



**Meeting of Senior Arctic Officials  
Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada  
October 22-23, 2013  
Plenary Meeting  
SECOND DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**Monday, October 21, 2013**

19:00 **Official Dinner hosted by the Government of Canada**  
Welcoming Remarks by the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq,  
Chair of the Arctic Council  
*Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre*

**Day 1 – Tuesday, October 22, 2013**

- 1. Introduction**  
*Patrick Borbey, Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials*
- 9:30 **1.1 Traditional Blessing** (15 min)  
*Kwanlin Dün First Nation*
- 9:45 **1.2 Welcoming Remarks** (15 min)
- 10:00 **1.3 Roundtable Introductions** (10 min)
- 10:10 **1.4 Approval of Agenda** (5 min)
- 10:15 **2. Update from the Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials** (15 min)  
*Patrick Borbey, Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials*
- 3. Report from the Director of the Arctic Council Secretariat**
- 10:30 **3.1 Update on the Arctic Council Secretariat Work Plan** (15 min)  
*Magnus Johannesson, Director, Arctic Council Secretariat*  
  
**Background:** At the Kiruna Ministerial Meeting, it was decided that SAOs should discuss and approve the Arctic Council Secretariat Work Plan for 2014-2015. The Director of the Arctic Council Secretariat will give a short briefing on the status of the Work Plan.  
  
**Actions:** SAOs may wish to approve the work plan for the period 2014-2015.  
  
**Documents:** No documents
- 4. Chairmanship-led Initiatives**
- 10:45 **4.1 Protecting Traditional Ways of Life** (15 min)



*Patrick Borbey, Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials*

**Background:** The Kiruna Declaration “acknowledge[s] the importance of indigenous peoples’ traditional ways of life to their economic well-being, culture and health.” It also calls on “...Senior Arctic Officials to recommend ways to increase awareness regionally and globally on traditional ways of life of the Arctic indigenous peoples and to present a report on this work at the next Ministerial meeting in 2015.”

**Actions:** SAOs may wish to comment or provide guidance on this initiative.

**Documents:** No document

11:00

**4.2 Strengthening the Arctic Council**

(15 min)

*Patrick Borbey, Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials*

**Background:** The Kiruna Declaration acknowledges that “...the work of the Arctic Council continues to evolve to respond to new challenges and opportunities in the Arctic.” It also requests that Senior Arctic Officials “...recommend ways and means to strengthen how the work of the Arctic Council is carried out, including identifying opportunities for Arctic States to use the Council’s work to influence and shape action in other regional and international fora as well as identifying approaches to support the active participation of Permanent Participants, and to present a report on their work at the next Ministerial meeting in 2015.”

**Actions:** SAOs may wish to comment or provide guidance on this initiative.

**Documents:** No document

11:15

**Morning break**

(20 min)

**5. Task Forces**

11:35

**5.1 The Task Force for Action on Black Carbon and Methane and AMAP progress and plans for SLCP scientific assessment reports on BC and methane**  
*Rita Cerutti, Head of Delegation to the TFBCM (Canada)*

(15 min)

**Background:** The Task Force for Action on Black Carbon and Methane will report on its progress. AMAP will report on the progress of its two expert groups on short-lived climate forcers – one on black carbon and ozone and the other on methane – and will outline its plans for deliverables ahead of the 2015 Ministerial meeting.

**Action:** SAOs may wish to review the information from the



task force and provide guidance, as appropriate.

**Documents:**

- (1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc5-1\_TFBCM\_I\_Meeting\_Whitehorse\_Sep\_2013\_2\_Page\_Summary
- (2) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-3c\_SLCF\_Summary\_for\_SAO\_Whitehorse

- 11:50            **5.2    The Task Force to Facilitate the Creation of a Circumpolar Business Forum**            (15 min)  
*Mitch Bloom, Task Force Chair*

**Background:** The Task Force to Facilitate the Creation of a Circumpolar Business Forum will report on its progress. To date, it has met twice in person and once via teleconference. Discussions have focused on the structure of the new body and ways to engage with the circumpolar business community.

