Statement from Canada on expectations for SAON (email from David Mate, 1st April 2017)

Canada sees a role for coordinated pan-Arctic observing and data sharing systems, including through the Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (SAON) initiative and other international/multinational Arctic monitoring related efforts underway. Consideration should be given to ways in which SAON can capitalize on its unique position to strengthen its added value to international/multinational efforts.  Canada supports SAON’s commitment to facilitate the inclusion of Arctic Indigenous people in observing activities, in particular by promoting community-based monitoring (CBM) efforts. Moving forward, we encourage the Board to examine the findings from the external review and ensure a strategic path forward for SAON that meets the needs of participating countries.