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Task Force on Arctic Marine Cooperation II

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Oulu, Finland**



Task Force on Arctic Marine Cooperation II: Mandate

1. Develop “terms of reference for a potential new Arctic Council subsidiary body to address the needs identified” in TFAMC I
2. Develop “recommendations for potential complementary enhancements to existing Arctic Council mechanisms to address these needs”
3. For each needs identified, .. , the Task Force
 1. Should examine what capacity to address the need presently exists within the Arctic Council
 2. Where additional capacity is needed
 3. And the optimal division of labour between a new marine subsidiary body and existing mechanisms



Task Force on Arctic Marine Cooperation II: Mandate

In negotiating ToRs for a possible new subsidiary body, the Task Force should, *inter alia*:

- Define the competence, geographic scope, functions, and responsibilities of a possible new subsidiary body and how it will work with existing Arctic Council mechanisms (e.g. SAOs, Permanent Participants, and Working Groups);
- Ensure a possible new subsidiary body will complement and enhance the marine stewardship work already taking place within the Arctic Council;
- Identify a process for phasing in and adding new functions over time;
- Define relationships between a possible new subsidiary body and other relevant international and regional bodies and organizations; and
- Identify financial and human resource implications.



Task Force on Arctic Marine Cooperation II: Mandate

May 2017 SAO Report:

“The Task Force should hold its first meeting no later than fall 2017, and should complete its work in time for appropriate consideration by SAOs and Ministers in advance of the 2019 Ministerial meeting”



Task Force on Arctic Marine Cooperation II, 1st meeting in Helsinki in September 2017

TFAMC Discussion Paper Regarding a Potential Subsidiary Body and Complementary Enhancements to existing Arctic Council Mechanisms

A. Background and Introduction

B. Structure and Function of a potential subsidiary body

B.1 Structure

B. 2 Function

B. 3 Relationship with Other Arctic Council Bodies

B. 4 Establishment

C. Complementary Enhancements to Existing Arctic Council mechanisms

D. Financial implications

Annex: Road map for the future meetings



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Roadmap for 2017-2019

Meeting number 1 (September 2017):

- Structure and function of a potential new subsidiary body and on complementary enhancements to existing Arctic Council mechanisms

Meeting number 2 (February 2018):

- Structure and function of a potential subsidiary body to be finalized and draft document on the structure and function to be adopted
- Completion and adoption of recommendations on complementary enhancements
- Begin discussions on the Terms of Reference for a potential new subsidiary body

Meeting number 3 (September 2018)

- Discussions and finalization of the Terms of Reference for the a potential new subsidiary body to be finalized and adopted
- Draft Report to the Ministers (in 2019) to be finalized



