

Instructions for Observers subject to review

Introduction

This document provides the reporting template and accompanying instructions for Observers to be reviewed during the Finnish Chairmanship (2017-2019).

The deadline for the submission is **1 June 2018**.

According to the "Arctic Council Rules of Procedure" (annex 2), every four years Observers are to state their continued interest in Observer status, and will be reviewed in a Ministerial meeting. During the Finnish Chairmanship, the following 18 Observers admitted 2000-2015 will be subject to review:

- France
- Italy
- Japan
- People's Republic of China
- India
- Republic of Korea
- Singapore
- Spain
- International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO)
- North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (NAMMCO)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Arctic Institute of North America (AINA)
- Association of World Reindeer Herders (AWRH)
- Circumpolar Conservation Union (CCU)
- International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA)
- International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA)
- University of the Arctic (UArctic)

Role of Observers

The role and responsibilities of Observers, as well as criteria for admission to the Arctic Council, can be found in the "Arctic Council Rules of Procedure" (annex 2) and the "Observer Manual for Subsidiary Bodies".

The primary role of Observers is to observe the work of the Arctic Council. Observers contribute to the Arctic Council primarily through engagement at the level of Working Groups, Task Forces, and/or Expert Groups. Observers are invited to the meetings and other activities of the Arctic Council unless the Senior Arctic Officials decide otherwise. Observers may also propose projects through an Arctic State or a Permanent Participant.

Report submission

Observer reports should include the relevant information described below and in the template.

(a) A description of the Observer's contributions to the work of the Arctic Council since the time of the Observer's most recent submission, or in the previous two years, with special focus on contributions to the subsidiary bodies through project participation and support, as well as collaboration with Permanent Participants.

(b) If applicable, a description of the Observer's future plans to contribute to the work of the Arctic Council, with special focus on contributions to the subsidiary bodies through project participation and support, as well as collaboration with Permanent Participants.

(c) If applicable, a description of the Observer's contributions to other aspects of the Arctic Council and its goals not covered in the previous sections since the time of the Observer's most recent submission, or in the previous two years.

Observer reports should be submitted electronically to the Arctic Council Secretariat via email: acs@arctic-council.org.

The reports should be submitted to the Arctic Council Secretariat not later than **1 June 2018**. Please keep in mind while preparing your report that all Observer reports will be published on the official Arctic Council website (www.arctic-council.org).

If an Observer does not submit a report, the Arctic Council will consider this an indication that the Observer is no longer interested in maintaining status as an accredited Observer to the Arctic Council.

Cover sheet

Full name of state or organization:

Association of World Reindeer Herders

Date of submission:

June 1, 2018

Observer's website, if appropriate:

www.reindeerportal.org

Information for appropriate contact person

Full name: Anders Oskal

Email: oskal@reindeercentre.org

Telephone: +47 99450010

Organization or department: -

Job Title: Secretary General

Full mailing address:

WRH International Secretariat
Pb 109, 9521 Guovdageaidnu/ Kautokeino, Norway

Is your state or organization still interested in continuing as an Observer of the Arctic Council?

Yes No

Observer Report

Please describe in no more than 2 pages your state's or organization's contributions to the work of the Arctic Council's Working Groups, Task Forces, and/or Expert Groups since the time of your most recent report, or in the previous two years. Please highlight contributions to specific projects, such as through proposals, concept development, in-kind and financial support, and hosting of meetings. Please detail any collaboration with Permanent Participants, such as project proposal endorsement and support.

WRH is managing the SDWG EALLU Project 2015-2019 and the CAFF Nomadic Herders Project, in cooperation with Arctic States and PPs. These projects represents a follow-up of ACIA, SDWG/IPY EALÁT 2007-2011 and SDWG EALLIN 2012-2015. Through this work, WRH has hosted over 40 community-based workshops, student seminars, and academic gatherings from 2015-2018, held across the pan-Arctic. WRH has contributed substantial in-kind and financial support for this work.

WRH has also actively contributed to other various Arctic Council projects, processes and initiatives, over a variety of WGs. This includes AMAP AACA-C, ACAP CLEO, ARR/ARAF, TFSC, and more. In TFSC context, WRH's expertise on TK has been utilized to assist in formulation of Article 9 in the Agreement of Science Cooperation in the Arctic. WRH's expertise on TK was also involved in the formulation of the Ottawa TK principles of 2014.

In the period, WRH has contributed by authoring/ co-authoring the following Arctic Council reports, articles and supportive publications:

1. Philip Burgess, Elena Antipina, Svetlana Avelova, Anna Degteva, Andrey Dubovtsev, Bineriya Dondov, Alena Gerasimova, Svein D Mathiesen, Anders Oskal, Mikhail Pogodaev et al (2017): EALLU: Indigenous youth, Arctic Change and Food Culture - Knowledge and How We Have Thrived on the Margins. Arctic Council Ministerial Deliverable, SDWG Report 2015–2017, pp: 160. International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry, Kautokeino, Norway. ISBN 978-82-998051-1-7.
2. Nadezhda Gerasimova (2017): The Traditional Cuisine of the Evenki People of Southern Yakutia. Printinghouse DealSib Company, Novosibirsk, Russia. pp. 154. ISBN: 978-82-998051-3-1 (Supporting publication to the SDWG EALLU Food Book/ Burgess et al, 2017).
3. Ecological change in Arctic regions – a GLOBIO3 pilot study of impacts on biodiversity. In The Economy of the North, Solveig Glomsrød, Gérard Duhaime and Julie Aslaksen (eds.) page 147- 162. Arctic Council SDWG Report. Statistisk Sentralbyrå, 2017. ISSN 0804-3221.

