

# University of the Arctic

Network of Universities and other higher education institutions



116 members

Sharing resources

650 000 students

50 000 faculty

Arctic Council SAO meeting



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- *UARctic* respectfully calls for the unequivocal endorsement of Arctic Council members for the establishment of a *UARctic* Legal Entity.





In some more details:



UARctic will focus on demonstrating competency of UARctic members in knowledge generation, including traditional knowledge.

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The majority of UArctic activities are carried out by our members and those members cover the majority of costs.

External UArctic support is essential and is provided by several member states of the Arctic Council and other organizations.

To ensure continued dynamic growth in the activities of the UArctic network the UArctic Board has decided to establish a UArctic legal entity that will receive funding from charitable foundations and the private sector.





The success of the UArctic Legal Entity will remain closely linked to a clear mandate endorsed by the Arctic Council member states.

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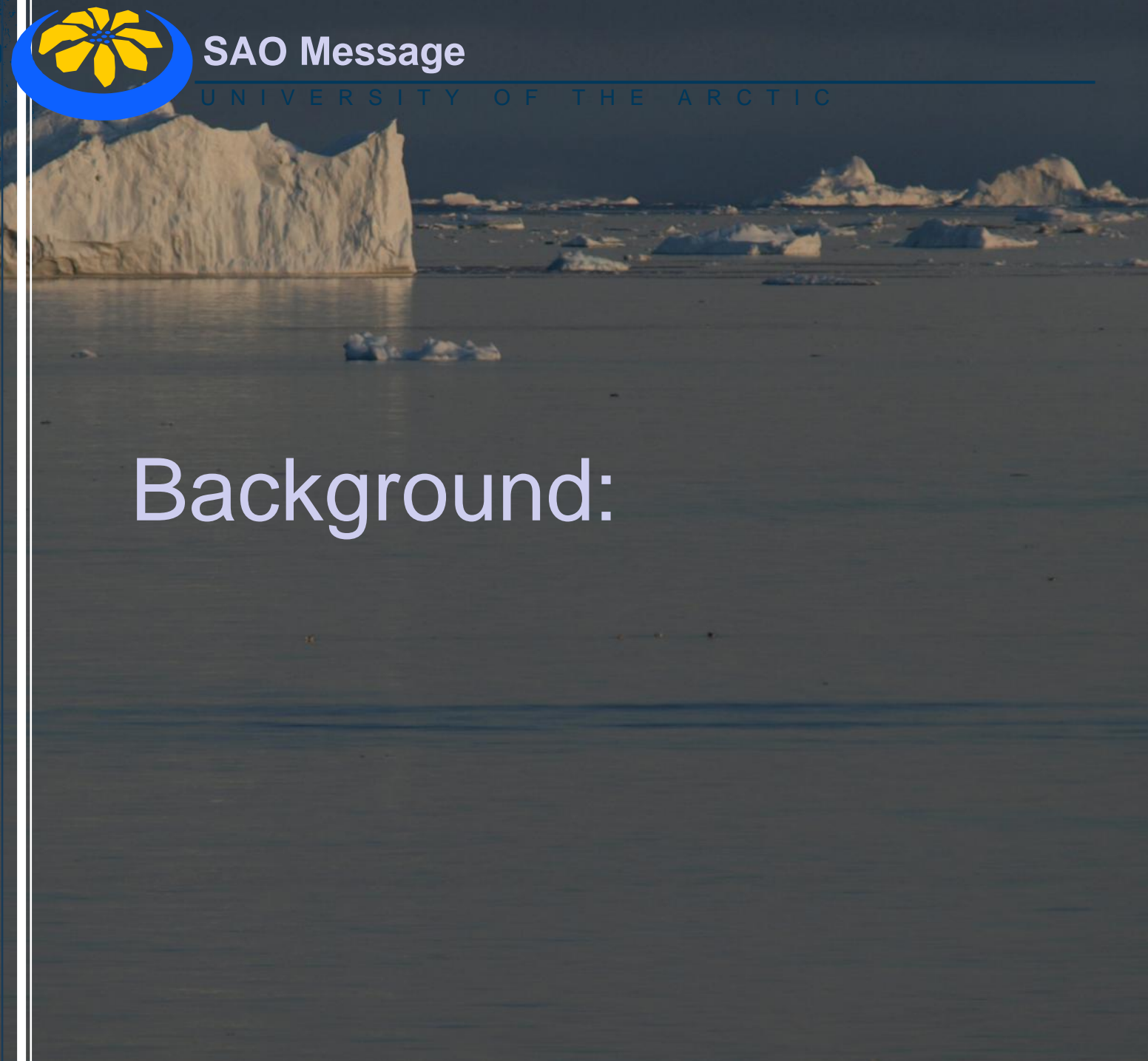


- UARctic Board of Governors of UArctic has asked University of Lapland, Finland, to complete a plan for the UArctic “federal” Legal Entity to be established in Finland, this legal entity shall serve the whole UArctic.
- A meeting organized by Senator Nikolaiev, vice chair of Russian Federation Council, with several Russian UArctic members decided to work towards a Russian UArctic Foundation.
- The leaders of the three northern colleges in Canada has submitted a proposal to the government that will establish a Canadian UArctic organization. This is based on the recommendations in a report commissioned by the Canadian Government.
- US members of UArctic has taken initiative towards a US UArctic organization.





# Background:





- The University of the Arctic (UArctic) was established in 2001 based on the mandate received through the Iqaluit Declaration of 1998 where the Ministers of the Arctic Council “**welcome, and are pleased to announce the establishment of the University of the Arctic, a university without walls...**”.
- The University of the Arctic has grown to a network of 116 Universities, Colleges, and other higher education institutions, as well as Indigenous Peoples’ Organisations, evenly distributed in the Circumpolar North.
- UArctic organises a comprehensive set of programs, including cooperation in the delivery of undergraduate and graduate studies, mobility, and promotion of northern education and research capabilities.





1. Building Human Capacity in the North: culturally relevant training and education for sustainable Northern communities
2. Adaptation to Climate Change: challenges for human society as well as nature.
3. The North as an Energy region: economic, cultural, environmental, and technical opportunities, demands and impacts.



- UArctic aims at considerable growth in its members activities towards our overall goals.
- UArctic will establish a legal entity with a funding mechanism that can receive and disburse funds to UArctic Activities from private and philanthropic sources. This shall complement member and government support to UArctic .
- National UArctic organizations will be created in Arctic States when needed to address legal constraints and national needs.





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# Operational structure 2008

The **operational structure of UArctic** is defined in the now approved Strategic plan