**Action:** The SAOs may wish to review the information from the task force and give guidance as appropriate.

**Documents:** No document

- 12:05            **5.3    The Task Force for Enhancing Scientific Cooperation in the Arctic**            (10 min)  
*Anton Vasiliev, Senior Arctic Official (Russian Federation)*  
*Evan Bloom (United States of America)*  
*Gustaf Lind, Senior Arctic Official (Sweden)*

**Background:** The Task Force for Enhancing Scientific Cooperation in the Arctic will report on its progress. The task force was established at the Kiruna Ministerial meeting. Its aim is to work towards an arrangement to improve scientific research cooperation among the eight Arctic States.

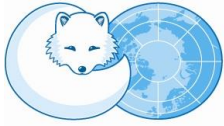
**Action:** The SAOs may wish to review the information from the task force and give guidance as appropriate.

**Documents:** No document

- 12:15            **5.4    The Task Force on Arctic Marine Oil Pollution Prevention**            (10 min)  
*Anton Vasiliev, Senior Arctic Official (Russian Federation)*  
*Else Berit Eikeland, Senior Arctic Official (Norway)*

**Background:** The Task Force on Arctic Marine Oil Pollution Prevention (TFOPP) was established at the Kiruna Ministerial Meeting. The TFOPP is charged with identifying a concrete plan of action for the Arctic Council to contribute to the prevention of marine oil pollution in the Arctic, and to develop cooperative arrangements to implement the plan of action.

**Action:** The SAOs may wish to review the information from



the task force and give guidance as appropriate.

**Documents:** No document

12:25

**Lunch**

**Presentation on Cold Climate Technology**

**6. Working Groups**

14:00

**6.1 Implementation of Recommendations from the Expert Group on Ecosystem-Based Management (20 min)**

*Julia Gourley, Senior Arctic Official (United States of America)*

**Background:** In the report “Ecosystem-Based Management in the Arctic”, submitted to Ministers in May 2013, the expert group on EBM made 12 recommendations for activities to be undertaken by the Arctic Council, Permanent Participants, working groups and States. These recommendations covered: policy and implementation; science and information; and institutional organization. This item is an opportunity to discuss with the working groups their ongoing follow-up to this set of recommendations.

**Action:** SAOs may wish to comment on progress thus far and offer guidance for the future.

**Documents:**

- (1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-1\_CAFF\_Memo\_on\_EBM
- (2) (AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-1b\_PAME\_EA\_EG\_Contributions\_to\_EBM\_Recommendations

14:20

**6.2 Arctic Contaminants Action Programme (ACAP) Progress Report (20 min)**

*Jaako Henttonen, ACAP Chair*

**Introduction and information items:** The Chair of ACAP will briefly update SAOs on: (1) ACAP activities on short-lived climate forcers; (2) work on mercury; (3) work on polychlorinated biphenyls; (4) other forward-looking activities.

**Documents:**

- (1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-2\_ACAP\_WG\_Progress\_Report\_to\_SAO\_Whitehorse

**6.2.1 Obsolete Pesticides**

**Background:** ACAP has finalised the report on environmentally sound management of obsolete pesticides in Northern Russia. The working group has included in the Summary recommendations for further activities based on the findings in the report. In addition, ACAP will provide a short update on prospects for environmentally sound destruction.



**Action:** SAOs are invited to consider and approve the final report from ACAP Obsolete Pesticides project in Northern Russia.

**Documents:**

(1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-2-1\_ACAP\_Obsolete\_pesticides\_final\_report\_for\_SAO\_approval\_Whitehorse

14:40

**6.3 Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP) Progress Report**

(60 min)

*Morten S. Olsen, AMAP Chair*

**Introduction and information items:** The AMAP Chair will give a general update on the Working Group's progress. As a follow-up to the AMAP Work Plan for 2013-2015, the AMAP working group has requested that its expert groups on Persistent Organic Pollutants, on Radioactivity and on Human Health present proposals for updating previous assessments pertaining to these issues. Plans were approved at a recent AMAP meeting in the Faroe Islands. As follow up to the 2013 Arctic Ocean Acidification Assessment, AMAP will also be conducting an experts' workshop to evaluate the needs and scope of possible follow-up activities.