Discussions on the functions

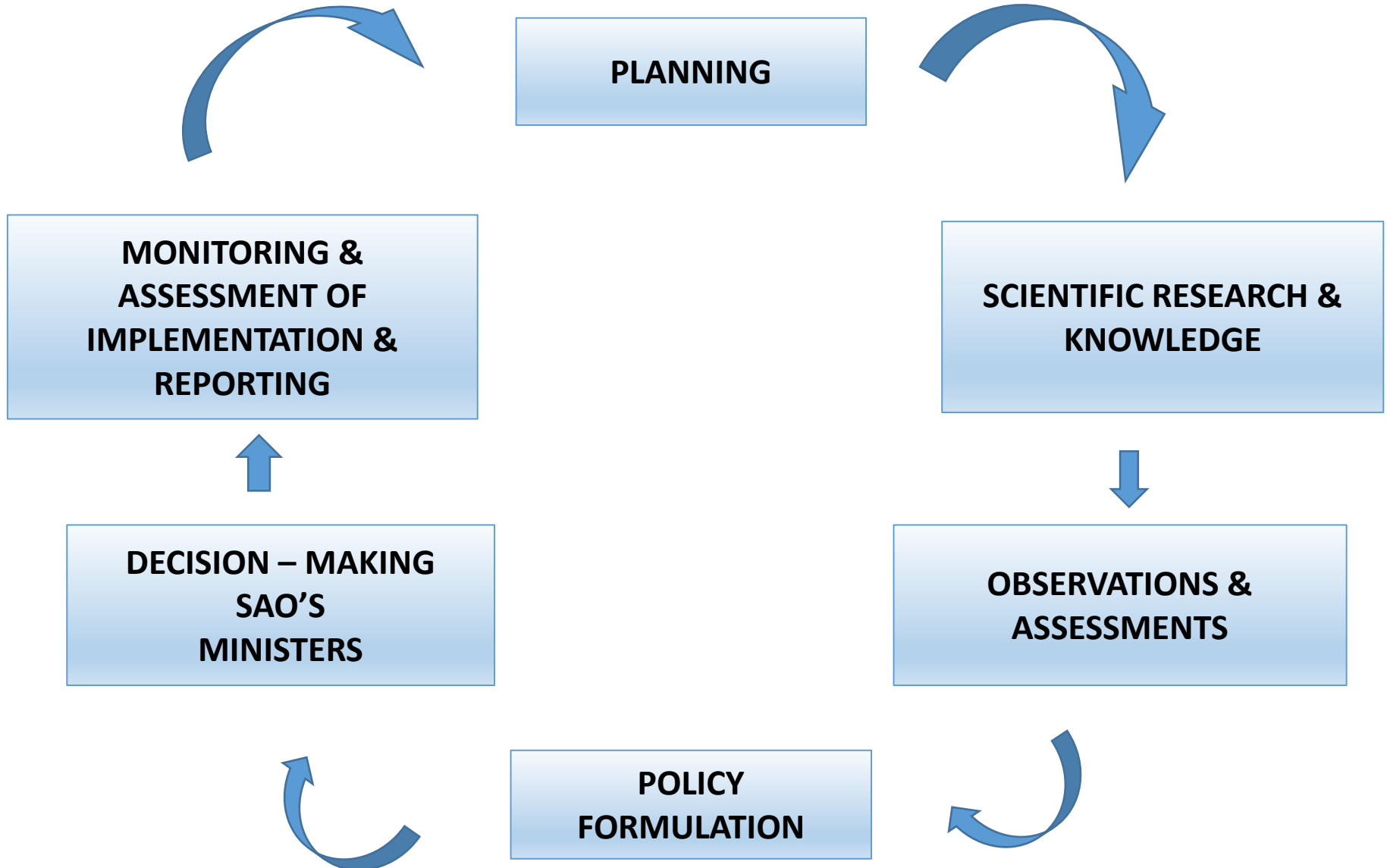
- **The Co-chairs' list of some possible functions**
- **Canada's proposal to take into account the full marine stewardship cycle** try to identify in which areas there is a need to enhance AC functions and structures, then to decide which of these are already addressed through existing bodies, and which could be better addressed in a new subsidiary body.

Delegates identified some possible functions for the potential new subsidiary body:

- coordination of marine work across AC groups,
- follow-up on the implementation of recommendations,
- overarching strategic planning, and
- communicating with the international community about the work of the AC.

