



SAON Board meeting  
2nd March 2026 17-18 CET / 11am-12pm EDT / 16-17 UTC

*The meeting will be a Teams teleconference*  
*Link:*

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#### Draft agenda

1. Welcome and adoption of agenda ([Mikko Strahlendorff](#))  
*[Please note that the session will be recorded. The recording will not be shared, but only used for the preparation of minutes.*  
*Meeting notes from the teleconference 12th January 2026 [are available here](#).*
2. SAON Strategy and Workplan  
[The current [SAON Strategy](#) runs for the period 2018-2028. The Strategy is implemented by the SAON Board and the SAON Committees as described in the [SAON Implementation document](#). The Strategy has three goals, and Goal no. 3 is to *Ensure sustainability of Arctic observing*. While Goal no. 1 and 2. are meant for the SAON Committees, then Goal no. 3 is meant for the SAON Board. The first objective under Goal 3 is to *Develop a strategy for long-term financial commitment in Arctic observations*.  
At the meeting 12th January, Board members were asked about their activities to implement Goal 3 and the first objective. In advance of this meeting, national Board members were asked to [complete this table](#), asking these three questions:
  - Title and link to foundational document - strategy or similar
  - Does the 'foundational document' mention/prioritize observing (section) ? How is it mentioned? Please quote. Is there a mention of funding for observing in the document? How?
  - Are there news when it comes to forward-looking funding?]
3. The Committees
  - Arctic Data Committee (ADC) ([Chantelle Verhey](#)) (3 min)
    - Updating the [IASC Data Statement \(2013\)](#).

- Members of the ADC meet every second month with Antarctic colleagues through the [Polar to Global Online Interoperability and Data Sharing Workshop/Hackathon](#) (P2G) series.  
The next telemeeting is 19th March 2026. If Board members or someone else would like to participate, then please subscribe to the [mailing list here](#).
- Committee on Observations and Networks (CON) ([Alice Bradley](#), [Heikki Lihavainen](#), [Joao Canario](#)) (3 min)
  - SAON CON Objective 1): Conduct an inventory of national observational capacities. [Use case white paper](#)
- 4. SAON ROADS process (10 min)
  - Advisory Panel ([Sandy Starkweather](#) or [Jan Rene Larsen](#))
  - *ArcticPASSION* and *Beyond ArcticPASSION* (BAS) ([Michael Karcher](#))
  - RNA CoObs ([Alice Bradley](#) or [Sandy Starkweather](#))
- 5. Arctic Observing Summit ([AOS](#), [Program](#)) and Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW, [web page](#)) ([Alice Bradly](#), 3 min). 25 March - 1 April, 2026 Aarhus, Denmark. [Overview of events/sessions](#). Note in particular:
  - 25th March, 16-17: SAON Board meeting
  - 29th March, 13:30-14:30: Arctic Observing Summit: Status and governance
  - 29th March, 14:30 - 15:30: Arctic ROADS Open Partnership Meeting
- 6. ArORA - Status within SAON. [Current SAON structure](#) (Craig M. Lee).
- 7. ICARP IV process ([Gerlis Fugmann](#)) (3 min)
- 8. International Polar Year (2032-33, IPY) ([Gerlis Fugmann](#)) (3 min)
- 9. Allocating the IASC 2025/2026 funding. The IASC budget allocates 2\*7500 euros to SAON for the period spring 2025-spring 2026. App. 4000 euros have been spent on supporting the ADC chair travelling to Polar Data Forum. The proposal is that 2\*4000 euros (anticipated) is allocated to support travel to ASSW for the ADC chair and Maya Reda-Williams, who will support the data working group at the AOS.
- 10. Upcoming events:
  - X
- 11. Any Other Business
  - X
- 12. The next Board meetings will be held 25th March and 4th May 2026.

Documents for the meetings of the Board [are found here](#).

The list of Board members [is found here](#).