4. Interdependency of subsistence and market economies in the Arctic. In *The Economy of the North*, Solveig Glomsrød, Gérard Duhaime and Iulie Aslaksen (eds.) page 89-125, Arctic Council SDWG Report. Statistisk Sentralbyrå, 2017. ISSN 0804-3221.
5. Impact analysis and consequences of change. In *Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic: Perspectives from the Barents Area*. Arctic Council AMAP Report, Oslo, Norway. Pages 127-166. ISBN-13 978-82-7971-102-5.
6. Indigenous peoples' perspectives. In *Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic: Perspectives from the Barents Area*. page 167-194, Arctic Council AMAP, Oslo, Norway. ISBN-13 978-82-7971-102-5.
7. What factors build or erode resilience in the Arctic? In Carson M and Peterson G et al. (2016) Arctic Council Arctic Resilience Report, Chapter 4, pp 96-125. Stockholm Environment Institute and Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm, Sweden. (www.arctic-council.org/arr). ISBN 9789186125455.

Science Abstracts accepted and delivered to Arctic Council AMAP Science Conference: International Conference on Arctic Science - Bringing Knowledge to Action. Reston, Virginia, US, 24-27 April, 2017:

1. Anders Oskal, Ellen Inga Turi, Iulie Aslaksen, Svein D. Mathiesen, Solveig Glomsrød, and Anne I. Myhr (2017): The science-policy of traditional indigenous knowledge in management of natural resources.
2. Anna Degteva, Anders Oskal, Svein D. Mathiesen, Philip Burgess, Iulie Aslaksen, Kathrine Johnsen, Anne-Maria Magga, Wilbert van Rooij Camilla Brattland, Robert Corell, Andrey Dubovtsev, Per Arild Garnåsjordet, Aslak Holmberg, Konstantin Klokov, Nancy G Maynard, Christian Nellemann, Beaska Niillas, Per Jonas Partapuoli, Mikhail Pogodaev, Erik Reinert, Per Sandström, Igor Slepushkin, Inger A Smuk, Jannie Steffanson, Zinaida Strogalschikova, Alexey Tsykarev, Levi Westerveld (2017) *Adaptation Action and Indigenous Peoples' Perspectives in the Barents region*.
3. Anders Oskal, Mikhail Pogodaev, Inger Anita Smuk, Svein D Mathiesen, Philip Burgess, Ravdna BME Sara, Alena Gerasimova, Svetlana Avelova, Anna Degteva, Kia Krarup-Hansen, Johan Mathis Turi, Mikkel Anders Kemi, Issat Turi, Maret Ravdna Buljo, Elena Antipina, Nechei Serotetto, Marta Okotetto (2017): *Climate Resilience, Indigenous Youth and Local Economies in a Changing Arctic: New Tools for Arctic Indigenous Peoples' Food Empowerment*.

If applicable, please describe in no more than 1 page your state's or organization's future plans for contributing to the work of the Arctic Council's Working Groups, Task Forces, and/or Expert Groups. Please highlight intentions to contribute to specific projects and to collaborate with Permanent Participants.

WRH aims to continue its efforts for collaboration with States and PPs in AC projects, both in projects managed by WRH and beyond.

Concerning future plans, WRH will

- continue its work in managing the SDWG EALLU and CAFF Nomadic Herders projects, together with States and PPs.
- seek to be engaged in follow up of the TFSC and the Arctic research agreement.
- seek to be involved in further work and follow up of AACA.
- continue its involvement in the ACAP CLEO project.
- wishes to engage stronger in the health work of the Arctic Council, notably AHHEG and the One health project.
- continue its involvement in the SDWG Arctic Children project.
- continue its involvement in the CAFF initiative on youth engagement.
- remain open to any AC project proposal that may positively impact Arctic indigenous peoples
- continue to contribute to the fulfillment of the Arctic Council Ministerial Declarations

Representing the nomadic indigenous peoples of the Arctic, WRH would contribute to the Arctic Council with its expertise on Traditional Knowledge, indigenous nomadic livelihoods, adaptation and resilience, capacity building, research and education, as well as youth engagement.

Itself an indigenous organisation, a central element of WRH's approach to AC work is collaboration with PPs, both on the regional, national and Arctic level.

By the nature of world reindeer husbandry, the main geographical focus of WRH will clearly continue to be the Arctic States. However, in our efforts to also work together with AC Observers, WRH will seek collaboration as appropriate with Observer States such as China and the UK, as they also have smaller reindeer herding populations.

If applicable, please describe in no more than 1 page your state's or organization's contributions to other aspects of the Arctic Council and its goals not covered by the previous sections since the time of your most recent report, or in the previous two years.

WRH has managed the SDWG EALLU project in cooperation with Arctic States and PPs, producing the first-of-a-kind food book of Arctic indigenous peoples as the Fairbanks Ministerial Deliverable (Burgess et al, 2017, see above).

This book recently won two first prizes at the 23rd International Gourmand Awards in Yantai, China on May 26-27, 2018:

1. The EALLU book was declared the Best Food Book of the Year Across All Categories (competing with 1144 book contributions from 116 States worldwide)
2. The book was also declared the Best Arctic Food Book (new category for the 23rd Gourmand Awards)

These achievements underlines that the work WRH and Arctic indigenous youth is engaged in within the Arctic Council can have global reach and implications, and represent a leading edge of knowledge globally. It sets the Arctic Council on the map in a global context, in this case the world culinary scene.