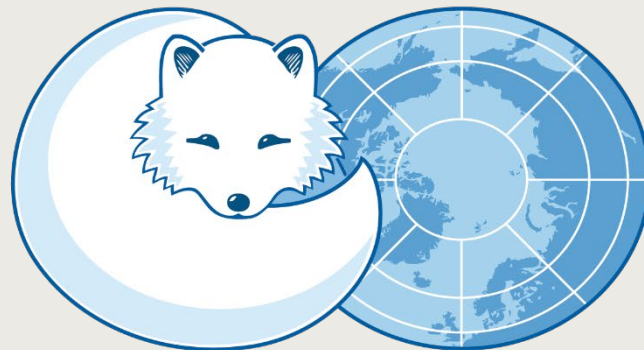




Together Towards a Sustainable Arctic

Iceland's Preliminary Chairmanship Program
for the Arctic Council 2019-2021



ARCTIC COUNCIL



Together Towards a Sustainable Arctic

- Build on good work already in progress within Arctic Council.
- Overarching theme: Sustainable Development
- Heading: Together Towards a Sustainable Arctic





Iceland's Priority Areas

1. Arctic Marine Environment
2. Climate and green energy solutions
3. People in the Arctic
4. Stronger Arctic Council



1. Arctic Marine Environment

Continued cooperation on marine issues, in particular:

- Plastic pollution in the Arctic Ocean
- Safety at sea and pollution prevention
- Ocean acidification
- Arctic marine tourism

Furthermore we want to introduce:

- Innovation and efficient utilisation of marine biological resources





2. Climate and Green Energy Solutions

We want to introduce:

- Digital elevation model of Arctic Glaciers
- Freshwater inflow and accumulation in the Arctic Ocean

Continued cooperation on:

- Further solutions for non-fossil fuel energy production in small Arctic communities
- Black Carbon and Methane





3. People in the Arctic

We want to introduce:

- Preventative measures – targeted at young people

Continued cooperation on:

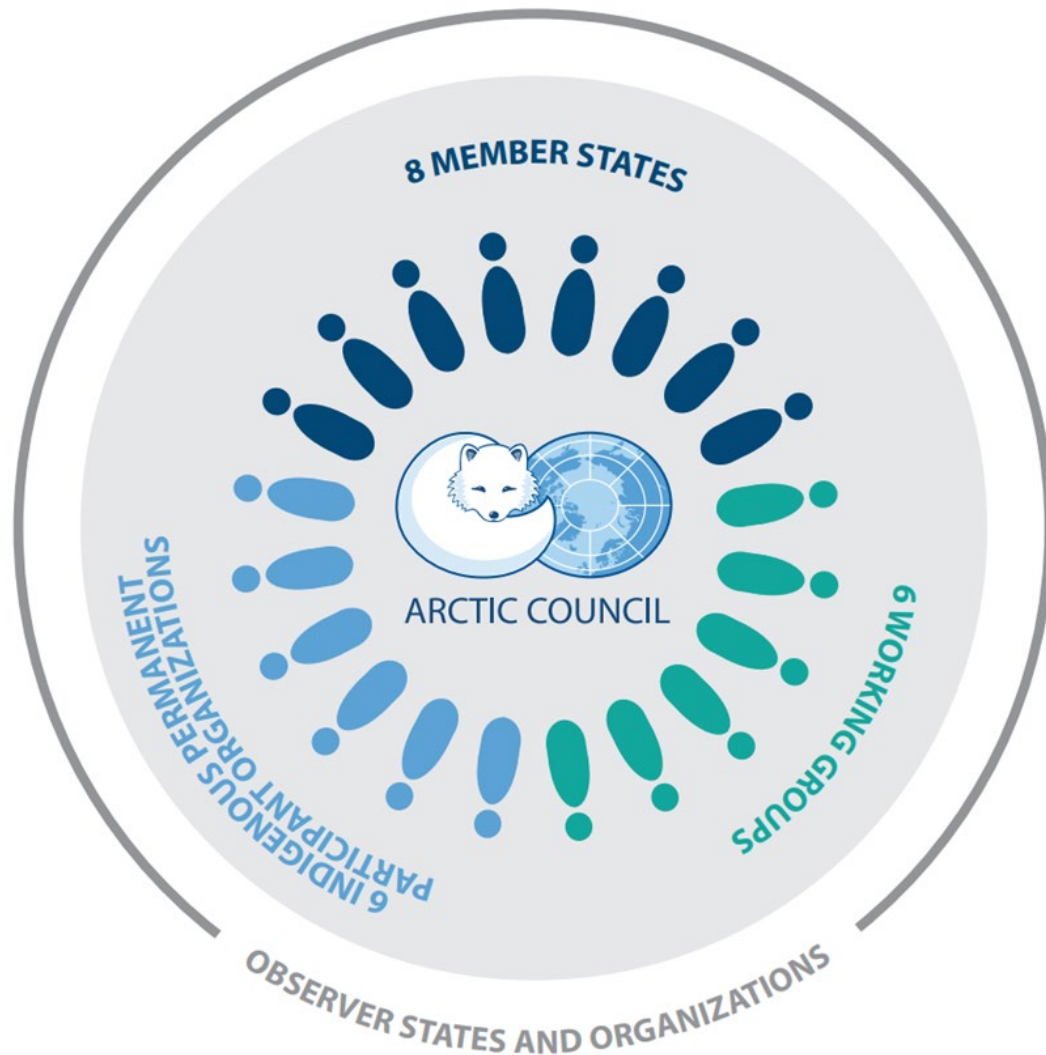
- Improved connectivity
- Adaptation and resilience
- Biodiversity issues
- Status report on Mercury
- Gender equality in the Arctic



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4. Strengthening of the Arctic Council



Continue to strengthen:

- Coordination of communications from the Arctic Council;
- Ties with relevant International Organizations.
- Participation of observers

Further we want to:

- Enhance collaboration with the Arctic Economic Council



Events in Iceland 2019-2021

- Arctic Energy Summit, September 2019 ?
- Joint meeting of SAOs and representatives of the Arctic Economic Council, 2019
- Arctic Science Summit Week, 2020
- Scientific Conference on plastic pollution in the Arctic Ocean, 2020
- International Conference on Arctic Climate to celebrate 100 years of Iceland's Meteorological Office, 2020
- UArctic Congress, 2020



Arctic Council Meetings 2019-2021

Date	SAO Meeting	Location
19.-20. June 2019	SAO Executive	Siglufjörður
15.-17. Oct. 2019	SAO Exec. & Plenary	Reykjavík
24.-26. March 2020	SAO Exec. & Plenary	Akureyri
28.-30. Oct. 2020	SAO Exec. & Plenary	Egilsstaðir
9.-11. March 2021	SAO Exec. & Plenary	Akureyri
14.-15. April 2021	SAO Executive	Reykjanesbær
11.-12. Sept. 2019	SDWG	Ísafjörður
22.-23. March 2020	SDWG	Akureyri
26.-27. Oct. 2020	SDWG	Egilsstaðir
3.4. Feb. 2021	SDWG	Reykjanes
19.-20. May 2021	Ministerial	Reykjavík



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