**Documents:**

(1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-3a\_AMAP\_WG\_Progress\_Report\_to\_SAO\_Whitehorse  
(2) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-3b\_Planned\_AMAP\_Assessments\_and\_Other\_Follow-up  
(3) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-3c\_SLCF\_Summary\_for\_SAO\_Whitehorse

**6.3.1 AACA-Part C and follow-up to SWIPA**

**Background:** At the Kiruna Ministerial the Arctic Council decided to continue its work on the AACA and requested the AMAP working group to "produce information to assist local decision makers and stakeholders in the three pilot regions in developing adaptation tools and strategies to better deal with climate change and other pertinent environmental stressors". A draft implementation and draft organizational plan was discussed at the AMAP working group meeting in the Faroe Islands September 16th-18th and the working group agreed to further develop the plans at a workshop in Quebec on October 8-9. The working group also decided that follow-up to SWIPA activities should be seen in light of AACA-C activities. The AMAP working group will present plans for follow-up to AACA-C activities.



**Action:** The SAOs might wish to provide input to the plans for follow-up to AACA–C activities, as presented.

**Documents:**

- (1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-3-1a\_Summary\_of\_Draft\_AACA-C\_Implementation\_Plan
- (2) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-3-1b\_Draft\_AACA-C\_Implementation\_Plan
- (3) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-3-1c\_Draft\_ToR\_Regional\_Implementation\_Team
- (4) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-3-1d\_Draft\_ToR\_Integration\_Team

15:40 **Afternoon break** (20 min)

16:00 **6.4 Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF) Progress Report** (45 min)

*Risa Smith, CAFF Chair*

**Introduction and information items:** The Chair of CAFF will review the working group’s progress report.

**Documents:**

- (1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-4\_CAFF\_WG\_Progress\_Report\_to\_SAO\_Whitehorse

**6.4.1 Implementation of the Arctic Biodiversity Assessment (ABA)**

**Background:** The Kiruna Declaration welcomed the ABA, approved its recommendations, encouraged Arctic States to follow-up on its recommendations and instructed Senior Arctic Officials to develop a plan to support and implement its recommendations. A report will be presented outlining the approach, timelines and milestones for implementation of the ABA recommendations, including the mapping of ABA recommendations to Arctic Council activities.

**Action:** The SAOs may wish to comment on progress and provide guidance on approach to implementation of ABA recommendations

**Documents:**

- (1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-4-1\_Memo\_on\_ABA\_Implementation

**6.4.2 Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program**



**Background:** A new CBMP strategic plan has been completed for 2013-2017. While the first CBMP five-year plan focused on developing the strategy for building and maintaining a comprehensive and cost-effective pan-Arctic monitoring program, this next generation CBMP strategic plan focuses on implementing those strategies, while continuing to interpret, integrate and communicate biodiversity information. This includes ongoing efforts to establish and maintain steering groups and to develop implementation plans and coordinated monitoring across the Arctic.

**Action:** SAOs may wish to comment and provide guidance on the path forward for the next four years.

**Documents:**

- (1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-4-2a\_Memo\_on\_CBMP
- (2) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-4-2b\_CBMP\_Strategy\_2013-2017
- (3) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-4-2c\_Arctic\_Terrestrial\_Biodiversity\_Monitoring\_Plan

#### 6.4.3 Migratory Bird Conservation Project

**Background:** The “Protecting Arctic lifestyles and people through migratory bird conservation” initiative aims to improve the status and secure the long-term sustainability of ‘at risk’ Arctic breeding bird populations. This project responds to the Arctic Council Chairmanship theme of “development for the people of the North,” with a focus on sustainable circumpolar communities. A report will be provided on progress and SAOs asked for input.

**Action:** SAOs may wish to comment on progress and provide input and guidance.

**Documents:**

- (1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-4-3\_Memo\_on\_Migratory\_Birds\_Project

18:30

Reception hosted by the Government of Yukon  
Yukon Arts Centre



Day 2 – Wednesday, October 23, 2013

9:00                      **6.5    Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response**                      (45 min)  
**(EPPR) Progress Report**

*Ole Kristian Bjerkemo, EPPR Chair*

**Introduction and information items:** The Chair of EPPR will review the working group's progress and introduce its action items.

