



Information from the PAME Secretariat on Cross cutting Activities

PURPOSE:

To inform and update PAME on agenda items relating to cross cutting activities between the Arctic Council's Working Groups, Task Forces and the Arctic Council Secretariat. PAME's primary inputs to these activities and process is generally through respective PAME's member states representatives and PPs. In some instances the PAME Secretariat/Chair may, in addition to these national processes, provide factual information on relevant PAME activities in the spirit of communication and transparency.

WORKING GROUPS:

Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic (AACCA-Part C) - AMAP

- ✓ Mandate to consider Arctic-focused climate and integrated environmental frameworks/models that can improve predictions of climate change and other relevant drivers of Arctic change. This would support obtaining better predictions to inform the development and implementation of adaptation actions by AC. Led by AMAP in collaboration with other Working Groups and scientific organizations as appropriate.
- ✓ Consists of three distinct but overlapping phases of work ([download workplan for Component C here](#))
- ✓ AACCA-C activities are targeting three Arctic regions, (1) the Barents Region; (2) the Baffin Bay/Davis Strait Region; and (3) the Bering/Chukchi/Beaufort Seas Regions. All regions will include both sea and land areas.
- ✓ Building on the regional integrated assessments, the project will produce an integrated pan- Arctic assessment by 2017 which will address actions of adaptation as they relate to key drivers of change in the Arctic.
- ✓ This work has an interface with the PAME-led Ecosystem-based Approach to Management and needs to be further strengthened.

Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program (CBMP)-Marine - CAFF

- ✓ PAME has been represented at CBMP-marine meetings through national representation/USA.
- ✓ The CBMP-marine annual meeting will be held in Nuuk, Greenland Sep. 30-Oct. 2, 2014 and Ms. Lis Jørgensen, Institute of Marine Research, Tromsø, Norway, will represent the PAME/EA work in a limited capacity in an effort to ensure communication between these groups.
- ✓ Report of CBMP activities was presented at PAME 4th EA workshop in June, 2014 and has been reflected in the workshop report. Two representatives of PAME EA-EG (Mundy and Skjoldal) will be attending the Arctic Biodiversity Congress in December for purposes related to coordinating with CAFF.

PAME Outreach Activities

Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (AMSA)

- ✓ Draft 2013-2015 Implementation Progress Report circulated to all AC working groups for review in preparation for submission to the 2015 Ministerial Meeting.

Arctic Marine Strategic Plan (AMSP)

- ✓ Inputs and drafts of the revisions to the AMSP have been circulated to all AC working groups for their comments and inputs.

Ecosystem-based Approach to Management Expert group (PAME-led EA-EG)

- ✓ Involvement and on-going communication with the other AC working groups on the preparations of the EA-EG workshops. Communications in preparations for the 4th EA Workshop (June, 2014) can be downloaded [here](#).
- ✓ Further discussions will take place under the joint AMAP/PAME Session 2 and PAME II-2014 agenda item 7.

Arctic Marine Tourism Project (AMTP)

- ✓ A letter of was sent to all AC working groups (27 August, 2013) on collaboration on the development of this project. This was further reiterated at the Fall 2013 SAO meeting and the response was positive but WGs noted heavy work loads in their respective agenda at the time.

The Arctic Adaptation Exchange: Facilitating Adaptation to Climate Change - SDWG

- ✓ [Download status memo here](#)
- ✓ Status to be provided at the Joint AMAP/PAME Session 3(f).
- ✓ An on-line portal that enhances adaptive capacity and fosters the exchange of information/knowledge and the development of best practices – download project description.
- ✓ A scoping workshop held in 10-12 February, Anchorage.
- ✓ No direct PAME involvement.

Traditional Knowledge Initiative - SDWG

- ✓ [Download status memo here](#)
- ✓ Status to be provided at the Joint AMAP/PAME Session 3(e).
- ✓ Consultant appointed, coordinated through IPS.
- ✓ First workshop held 17-19 February, Iceland in 2014.
- ✓ Second workshop held 28-30, June, Ottawa.
- ✓ PAME has not been represented in this work to date.

ARCTIC COUNCIL PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Arctic Resilience Report (ARR)

Co-chaired by Sweden and USA

- ✓ The last ARR workshop and PSC meeting was held in Helsinki 8-9 April, 2014, back to back with the Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW) and the Arctic Observing Summit (AOS).
 - [Download workshop report here](#)
- ✓ Download Project Steering Group Summary Report, 9 April [here](#)

- ✓ The PAME Secretariat had a seat on the Project Steering Committee during the Swedish Chairmanship (2011-2013) and participated in initial ARR workshop and steering group meetings and provided comment/review of early reports and proposed processes.
- ✓ PAME Secretariat is now on their distribution list and follows the process but is not fully engaged.

