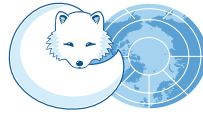




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One Health Table Top Exercise

The Arctic Council project, *Operationalizing One Health in the Arctic*, will convene a table top exercise (TTX) in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada on December 10-11, 2018. This Arctic Council Sustainable Development Working Group project is co-led by Canada, Finland and the United States, with strong collaboration from other Arctic Council member states and permanent participant organizations.

More than 25 individuals will participate in the exercise representing five Arctic states: Canada, Finland, Iceland, Kingdom of Denmark, and the United States. Participants come from a variety of backgrounds, including public health, medicine and veterinary medicine, wildlife and land management, academics and emergency response.

The objective of the exercise is to assess networks for preparing and responding to health emergencies in the Arctic region. Topics of mapping and action planning exercises will include two emergency response scenarios: first, a transboundary outbreak of disease among land animals with potential spread to humans and, second, grounding of a civilian ship.

The exercise will promote international, national, regional and local cooperation, strengthen regional health security, and boost networking across national and sectoral boundaries. Participants will gain experience on how to form practical action plans aimed at improving multi-agency, cross-sectoral collaboration needed for successful response to emergency or disease outbreak.