



Sustainable Development  
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## **Recommendations for the Integration of Traditional and Local Knowledge into the Work of the Arctic Council**

- (i) Continue development on consensus-based guidelines and processes for the more systematic inclusion of traditional and local knowledge in the work of the Arctic Council.
- (ii) Support the use of consistent terminology regarding traditional and local knowledge throughout the work of the AC.
- (iii)
  - a) At the outset of a project, incorporate traditional and local knowledge considerations into WG proposal templates and/or work plans so that every project proposal or outline describes how it will use TLK in the project, if applicable. If TLK is not applicable, a section of the project proposal or outline must explain why. In doing so, efforts should be made to communicate project goals, objectives, and methods in terminology accessible to non-technical audiences in order to facilitate early identification of potential traditional and local knowledge components.
  - b) At the conclusion of a project, in the final report to SAOs, there will be a requirement to describe how TLK was used in the project and any lessons learned as to how TLK may be better incorporated in the future.
- (iv) Include a traditional and local knowledge column in the ACS project tracking tool.
- (v) Develop within Working Group processes an inventory of lessons-learned and best practices for AC projects which integrate traditional and local knowledge components.
- (vi) Recognize/credit traditional and local knowledge holders' and community contributions to AC projects and reports, including co-authorship where appropriate.
- (vii) Establish best practices for communicating the results and findings back to TLK holders, communities, and those that have contributed.