



Meeting of Deputy Ministers Stockholm, 15 May 2012 AGENDA

08.00: Registration starts at Grand Hotel
09.00: Meeting convenes

1. Introduction

Welcoming Remarks by the State Secretary for Foreign Policy of Sweden, Frank Belfrage.

2. Kiruna statement

Background: The Swedish Chairmanship of the Arctic Council has proposed that the Arctic Council at its 8th Ministerial Meeting in Kiruna on May 15 2013 issue a political statement in addition to the Kiruna Declaration. The Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials, Gustaf Lind, will give a short introduction before the discussion.

Action: The Deputy Ministers may want to consider giving the Senior Arctic Officials mandate to start negotiating such a statement.

Documentation: DMM02- Item2-Chairmanship Memo on Ministerial Statement

3. Adoption of the Communication Strategy for the Arctic Council

Background: The Senior Arctic Officials at their last meeting in Stockholm 28-29 March provisionally adopted the Communication Strategy for the Arctic Council. The SAO Chair Gustaf Lind will give a short introduction before the discussion.

Action: The Deputy Ministers may want to consider approving the Communication Strategy for the Arctic Council.

Documentation: DMM02-Item3-Draft Communication Strategy for the Arctic Council

4. Adoption of the project Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic

Background: The Senior Arctic Officials have proposed to initiate a new Arctic Council project called Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic (AACA). The Senior Arctic Official of Norway, Karsten Klepsvik, will give a short introduction before the discussion.

Action: The Deputy Ministers may wish to approve the AACA as an Arctic Council project.

Documentation: DMM02-Item4-Memo on Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic

5. Final adoption of documents to establish the standing Arctic Council Secretariat in Tromsø

Background: The Senior Arctic Officials at their last meeting in Stockholm 28-29 March provisionally adopted the documents necessary to establish the standing Arctic Council Secretariat in Tromsø. The Senior Arctic Official of Sweden, and Chair of the Task Force for Institutional Issues, Andreas von Uexküll, will introduce this item.

Action: The Deputy Ministers may want to consider approving the documents as proposed.

<p><u>Documentation:</u> DMM02-Item 5 (a) Arctic Council Secretariat Terms of Reference; (b) Staff rules; (c) Financial rules; (d) Roles and responsibilities for the AC Secretariat Director; and, (e) Indicative Budget.</p>
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6. Report from the Task Force on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response

Background: The Nuuk Declaration established the Task Force on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response. The Task Force is co-chaired by the USA, Russia and Norway. The co-chairs will provide an update on the work. Senior Arctic Official of Russia, and Co-Chair of the Task Force on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response, Anton Vasiliev, will give a short introduction of the work.

Action: For information.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Short report from the recent International Polar Year Conference “From Knowledge to Action” in Montreal, Canada. The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada, Mr. Morris Rosenberg, will give a short briefing.

8. Conclusion of the Meeting

There will be one coffee break at a suitable time during the morning

After the meeting, lunch will be served to all participants in the Grand Hotel Restaurant

Background documents and practical information about the meeting may be found on the Arctic Council website