

Meaningful Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Marine Activities (MEMA) - Part II

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Vladivostok, Russia

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The review of documents from all sources and sectors identifies certain practices of meaningful engagement with Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Summary of Good Practices for Meaningful Engagement

- Identify the issues and factors requiring engagement and which issues/factors require engagement strategies to be established.
- Identify potentially affected participants and those with whom to engage.
- Consider legal obligations for how to engage, if applicable.
- Consider cultural differences, location of community, and resources available.
- Employ mechanisms for engagement by use of multiple strategies and early and proactive engagement at all levels.
- Develop an engagement plan or agreement, and report back to the community.
- Identify how best to communicate with Indigenous people and local communities.
- Identify the appropriate time to begin any engagement and the processes of engagement over the lifetime of an activity.
- Establish supportive measures including record keeping, review of processes, and dispute resolution mechanisms, as appropriate.
- The relationship between actors and Indigenous peoples based on trust and respect, and conducted in a transparent and culturally appropriate manner.

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- This report and database could be used by the Arctic Council and others as a resource for those interested in engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities.
- Possible follow-up projects could include:
 - developing a MEMA information handbook or reference guide – as practical tool for indigenous groups and proponents.
 - updating, consolidating or expanding the existing guidance within AOOGG (2009).
- A project collaboration with SDWG is desirable – for MEMA information handbook or reference guide.

MEMA Part II - Timelines

- October 1-4, 2018 – PAME meeting discussions on Part II revised Draft Report
- October 31, 2018 – deadline to receive any additional comments from PAME on Report as well as Database
- Fall 2018 – intersessional work to finalize document
- February 2019 – approval of Part II Report at PAME I - 2019
- March 2019 – MEMA Part II Report to SAO's for approval / information
- April 2019 – MEMA Part II Report to Ministers