Arctic Council-Open Access Archive Project

Consists of two phases:

1. The Arctic Council Secretariat has contracted Tromso University to develop an open access archive system for the Arctic Council Secretariat. This process will include those Working Groups who have no archive system and which would like to participate.
 2. Library and Archives Canada are leading phase 2 which focuses more on processes and archiving of administrative materials.
- ✓ The ACS produced a [2-page summary](#)
 - ✓ A demonstration of this project will be provided by Linnea Nordstrom/ACS at the Joint AMAP/PAME under Session 4.

Arctic Council Tracking Tools

- ✓ The AC Tracking Tools has been developed at the request of the SAOs. This has been quite a time consuming process but PAME has provide inputs into this work as per requested.
- ✓ Download the most recent submission [here](#)

Arctic Council Costing Tools

- ✓ The AC Costing Tools has been developed at the request of the SAOs. Download the most recent submission [here](#)

Arctic Council communications contact group

- ✓ PAME Secretariat is represented on the ACS Permanent Contact Group on Communication.
- ✓ The group convenes regular conference calls with the Arctic Council Secretariat (ACS) Communication Officer to discuss and/or review draft communications on various issues of relevance to the Arctic Council.
- ✓ The role and responsibilities of this group is based on the Communications Implementation Plan for the Arctic Council Secretariat and is more to provide relevant inputs to the ACS communications and to share information on e.g. recently released documents, planned meeting, workshops, the updates of working group homepages and building relations with the working groups.
- ✓ This group has not utilized when developing Arctic Council materials (i.e., the group was not informed of the development or release of the following Arctic Council video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8D3IGfl9qw>)

Arctic Council Secretariat

- ✓ PAME has a good relation with the AC Secretariat and updates each other on projects and potential collaboration.
- ✓ PAME attends their annual meetings of secretariats of all AC working groups for communication and collaborative purposes.
- ✓ PAME Provided input and comments on template project costing tool, project tracking tool and archiving tools drafted by the ACS.

ARCTIC COUNCIL TASK FORCES

Scientific Cooperation Task Force (SCTF)

- ✓ Co-chaired by Russia, Sweden and the United States
- ✓ Plans to develop an arrangement on improved scientific research cooperation among the eight Arctic States and is scheduled to report to 2015 Ministerial Meeting
- ✓ Third meeting held 27-28 May with a fourth meeting scheduled for 30 September – 2 October, Tromsø.
- ✓ A draft Memorandum of Cooperation under development including a matrix intended to provide a framework for how issues may be followed up at AC or national levels.
- ✓ PAME has no direct involvement.

Task Force on Arctic Marine Oil Pollution Prevention (TFOPP)

- ✓ Co-chaired by Norway and Russia
- ✓ The main tasks of TFOPP are to identify how best the Arctic Council can contribute to marine oil pollution prevention in the Arctic, to recommend a concrete plan of action, and, as appropriate, to develop cooperative arrangements to implement the Action Plan.
- ✓ Scheduled to deliver its recommendations to AC Ministerial Meeting 2015
- ✓ PAME has contributed to this process as it is recognized as one of two AC working groups (EPPR) that are invited to attend its meetings to inform on PAME-related projects in the spirit of cooperation.
- ✓ The 4th TFOPP meeting was held from 10-11 September in Nuuk, Greenland. [Download PAMEs communication to the last TFOPP meeting.](#)

Task Force on Black Carbon and Methane (TFBCM)

- ✓ Co-Chaired by Canada and Sweden
- ✓ Mandate to develop arrangements on actions to achieve enhanced black carbon and methane emission reductions in the Arctic.
- ✓ First meeting in September 2013 and scheduled to report to the AC Ministerial Meeting 2015.
- ✓ No direct involvement by PAME, but there may be some relevance to the PAME shipping activities.

ARCTIC ECONOMIC COUNCIL (AEC)

- ✓ First meeting/inaugural meeting was held 2 September in Iqaluit, Greenland
- ✓ Arctic states currently appointing business representatives to the AEC
- ✓ [Background document](#)
- ✓ [AEC Promotional video](#)
- ✓ PAME submitted a one-page information sheet at the request of the Canadian Chairmanship to the AEC inaugural meeting in Nuuk. [Download the most recent submission here.](#)