

Meaningful Engagement of Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples in Offshore Oil and Gas Activities

A Concept Paper to Explore a Project Proposal

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- Discussions at PAME I 2014 on possible need for more guidance.

The Arctic Offshore Oil and Gas Guidelines state

“While these guidelines do not address socio-economic aspects in any detail, nor do they set standards for assessment of potential socio-economic effects of offshore oil and gas activities, these are nonetheless important to consider and integrate into the planning and conduct of exploration and development.”

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- Concept Paper was requested for discussion at PAME II 2014.
- Beginning in May the Oil and Gas Contact Group began developing the paper over several meetings and several drafts.

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The Concept Paper covers

- Existing Guidance
- Possible Project Proposal Topics and Issues
- Possible Project Framework and Deliverables
- Communication with other Working Groups
- Possible Workshop
- Timeline

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Existing Guidance

A table was developed of existing relevant AC guidance. Including from

- The AOOGG 2009
- AMSA
- AMSA IIA
- AMSA IIC
- AOR
- EPPR Arctic Guide
- OGA
- ABA
- AMSP

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Possible Project Proposal Topics and Issues

- Expanded Guidance
 - Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building
 - Communications, Consultation, Collaboration, Coordination
 - Two-Way Education
 - Collection and use of TLK (possibly using outcomes of the TK Workshops and the CAFF TEK Compendium)
- Gaps in Existing Guidance
 - Partnerships
 - Community Monitoring (CAFF)
 - Oil Spill and Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPPR)
 - Opportunities for Realizing Benefits (OGA Chapter 3, AHDR?)
 - Examination of Compensation Regimes

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Possible Project Proposal Topics and Issues

Opportunities for Meaningful Engagement of Arctic Council Working Groups

- AMAP AACA-C (connections in resilience, adaptation, socioeconomics?)
- SDWG PP's TK Principles and Arctic Council Implementation
- SDWG Socioeconomics and Cultural Expert Group (possible assistance in conducting a workshop, in research assessment and in writing?)
- SDWG AHDR (possible relevant issues that can be addressed or refocused for offshore oil and gas activities)
- EPPR Prevention, Preparedness and Response for Small Communities Project Proposal (possible joint workshop, EPPR project to be discussed at the December 2 meeting, and in general any issues related to community prevention, preparedness and response)
- CAFF TEK Compendium
- CAFF ABA Recommendations Implementation
- CAFF Community Monitoring (involvement of local communities and indigenous peoples in design, planning, conducting and reporting of monitoring information)
- SCTF Science Cooperation Agreement sections on TK and LK.
- TFOPP ?
- U-Arctic (training and education?)

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Possible Project Proposal Topics and Issues

Target Audience

- National Authorities through the Ministers
- Industry
- Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples
- All Involved Parties

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Possible Project Framework and Deliverables

- AOOGG, 2009 Update
- Joint WG Report
- Best Practices and Lessons Learned Assessment
- “Toolkit”
- Compendium

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Communication with other Working Groups

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Workshop

Workshop Options:

- 1. Hold the workshop before the PAME I 2015 meeting to inform the intersessional development of a final project proposal for approval at the PAME I 2015 meeting.
- 2. Hold it in association with the PAME I 2015 meeting and incorporate preliminary results into a final project proposal outline for approval at PAAME I 2015.
- 3. Hold it after the PAME I 2015 meeting as part of the project execution (the project would be approved at PAME I 2015).

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Possible Timeline

- Fall 2014 to Spring 2015: Intersessional correspondence with the Oil and Gas Contact Group and other parties for progressing the project proposal (could include the workshop). Develop Project Proposal for discussion and approval at PAME I 215.
- PAME I 2015: Project Proposal discussed and approved.
- PAME I 2017: Report approved by PAME.
- April 2017 Ministerial Meeting: Approval by Ministers.

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Actions and Decisions at PAME II 2014

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Existing Guidance

- *Action: With the assistance of the Tables of AOOGG and other AC Report Recommendations related to engagement of local communities and indigenous peoples, assess existing relevant guidance, ascertain the need, if any, for expanded, updated and/or additional new guidance, or an examination of best practices.*
- *An outcome could also be a compilation of existing AC recommendations and best practices/lessons learned.*

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Possible Project Proposal Topics and Issues

- *Action: Based on whether a decision is reached to proceed with a project, discuss and comment on possible enhancement, supplements, and updates to existing guidance for meaningful engagement of local communities and indigenous peoples in offshore oil and gas activities.*

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Opportunities for Meaningful Engagement of Arctic Council Working Groups

- *Action: Preliminarily explore possible connections and synergies with past, ongoing and planned work of various WGs, National Authorities, Indigenous Organizations, NGOs, and others.*

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Target Audience

Action: Decide on the target audience.

Possible Project Framework and Deliverables

Action: Comment and discuss the “Pros” and “Cons” of each approach or possible hybrids of these approaches. Suggest best option.

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Communication with other Working Groups

- *Action: The Oil and Gas Contact Group will provide the PAME Secretariat with information to communicate to other working groups on results of discussions at the PAME II 2014 meeting about the project proposal decisions and requests for assistance if needed.*

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Workshop

Action: Decide on the best approach for timing of the workshop and discuss and comment on possible outcomes, topics and agenda.