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Dear Participant,

The Arctic Council's Sustainable Development Working Group would like to invite you to the final workshop for the ***Circumpolar Resilience, Engagement and Action Through Story*** (CREATeS) project taking place in **Inari/Aanaar, Finland** from **January 30 to February 1, 2019**.

The main objectives of the CREATeS project are to create an opportunity and methods for community engagement and knowledge translation to support suicide prevention and mental wellness efforts of the Arctic States and to sustain the Circumpolar network that has been established through the Arctic Council. The project is being led under the auspices of the Sustainable Development Working Group of the Arctic Council, with Finland, Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark, and the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) as partners.

Bringing together researchers, policymakers, clinicians, indigenous communities, representatives of Permanent Participant organizations of the Arctic Council and representatives of member state governments, the event will focus on the implementation of suicide strategies in the Circumpolar area. Simultaneously, a Circumpolar story telling workshop will be organized for indigenous youth. Its results will be presented to the participants in the end of the event together with the results of the national story telling workshops. Next steps for Circumpolar collaboration on suicide prevention and mental wellness will be planned on the final day of the event.

You will find attached a draft agenda for the implementation workshop. The event is hosted by the Government of Finland in partnership with the other co-leads. An official invitation will be sent later this year but we hope that, in the meantime, you will hold January 30 – February 1, 2019 in your calendar to attend the Workshop.

I hope you will be able to join us for this event.

Sincerely,

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