

Arctic Adaptation Exchange Portal

Change is a reality of life on earth, and in the Arctic it is accelerated. We are dedicated to ensuring that communities on the ground, whether they be mixed-economy Indigenous or on-the-road coastal, have the tools for innovation and community trade-offs for adaptation.

The **Arctic Adaptation Exchange Portal** brings innovation to climate change adaptation in the Arctic because it allows real-world, and sometimes messy, lessons learned to be shared across communities. The **AAEP** provides access to resources for tundra-level decision-makers and establishes a space for Arctic residents to exchange best practices and adaptation strategies. There are numerous websites on climate change, resiliency to climate change and, more generally, on circumpolar regions, but only the **AAEP** focuses on adaptation to changing environments and conditions in the circumpolar north.

The **Arctic Adaptation Exchange Portal (AAEP)** is a project of the Sustainable Development Working Group of the Arctic Council designed to connect Arctic communities, decision-makers and researchers. The initiative builds on the results of the Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic (AACAA) Parts A and B, to facilitate community exchange and disseminate adaptation information and to represent a pragmatic venue for the recommendations in AACAA-Part C to be translated into actions on the ground.

The Arctic Adaptation Exchange Portal

- **Connects** communities with data, knowledge and decision-support tools to address and respond to climate change risks;
- **Shares** dynamic communication tools and practical adaptation experiences that highlight traditional and local knowledge; and
- **Innovates** by featuring new practices and tools to support community members in the adaptation and decision-making processes.



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The **Arctic Adaptation Exchange Portal** was launched in April 2015 at the Arctic Council Ministerial in Iqaluit, Nunavut and is currently administered by the University of Alaska Fairbanks in partnership with the Center for Resilient Communities at the University of Idaho. The project is co-lead by Canada and the United States with support from the Aleut International Association and the Gwich'in Council International.

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