

France sees SAON as an organization which should support enhanced observation and improved data sharing and access in the Arctic with the aim to improve understanding and prediction of the impacts of climate change and associated socio-economic changes on this highly vulnerable region. SAON initiatives should take into account the needs of the different communities and, through coordination of national and international initiatives and concerted recommendations, foster the following actions :

- to define an updated strategy for sustained observations of the Arctic , making sure that the existing observation sites, infrastructures or time series are pursued and that current gaps in the arctic observation capacity in terms of infrastructures, technological developments and network design are identified.
- to establish a global census of existing and currently acquired data in the Arctic, facilitate access and use of these data for the different communities of end-users, and increase stakeholder participation in Arctic Observing and data sharing through partnership with local communities and industrial or commercial data holders.
- to encourage sustained cooperation across the polar community in order to propose shared solutions to the challenges relating to sustained arctic observation, and collaborate with other existing organizations to ensure that efforts are coordinated rather than duplicated.