One Health: One Arctic Table Top Exercise

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Who We Are & What We Do

• The Circumpolar Affairs Directorate (CAD), within Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNAC), is responsible for advancing Canadian socio-economic development priorities through circumpolar cooperation.

• CAD’s work is directly aligned with CIRNAC’s responsibilities as the lead federal department for the North and helps ensure the organization delivers on its commitments to:
  - play a leading policy role on behalf of the federal government on Northern and Indigenous issues
  - lead coordination role of federal government and promotes knowledge of Canada’s North

• CAD’s Director serves as the Canadian Head of Delegation to the Arctic Council’s Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG).
Arctic Council: Foundations

- Leading multilateral Arctic forum, founded in 1996 in Ottawa.
- Mandate to address issues of sustainable development and environmental protection.
- Consists of eight states and six Arctic Indigenous organizations (“Permanent Participants”).
- Chairmanship rotates every two years among the member states.
- The Council’s activities are conducted in six working groups.
- Only forum to formalize engagement between Arctic States and Indigenous Peoples within its structure.
Arctic Council: Who’s Who

**Member States (8):**
- Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and the United States

**Permanent Participants (6):**
- Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North
- Saami Council
- Aleut International Association
- *Arctic Athabaskan Council*
- *Gwich’in Council International*
- *Inuit Circumpolar Council*

**Observers (39):**
- Observer status is open to non-Arctic states (8 European, 5 Asian), intergovernmental and inter-parliamentary organizations (13), and non-governmental organizations (13).
Arctic Council: Structure

ARCTIC COUNTRIES

Permanent Participants (indigenous peoples organizations)

Observers (countries and organizations)

ARCTIC COUNCIL

ACAP
Arctic Council Action Plan

AMAP
Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme

CAFF
Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna

EPPR
Emergency, Prevention, Preparedness and Response

PAME
Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment

SDWG
Sustainable Development Working Group
Arctic: International Context
Established in Iqaluit, Nunavut, in 1998.

**Mandate**: Advance sustainable development in the Arctic through initiatives that aim to improve the environmental, economic and social conditions of circumpolar communities.

Collaborates with two expert groups: the Arctic Human Health Expert Group (AHHEG), and the Social, Economic, and Cultural Expert Group (SECEG).

*The SDWG drives the “human dimension” work of the Arctic Council and is of particular interest to Arctic Indigenous partners.*
SDWG Expert Groups

- The Arctic Human Health Expert Group (AHHEG) pursues efforts to increase awareness of health concerns of circumpolar residents in health research. AHHEG also works to expand health and education networks.

- The 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.
SDWG Projects

Focused on the sustainable development of circumpolar communities, including:

• Economic and social development
• Environmental protection
• Improved health conditions
• Cultural well-being

Specific SDWG projects have targeted:

• Mental health
• Renewable and sustainable energy
• Food security
• Gender equality
Thank You

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New Projects under the Finnish Chairmanship

1. **Arctic Children: Preschool Education and Smooth Transition to School** (Russia, Finland, RAIPON, Canada)
2. **Arctic Environmental Impact Assessments: Good Practice Recommendations** (Finland, Kingdom of Denmark, Canada, Gwich’in Council International)
3. **Arctic Resilience Action Framework** (ARAF) (USA, Sweden, Finland)
4. **Arctic Sustainable Energy Futures Toolkit** (Canada, Kingdom of Denmark, GCI, the Netherlands)
5. **Assessing the Use of Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) in Indigenous Communities** (PAME, USA, Canada, AIA, CCU)
6. **Circumpolar Resilience, Engagement, and Action through Story** (CREATeS) (Canada, Finland, ICC)
7. **Solid Waste Management in Small Arctic Communities** (Canada, Finland, AIA)
8. **Teacher Education for Diversity and Equality in the Arctic** (Finland, Russia, Norway, Canada)
9. **Zero Arctic: Concepts for Carbon Neutral Arctic Construction based on Tradition** (Finland, Canada)

Continuing Projects

10. **Arctic Foods Innovation Cluster** (Canada, Denmark, Russia - TBC)

11. **Arctic Indigenous Youth, Food Knowledge and Arctic Change** (EALLU) (Canada, Kingdom of Denmark, Norway, Russia, USA, AIA, Saami Council)

12. **Arctic Remote Energy Networks Academy** (ARENA) (Canada, Finland, Iceland, USA, GCI, AIA)

13. **Arctic Renewable Energy Atlas** (AREA) (Canada, USA, GCI)

14. **Gender Equality in the Arctic II** (Iceland, Sweden, Finland, AIA)

15. **Operationalizing a One Health Approach in the Arctic II** (Canada, Finland, USA)