

FIRST ARCTIC COUNCIL MINISTERIAL MEETING

IQALUIT

SEPTEMBER 17 - 18, 1998

AGENDA

Thursday, 17 September

- 0830** **Ministers depart Ottawa**
(chartered Airbus, all details of flights and other logistical arrangements have been discussed with local missions/delegations)
- 1140** **Arrival in Iqaluit**
(Ministers will be met by small welcoming party, arrangements have been made for vehicles to move delegations and baggage to assigned hotels)
- 1200** **Meetings with delegations**
(each delegation will meet privately and, as appropriate, make arrangements for lunch)
- 1245-1345** **Ministers participate in meeting/briefing with GNWT/Nunavut officials and Indigenous leaders**
(meeting will take place at Nunavut Tourism Centre, delegations will be represented by Ministers + 1 , light refreshments will be served)
- 1400-1430** **Formal opening of First Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting**
-welcoming address by Chair
(remaining items below are procedural since all items would have prior Ministerial approval)
- designation of the first and second chair of the meeting
 - approval of the agenda
 - adoption of the Rules of Procedure
 - adoption of the Arctic Council Terms of Reference for a Sustainable Development Program
 - approval of Observers and new Permanent Participants to the Arctic Council
- 1430-1630** **Opening statements by Ministers and Permanent Participants**
- 1630-1715** **Observer statements**

1715-1745 **Statement by Chairs of Working Groups**
(CAFF, PAME, EPPR and AMAP)

1830 **Reception and cultural event**
(hosted by Minister Axworthy)

2000 **Official dinner**
(hosted by Minister Axworthy)

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0830-1000 **Ministerial Perspectives**
(private roundtable session with Permanent Participants)

1000-1100 **Setting the agenda: future priorities and projects**

- SAO report
(consideration and discussion)
- new proposals and other matters
- adoption of SAO report

1100-1200 **Closing session**

- summation by Chairperson
- selection of next host state, including statement by Minister representing the host state
- adoption and signing of Declaration
- official photo

1200-1230 **Press Conference**

1330 **Departure**