



Information from the PAME Secretariat

Cross cutting and Outreach Activities Oct 2014 – Jan 2015

PURPOSE:

To inform and update PAME on agenda items relating to outreach and cross cutting activities between the Arctic Council's Working Groups, Task Forces and the Arctic Council Secretariat. PAMEs primary inputs to these activities and process is generally through respective PAMEs 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 (AACA-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.
- ✓ This work has an interface with the PAME-led Ecosystem-based Approach to Management and needs to be further strengthened.
- ✓ AACA-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. All three regional teams are working to produce the first order draft of the regional reports by 30 April 2015.
- ✓ To coordinate efforts across the three regions, the Integration Team (INT) has organized several cross-regional meetings: scenarios, impact assessment, and drivers. These meetings are between the authors of the respective chapters. The cross regional meetings provide a platform for the authors from all three pilot regions to discuss common issues. The INT co-chairs are pleased with the progress by these cross regional teams and will organize similar cross-regional meeting with the adaptation options authors.
- ✓ The status and progress report summarising the work for 2014 and the status of all three regional reports and the pan-Arctic report can be downloaded [here](#).

PAME Outreach Activities

Arctic Circle Assembly 31 Oct – 2 Nov, 2014

PAME Secretariat outreach during the Arctic Circle Assembly 31 Oct – 2 Nov, 2014, Reykjavik, Iceland [here](#).

EBM Workshop in Trondheim, 1st of December, 2014

The PAME Secretariat participated in this workshop to review progress on implementing EA since Kiruna based on the EBM 2013 Report. The workshop report [can be downloaded here](#).

Arctic Biodiversity Congress in Trondheim, 2-4 December, 2014

The Congress highlighted the work of CAFF and the Arctic Council in circumpolar biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, provided an opportunity to discuss the findings of the Arctic Biodiversity Assessment and served as a forum for mainstreaming biodiversity - for ensuring that the 17 recommendations arising from the Arctic Biodiversity Assessment are implemented by not just governments, but by many organizations and people, and across sectors. During the Congress participants had opportunities to advise CAFF on the development of “Actions for Arctic Biodiversity: Implementation of the Arctic Biodiversity Assessment Recommendations 2013-2021”. The Congress co-chairs statement can be downloaded [here](#). In addition, you will find reports on the Congress from the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) including photos of the Congress - [download here](#).

ARCTIC COUNCIL PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Arctic Resilience Report (ARR)

Co-chaired by Sweden and USA

- ✓ The last ARR workshop was held in Tromsø, Norway on 21st of January 2015, as a side event to the Arctic Frontiers conference. The theme of this workshop was: *Governance in times of rapid change and unpredictability: What role(s) can the Arctic Council play?*
- ✓ ARR revised implementation plan [can be downloaded here](#).
- ✓ PAME Secretariat is now on their distribution list and follows the process but is not fully engaged.

Arctic Council-Open Access Archive Project (AC-OA Archive)

The AC OA Archive was publicly launched at the Yellowknife SAO Meeting October 2014. The archive now includes reports from ACAP, EPPR, PAME, SDWG, and CAFF. Will soon link to AMAP reports as well. [The Arctic Council Repository can be accessed here](#).

The development of an open access archive system by the Arctic Council Secretariat is ongoing process and PAME Secretariat will provide the necessary information on PAME reports and documents to be posted in this database.

Arctic Council Tracking Tools

- ✓ The AC Tracking Tools has been developed at the request of the SAOs to track ongoing Arctic Council work. AC working groups should update their relevant projects, as necessary, after their working group meetings. An update from PAME for the Tracking Tool should be provided at the latest **by 16 February**. The Tracking Tool will be included as an annex to the Iqaluit SAO Report to Ministers.
- ✓ Download the most recent PAME submission [here](#).

Arctic Council Costing Tools

- ✓ The AC Costing Tools has been developed at the request of the SAOs. PAME submissions have already been received.
- ✓ Draft summary report was sent on 22 January for comment / review and can be downloaded [here](#).

- ✓ Deadline for comment / review is **Thursday 29 January**. Will be submitted for consideration to SAO meeting in Whitehorse. No other changes since SAO meeting in Yellowknife in October 2014.

Arctic Council communications contact group

- ✓ PAME Secretariat is represented on the ACS Permanent Contact Group on Communication.
- ✓ The group convenes monthly 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.
- ✓ Their most recent meeting Wednesday 28 January, attended by Hjalti Hreinsson from the PAME Secretariat. Subjects discussed included: Whitehorse SAO media plans; the draft Arctic Council organigram; draft updates to the Arctic Council website; social media update; showcase and ministerial update. Feedback on organigram and website updates (as well as any other issues) requested in writing **not later than 6 February**. Request was reiterated for subject-matter experts working on Working Group projects who would be willing and able to write and/or answer questions in their field.

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 provides regular inputs to the template project costing tool, project tracking tool and archiving tools as 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.
- ✓ The 5th SCTF meeting is planned to be held in Oslo on February 25-26.
- ✓ 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 PAME Secretariat sent in a 2-pager communication to the 5th TFOPP meeting which was held from 24-25 November in Helsinki, Finland. [Download PAMEs communication to the last TFOPP meeting](#) and [download the 2-pager Summary from the TFOPP co-chairs here](#).

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.
- ✓ A final draft version of the Framework document is currently under review by Arctic Council delegations with the aim to be submitted to the Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting 2015.
- ✓ No direct involvement by PAME, but there may be some relevance to the PAME shipping activities.