

# SDWG

## Sustainable Development Working Group

ARCTIC COUNCIL WORKING GROUP

The SDWG focuses on the human dimension and promotes the three pillars of sustainable development in the Arctic – social equity, economic development, and environmental protection. The SDWG focuses on initiatives that provide practical knowledge and contribute to capacity building of Indigenous peoples and Arctic communities to respond to local, regional and global challenges and opportunities.

### AREAS OF WORK:

- Economic assessments
- Educational opportunities
- Heritage and culture of Arctic communities
- Infrastructure
- Reduction/elimination of inequalities
- Sustainable business involvement and development
- Human health
- Sustainable energy
- Transportation links
- Water and sanitation services
- Science and research for sustainable development
- Community vitality



### QUICK FACTS

#### ESTABLISHMENT

1998

#### LOCATION

Canada

#### CONTACT

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#### INCOMING CHAIR

Oleg Solyakov  
Russian Federation  
(2021-2023)

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Iceland  
(2019-2021)

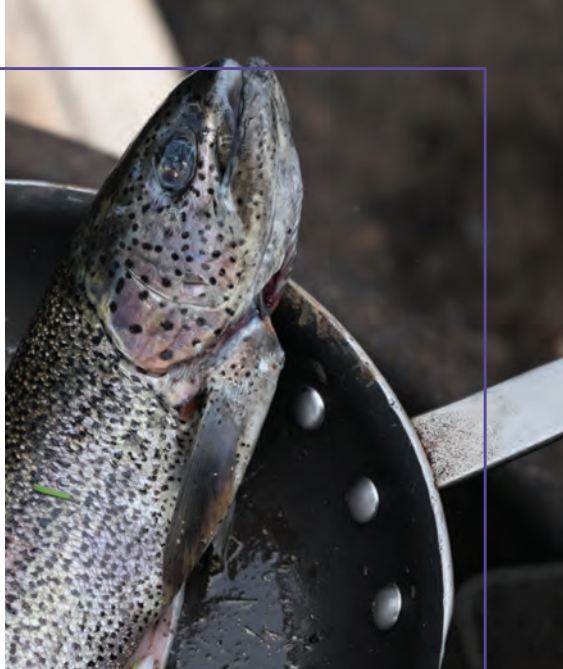
#### CONTEXT

The six Arctic Council Working Groups execute the projects and programs mandated by the Foreign Ministers of the Arctic States.





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## EXPERT GROUPS

### ARCTIC HUMAN HEALTH EXPERT GROUP (AHHEG)

Pursues efforts to increase awareness and visibility of health concerns of circumpolar residents in the field of health research. AHHEG also works to expand health and education networks.

### SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL EXPERT GROUP (SECEG)

Supports work to advance research in the development of sustainable and integrated approaches emerging in the circumpolar region.

## FEATURED 2021 PUBLICATIONS



### BLUE BIOECONOMY IN THE ARCTIC REGION

Compares the Arctic blue bioeconomy in Iceland, Norway and Canada to identify challenges, opportunities, best practices and areas for collaboration to strengthen the Arctic blue bioeconomy.



### ECONOR

Presents a comprehensive overview of the economies of the circumpolar Arctic, including the traditional production activities of Indigenous peoples.



### GENDER EQUALITY IN THE ARCTIC

Analyzes diverse gender issues in the Arctic and identifies priorities and concrete strategies to increase diversity and gender balance in policy-making and decision-making process.



### ZERO ARCTIC

Introduces research on carbon neutral, resilient and sustainable Arctic construction with special reference to tradition, vernacular architecture and collaboration with Indigenous communities.