**Documents:**

(1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-5\_EPPR\_WG\_Progress\_Report\_to\_SAO\_Whitehorse

**6.5.1** Routines for updating of “Operational Guidelines” of the Agreement on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response in the Arctic

**Background:** In the Agreement on Cooperation on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response in the Arctic, paragraph 21 states that Operational Guidelines should be developed and maintained. At the SAO meeting in March 2013, EPPR was tasked with the responsibility of maintaining and updating the Operational Guidelines (annexed to the Agreement). At its meeting in Oulu, Finland in June 2013, EPPR drafted and approved the procedures for updating the Operational Guidelines.

**Action:** The SAOs may wish to review and approve the routines, as proposed by the EPPR.

**Documents:**

(1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-5-1\_EPPR\_Updating\_the\_Operational\_Guidelines\_Arctic\_Oil\_Spill\_Agreement

**6.5.2** EPPR Strategic Plan of Action

**Background:** EPPR is guided by its Operating Guidelines, where it is written that their Strategic Plan needs formal approval by the SAOs.

**Action:** The SAOs may wish to review and approve the Strategic Plan.

**Documents:**

(1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-5-2\_EPPR\_Strategic\_Plan\_of\_Action





9:45

**6.6 Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME)  
Progress Report**

(45 min)

*Hugi Olafsson, PAME Chair*

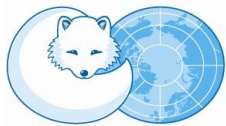
**Introduction and information items:** The Chair of PAME will provide a brief update on: (1) The Sustainable Tourism Initiative / Cruise Ship Guidelines; and (2) the AMSA II(D) report on Specially Designated Arctic Marine Areas.

**Documents:**

- (1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-6a\_PAME\_Highlights\_from\_3\_Workshops\_10-14\_Jun\_2013
- (2) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-6b\_PAME\_Highlights\_from\_PAME\_II-2013\_Meeting\_24-26\_Sep
- (3) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-6c\_Letter\_from\_PAME\_Chair\_to\_AMAP\_CAFF\_SDWG\_on\_Sustainable\_Arctic\_Tourism\_Initiative
- (4) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-6d\_AMSA\_II(D)\_Second\_Draft\_Report
- (5) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-6e\_AMSA\_II(C)\_AMSA\_II(D)\_Bridging\_Workshop\_Report\_12-13\_June\_2013

**6.6.1 Development of a revised Arctic Marine Strategic Plan (AMSP)**

**Background:** The AMSP was originally adopted by Arctic Council Ministers in 2004 and based upon reporting from the Arctic Council working groups, most of its strategic actions have been completed. Cooperation with the other Arctic Council working groups is important to ensure that all marine-related activities and future strategic approach to management of the Arctic marine environment is coordinated within the Arctic Council. An invitation has been sent out to working groups chairs inviting them to nominate an expert and/or a contact person to participate in a steering group for this project. A “zero” draft of revised Arctic Marine Strategic Plan (AMSP) has been discussed. Based on the outcomes of a workshop in Iceland in June, 2013 and inputs by the co-lead countries, a revised draft AMSP (1st draft) has been distributed to PAME and other Arctic Council working groups. The co-lead countries will revise this 1st draft based on comments received during and following the PAME II-2013 meeting. Interlinkages between follow-up actions under the Arctic Ocean Review (AOR), AMSA, and other processes are fully recognized in the revision process of the AMSP in addition to taking into account the necessary coordination between these processes and with other Arctic Council



Working Groups, as relevant.

**Action:** For information and guidance from SAOs as appropriate.

**Documents:**

- (1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-6-1a\_First\_Draft\_Revised\_AMSP
- (2) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-6-1b\_Summary\_from\_First\_Scoping\_Workshop\_for\_the\_Revision\_of\_AMSP

10:30

**6.7 Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG) Progress Report**

(45 min)

*Sarah Cox, SDWG Chair*

**Introduction and information items:** The Chair of SDWG will provide a brief update on: (1) The launch of the Social, Economic and Cultural (SEC) Expert Group; and (2) work towards promoting traditional and local knowledge.

