AGENDA ITEM 3.1: SDWG DELIVERABLES FOR THE MAY 2017 ARCTIC COUNCIL MINISTERIAL Presentation to Senior Arctic Officials

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STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP
PURPOSE

- Shape strategically the SDWG’s work by establishing a unified vision and shared priorities
- Communicate succinctly SDWG’s purpose & goals
- Improve SDWG’s capacity to leverage external funding sources
- Encourage targeted stakeholder engagement
SDWG Strategic Planning Process

- **February 2016**: SDWG decides to conduct a strategic process
- **March-July**: Strategic committee work
- **August**: Day-long drafting session
- **August-September**: Redrafting & SDWG reviews first draft
- **September 2016-January 2017**: Redrafting process led by Canada, Russia, Finland, GCI, Saami Council
- **February**: SDWG refines & approves final strategic framework
COMPONENTS OF THE FRAMEWORK: STRATEGIC VISION

• Builds on our foundational documents
• Identifies social equity, economic development, and environmental protection as the pillars of sustainable development
• Emphasizes the value of utilizing many knowledge types & engaging an array of Arctic stakeholders in our work
• Extends until 2030
Components of the Framework: Implementation Plan

- Enumerates 12 priority themes for SDWG initiatives & 4 target areas for cross-cutting collaboration with other Arctic Council bodies
- Identifies 9 principles to guide SDWG’s Arctic activities
- Lists key SDWG stakeholders
- Acknowledges current challenges and opportunities for the SDWG
Components of the Framework: Annexes

Key internal documents concerning how we conduct our work, likely to include:

- SDWG project template
- Internal operating guidelines
- SDWG recommendations & follow-up matrix
- SDWG communications plan
Questions?
OPERATIONALIZING ONE HEALTH IN THE ARCTIC: POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS
**One Health: Definition**

An approach for developing and sustaining multi-discipline collaborations and partnerships to address complex health issues at the *environment, human and animal interface* for the early identification, prevention and mitigation of health risks.
One Health: Components & Outcomes

• Comprehensive survey, resulting in one of the largest One Health data sets globally
• Five One Health discussion sessions
• First One Health Table Top Exercise in the Arctic
• Academic publication of survey results
ONE HEALTH:
FORWARD-LOOKING RECOMMENDATIONS

• Promote One Health as a critical strategy to resilience
• Promote stronger international One Health collaborations
• Build on grassroots awareness of One Health concepts
• Encourage additional Table Top Exercises
• Empower One Health Hubs/Points of Contact
• Continue to investigate Arctic One Health phenomena
• Share the results of One Health investigations with communities
• Engage NGOs and other local stakeholders in One Health
One Health: Next Steps

In the Finnish Chairmanship, the One Health initiative will focus on the following objectives:

– Knowledge sharing
– Simulation exercises
– Addressing observed One Health events in Arctic communities
EALLU
INDIGENOUS YOUTH, ARCTIC CHANGE, & FOOD CULTURE: FOOD, KNOWLEDGE, & HOW WE HAVE THRIVED ON THE MARGINS
“...’eallu’ is Northern Sámi for ‘herd’... and bears a close relation to the word ‘ealát,’ ...which signifies ‘pasture', while ‘eallin’ means ‘life' in the Northern Sámi language.

...from the pastures, springs life, both for the herd and the people.”
EALLU: Components & Outcomes

• Numerous workshops & conferences exploring culturally relevant herding practices, community food traditions, reindeer myths, and meat preparations
• Cookbook, featuring reindeer recipes and traditions from 14 circumpolar communities
• Policy recommendations
EALLU: Policy Recommendations

• Encourage an Arctic Council focus on Arctic indigenous food cultures and systems
• Support the investigation of the opportunities presented by the Northern Sea Route and new processing technologies
• Support the creation of an Arctic Indigenous Peoples’ Culinary Institute
• Encourage the use of nongovernmental entities for circumpolar knowledge sharing
• Support the creation of Arctic food production standards
• Encourage Indigenous food branding opportunities
• Encourage Indigenous peoples’ participation in all aspects of the food-production value chain
EALLU: Policy Recommendations (Con’t)

• Suggest the investigation of the free trade of Indigenous peoples’ food products across the Arctic
• Support Indigenous-led, culturally relevant Arctic Council initiatives that include significant local engagement

Recommendations to the Arctic Economic Council

• Prioritize the promotion of Indigenous enterprise
• Consider developing Indigenous product branding opportunities as a piece of the “Arctic Star” initiative
EALLU: Next Steps

In the Finnish Chairmanship, the EALLU initiative will focus on the following objectives:

– Strengthening food-culture education
– Exploring new possibilities for local economic development along northern sea routes
2017-2019 WORK PLAN OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP
SUMMARY

• The SDWG has committed to or is considering engagement in 19 initiatives
  – The SDWG has committed to completing 6 projects from the U.S. Chairmanship and will commence 3 new initiatives
  – The working group may also launch 4 additional novel projects and may seek a follow-on phase on 3 initiatives
  – The AHHEG and SECEG expert groups are considering leading one project each for the SDWG (including a cross-cutting initiative)
  – The SDWG is also considering engagement on an additional cross-cutting project
Questions?