



PAME I-2013 Agenda Item 10

Annotation to draft PAME input to the SAO Report to Minister 2013

Background

Following the SAO meeting 21-23 January, 2013, the Chairmanship of the Arctic Council and the SAOs are discussing possible format changes to the 2013 Ministerial Declaration. The main issues are the need to shorten the 2013 Kiruna Declaration and make it more appealing to ministers with political high-level statements without details on the administrative aspects of the Arctic Council. Such changes will have implications to the SAO Report to Ministers to the effect that more working group level recommendations to Ministers be included in that report.

No specific guidance on proposed changes/modifications has yet been distributed. But bearing in mind the tight schedule in preparing for the next SAO meeting 20-21 March, where SAOs will formally approve all deliverables for the Ministerial, the PAME I-2013 meeting will need to revise the draft PAME input to the SAO Report to Ministers based on discussions and decisions on respective agenda items/PAME activities.

Main content of the draft PAME input for the SAO Report to Ministers

Document: *PAME (I) 13/10/Draft PAME input for SAO Report to 2013 Ministerial meeting* is divided into the following main components which need to be revised and updated in accordance with the decisions by the PAME I-2013 meeting:

- ✓ **MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF PAME DURING THE 2011-2013 PERIOD**
- ✓ **DELIVERABLES AND PROPOSALS FOR THE 2013 MINISTERIAL MEETING**
- ✓ **PAMEs INPUT TO „SAO RECOMMEND TO MINISTERS”**

Major milestones/timeline provide by the Arctic Council 31 Jan 2013

15 February: deadline for all documents requiring SAO decision at the SAO meeting in Stockholm 20-21 March. (the chairmanship team needs a couple of days from the 15 February to 18 February –which is the 30 days limit, where all documents need to be posted.)

19 March: Informal (closed) SAO meeting in Stockholm- WG Chairs and ES are invited to attend. on the agenda: Kiruna Declaration and SAO report to Ministers.

20-21 March: SAO meeting: formal approval by SAOs of all deliverables for the Ministerial. Focus on recommendations and implementation/follow-up

15 May: Ministerial

Action requested by PAME I-2013:

- Revise the draft PAME input to the SAO Report to Ministers during the PAME I-2013 meeting based on discussions and decisions on respective agenda items/PAME activities. Document: *PAME (I) 13/10/Draft PAME input for SAO Report to 2013 Ministerial meeting*
- Agree to a final versions of the PAME deliverables to the 2013 Ministerial.