctic SDI

Speaker(s): Arvo Kokkonen, Director General of National Land Survey of Finland

Background: Arctic Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) is a joint project run by the National Mapping Agencies of the Arctic States. Its Geoportal is available for the use of Arctic Council Working Groups. The Chair of the Arctic SDI will give an update on the Arctic SDI.

Action: For information

Document(s): None

13. Update on the Icelandic Arctic Council Chairmanship 2019-21

Speaker(s): Bryndís Kjartansdóttir, SAO for Iceland

Background: The SAO for Iceland will update delegates on its upcoming Chairmanship of the Arctic Council, 2019-2021.

Action: For information

Document(s):

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_13_Update-Iceland-Chairmanship-2019-21

14. Any other business

14.1. Environmentally sustainable meetings during the Finnish Chairmanship 2017-19

Speaker(s): Annariina Kukkonen, Conference Coordinator, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Background: During the Finnish Chairmanship 2017-19, the Arctic Council meetings have followed the guidelines for environmentally sustainable meetings, developed by the Ministry

for Foreign Affairs of Finland in cooperation with WWF Finland. The Chairmanship will provide a short report on operationalization of the sustainable meetings concept.

Action: For information

Document(s): None

15. Closing of the SAO meeting

Speaker(s): Aleksi Härkönen, Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials

17:00 Adjourn

List of documents submitted for information

[Documents remain to be added]

EPPR

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_InfoDoc01_EPPR_Chairs-Summary

EGBCM

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_InfoDoc02_EGBCM2_Chairs-Summary

ACAP

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_InfoDoc03_ACAP_Chairs-Summary

CAFF

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_InfoDoc04_CAFF_ABA-Implementation-Progress-Report

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_InfoDoc05_CAFF_TK-Progress-Report

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_InfoDoc06_CAFF_ABDS-Progress-Report

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_InfoDoc07_CAFF_SDI-Progress-Report

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_InfoDoc08_CAFF_CBMP-WorkPlan-Annual-Report

PAME

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_InfoDoc09_PAME_Chairs-Summary

PSI

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_InfoDoc10_PSI-Update

AMAROK

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_InfoDoc11_AMAROK-Mini-Update

SDWG

SAOFI204_2019_RUKA_InfoDoc12_SDWG_Chairs-Summary