



## Meeting of Committee on Observations and Networks (CON)

8th May 2017 17-18 CET / 11-12 AM EST (Teleconference)  
Minutes

### 1. Welcome to the call

Hannele Savela (co-Chair) welcomed the participants to the meeting. The agenda and the list of participants are found in Appendix 1 and 2.

### 2. Draft work plan

Hannele Savela presented an updated version of the work plan, where the projects had been organised under four headings:

1. Support to SAON
2. Policy support and inter-organizational collaboration
3. Building capacity for observing networks and observations
4. Knowledge exchange across scales of observations

Tetsuo Sueyoshi (Japan) asked about the relationship between the CON work plan and Terms of Reference. He also asked if the headings were fixed or could be revised. It was agreed that the documents are open to comments and revision.

- ✓ Action (all): Send comments to the work plan, including headings and the underlying detailed description with track-changes to Jan Rene Larsen (SAON Secretary) by 1st June 2017.

It was agreed that the work plan should be finalised by mid-June for submission to the SAON Retreat.

Rodica Nitu (WMO) asked about who would be responsible for the identification of the funding of the projects. Jan Rene Larsen explained that identified leads would only be responsible for describing the projects, and not for their funding.

The project "Best practise for national SAON offices" was discussed, and it was agreed that as a first step, Sandy Starkweather (USA) would be asked to work with Eva Kruemmel (ICC) to draft a paragraph for the SAON Strategic Framework.

Larry Hinzman believed that this project should support individual nations' interest and should reflect something that the nations want to be involved with. He said that a good place to start would be to study

the U.S. Arctic Research Commission and the 2016 Arctic Science Ministerial declaration. The text should discuss how to engage nations.

- ✓ Action: Sandy Starkweather and Eva Kruemmel to draft a text (paragraph) on “Best practise for national SAON offices”.

Hannele Savala explained about the detailed descriptions of the projects in the work plan. As an example, she went through the description for the project “Best practise for SAON networks”.

Stein Sandven (INTAROS, Norway) explained that in the context of INTAROS, there had been discussions about what is meant by a network. He said that it can be defined in many ways: geographically, thematically, etc.

- ✓ Action: Jan Rene Larsen (SAON Secretary) to send the list of SAON networks to Stein Sandven.

An additional project on developing guidelines for doing observational studies in local communities was discussed. Peter L. Pulsifer (ADC chair) emphasized the importance of involving organisations in this.

### **3. Terms of Reference (ToR)**

Hannele Savala explained that the above mentioned headings in the work plan had also been introduced to the ToR.

### **4. Any other business**

There were none.

## **Appendix 1: Agenda**

1. Welcome to the call
2. Draft Work Plan
3. Terms of Reference
4. Any other business

## Appendix 2: List of Participants

Name	Affiliation
Agnieszka Beszczyńska-Möller	Poland
Allan Pope	IASC Secretariat
Hannele Savela	SAON CON co-chair, Finland, INTERACT
Jan Rene Larsen	SAON Secretary, AMAP Secretariat
Jason Stow	Canada
Larry D. Hinzman	USA
Libby Larson	USA
Peter L. Pulsifer	ADC chair
Rodica Nitu	WMO
Sandy Starkweather	USA
Stein Sandven	INTAROS, Norway
Tetsuo Sueyoshi	Japan
Vito Vitale	Italy
Vladimir Romanovsky	USA

More information about the participants and their affiliation is found at <http://www.arcticobserving.org/committees/con/members>

### Appendix 3: List of documents

Agenda item	Documents
1	<a href="#">Draft agenda</a>
	<a href="#">GoToMeeting dial-in information</a>
2	<a href="#">Work plan: Draft</a>
	<a href="#">Work plan: Link to details</a>
3	<a href="#">Draft ToR</a>

The documents are found here: <http://www.arcticobserving.org/committees/con/meetings>