

Preliminary Programme

Environmental protection of the High North – How to protect the Arctic from afar?

**Expert Workshop at the German Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt, UBA),
Bismarckplatz 1, 14193 Berlin, 24 October 2018, 9.00 to 17.00**



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The Arctic is home to unique habitats that are increasingly threatened by the effects of climate change and the release of pollutants. As the region warms up and becomes more accessible, also the planning and conduct of economic activities put more stress on the region's ecosystems. Due to the inevitable linkages between Arctic and non-Arctic regions, Arctic states and states that do not directly border Arctic regions are responsible to promote environmental protection of the region.

This expert workshop aims to enable exchange and discussion on how Arctic Council observers can engage strategically and practically in Arctic environmental protection. In an exchange with states that are active in the High North, indigenous communities, businesses, research, and civil society, potential solutions are developed for a sustainable development in the Arctic that allows to reconcile a wide spectrum of interests in the region. Topics include in particular climate change and air pollution control, shipping, and tourism.

Time	Programme						
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Registration</i>						
09:30 – 09:50	<p>Moderation: R. Andreas Kraemer, Ecologic Institute</p> <p>Opening remarks/ Welcome address Heike Herata, German Environment Agency Ritva Koukku-Ronde, Finnish Embassy in Berlin</p>						
09:50 – 10:35	<p>Introductory talk</p> <p>Protecting the Arctic environment – a perspective of the German Environment Agency Manuela Krakau, German Environment Agency</p>						
10:35 – 10:50	<i>Coffee break</i>						
10:50 – 12:00	<p>Perspectives of Arctic Council actors on the protection of the Arctic environment</p> <p>Perspectives from/by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liisa Peramaki, Government of Canada • Åsa Larsson-Blind, Saami Council • NN, Representative of an Observer State (tbc) • Cynthia Jacobson, Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF) • Sybille Klenzendorf, WWF Germany 						
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Arctic Shipping and the Environment: Trends, Impacts and Governance Hendrik Schopmans, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)</p>						
12:30 – 12:35	<i>Division of participants into working groups</i>						
12:35 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>						
13:30 – 15:45	<p>Moderated working groups on potential cooperation on Arctic environmental protection in specific areas</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Working group 1: Shipping, including Polar Code</th> <th>Working group 2: Climate protection and air pollution control</th> <th>Working group 3: Sustainable Arctic tourism</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Moderation: Kathrin Stephen, IASS</td> <td>Moderation: Enno Harders, German Environment Agency</td> <td>Moderation: Arne Riedel, Ecologic Institute</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Working group 1: Shipping, including Polar Code	Working group 2: Climate protection and air pollution control	Working group 3: Sustainable Arctic tourism	Moderation: Kathrin Stephen, IASS	Moderation: Enno Harders, German Environment Agency	Moderation: Arne Riedel, Ecologic Institute
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15:50 – 16:40	Reports from the working groups and discussion						
16:45 – 17:00	Wrapping up and outlook						

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