**Documents:**

- (1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-7\_SDWG\_WG\_Progress\_Report\_to\_SAO\_Whitehorse
- (2) One-pager on the SEC Expert Group (TBC)
- (3) One-pager on promoting traditional and local knowledge (TBC)

**6.7.1 The Evidence-Base for Promoting Mental Wellness and Resilience to Address Suicide in Circumpolar Communities**

**Background:** This project will assess the outcomes of current and past research, programs and/or activities undertaken in circumpolar communities which promote resilience and well-being. It will bring communities, researchers and policymakers together throughout the length of the project to ensure common understanding and potential application of evidence leading to positive mental health outcomes.

**Action:** SAOs may wish to discuss, comment and approve the “Evidence-Base for Promoting Mental Wellness and Resilience to Address Suicide in Circumpolar Communities” proposal, as presented.

**Documentation:**

- (1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-7-1\_SDWG\_0313\_Evidence-Base\_for\_Promoting\_Mental\_Wellness\_in\_Circumpolar\_Communities

**6.7.2 Arctic Adaptation Exchange: Facilitating**

## Adaptation to Climate Change

**Background:** This project will develop an online information portal to enhance adaptive capacity and foster innovation, learning-by-doing, and the development of best practices, that: i) provides appropriate access to data, knowledge and decision-support tools needed by governments, industry, Arctic indigenous peoples and other residents to manage climate change risks; ii) enables the sharing of exiting tools and practical adaptation experiences including local and traditional knowledge across the Arctic, and; iii) facilitates the development of new practices and tools that support adaptation decision-making.

**Action:** SAOs may wish to discuss, comment and approve the “Arctic Adaptation Exchange: Facilitating Adaptation to Climate Change” proposal as presented.

**Documentation:**

(1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-7-2\_SDWG\_0314\_Arctic\_Adaptation\_Exchange\_Facilitating\_Adaptation\_to\_Climate\_Change

### 6.7.3 Gender Equality in the Arctic: Current Realities and Future Challenges

**Background:** The Gender Equality in the Arctic project is a next step from the Arctic Council gender equality and women in the Arctic conference, entitled “Taking Wing” held in 2002 Inari, Finland. This current initiative will focus on the living conditions of women and men, addressing key issues such as: access to and control over resources, representation in decision-making positions, political participation, and material and cultural well-being.

**Action:** SAOs may wish to discuss, comment and approve the “Gender Equality in the Arctic: Current Realities and Future Challenges” proposal, as presented.

**Documentation:**

(1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-7-3\_SDWG\_0316\_Gender\_Equality\_in\_the\_Arctic\_Current\_Realities\_and\_Future\_Challenges

### 6.7.4 Review of Cancer among Circumpolar Indigenous Peoples (CircCan)



**Background:** Cancer is an emerging health problem among circumpolar indigenous peoples and concerns have been repeatedly voiced by indigenous peoples' organizations. Effective prevention and control measures require valid and reliable surveillance data to support planning and evaluation. This circumpolar review will provide the needed baseline evidence, bring together relevant stakeholders to assess the current state of knowledge, identify data gaps, and propose strategies to close these gaps and improve our understanding of cancer in indigenous populations.

**Action:** SAOs may wish to discuss, comment and approve the "Review of Cancer Among Circumpolar Indigenous Peoples [CircCAN]" proposal, as presented.

**Documentation:**

(1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc6-7-4\_SDWG\_0321\_Review\_of\_Cancer\_Among\_Circumpolar\_Indigenous\_Peoples\_[CircCAN]

11:15    7.    **Opportunity to discuss written reports**    (10 min)

**7.1 Project Support Instrument (NEFCO)**

**Background:** The PSI is an instrument for financing prioritised Arctic Council projects. The PSI response to Arctic Council priorities is to strengthen its work on environment protection including climate change (e.g. CO2 mitigation, SLCP) and actions in support of the implementation of the Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and Heavy Metals protocol on Long-Range Trans-boundary Air Pollution (LRTAP).

**Action:** SAOs may wish to note NEFCO's Update on the PSI.

**Documents:**

(1) AC\_SAO\_CA01\_Doc7-1\_PSI\_Update\_SAO\_October\_2013\_NEFCO\_Report

**8. Any other business**

11:25    8.1    **Northern Federal University of Archangelsk (NArFU) Study Tour**    (5 min)

*Anton Vasiliev, Senior Arctic Official (Russian Federation)*

**Background:** The Senior Arctic Official will offer a brief update on this study tour.

**Action:** For information only

**Documents:** No documents