MARINE STEWARDSHIP CYCLE

- circle of activities



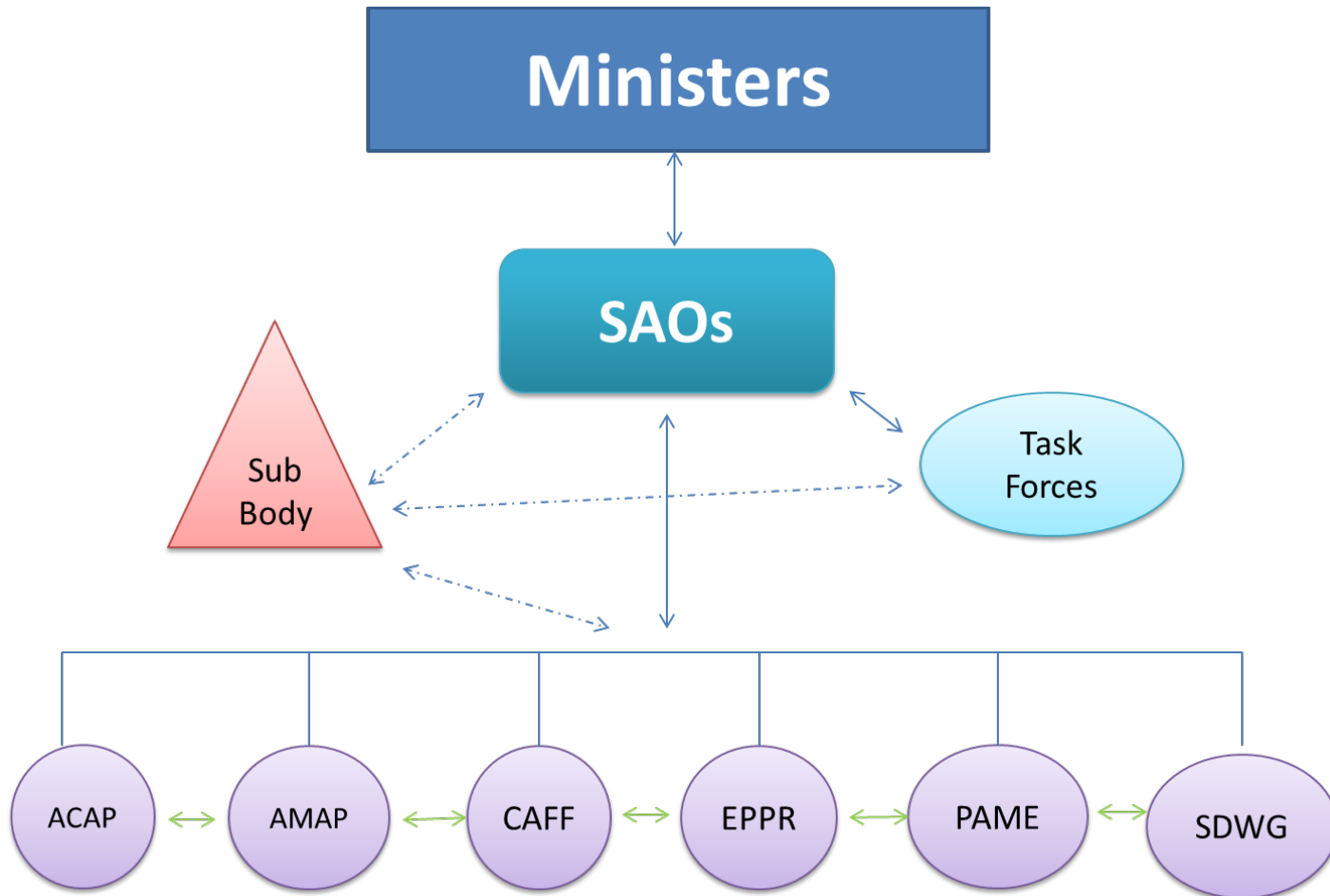


Discussions on Structure of a Potential Subsidiary Body

- TF: difficult to decide on form before finalizing discussions on function
- a potential body could not work outside the existing scope and mandate of the AC
- It would follow the standard AC rules of procedure, including with regards to decision-making and participation.
- most likely be created by Ministers through a Declaration, or a non-binding agreement,
- mandate can change over time, and grow to take on more tasks if needed
- delegations would be responsible for choosing who would represent them at this body, and participation could change from meeting to meeting based on the topics on the agenda.
- Working Group participation: to be limited to the level of Chairs or Vice-Chairs?
- Secretariat support for the potential new subsidiary body to be decided only after the form and function are clearer.



Marine Issues - Potential Structure





Complementary Enhancements to Existing AC Mechanisms

- The TF considered it premature to discuss this and agreed to first seek input from the WGs on how they envision that their own functioning and co-operation on marine issues could be enhanced.
- The Co-chairs will develop a simple questionnaire for the WGs, which will be attached to the next non-paper.

Next steps



- the Co-chairs will draft a new non-paper, which will be sent out to the delegations and the Chairs of the WGs by **the end of October**
- DL for comments set to roughly **mid-December 2017**.
- The Co-chairs will distribute the version 30 days prior to the next TFAMC meeting in the beginning of February.
- To involve WGs, the Co-chairs decided to attend some of the upcoming WG meetings in order to gather information from the WGs and to inform them on the work of the Task Force.



Thank you for your attention!

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