



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

The meeting will be a Teams teleconference
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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 8th September [are available here](#). Meeting notes from the teleconference 29th October [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 this meeting, Board members will be asked about their activities to implement Goal 3 and the first objective. The dialogue will be in a tour-de-table setting especially among the national Board members, and Board members are asked to read the Strategy and Implementation document and be prepared to engage in this discussion].
3. The Committees
 - Arctic Data Committee (ADC) (Chantelle Verhey) (3 min)
 - Updating the [IASC Data Statement \(2013\)](#). Link to [new draft](#).
 - 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 15th January. If Board members or someone else would like to participate, then please subscribe to the [mailing list here](#).
- The annual meeting of the ADC was held during the [Polar Data Forum](#) 20-24 October 2025 ([draft agenda](#)).
 - 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](#)). New members for approval
 - Dirk Mengedoht, AWI, FARO
 - Malene Simon Hegelund, GINR Climate Center
 - Rowenna Gryba, ICC
 - [Current composition](#)
 - ArcticPASSION ([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: These time slots have been booked (local time, CET):
- 25th March: 16-17: SAON Board meeting
 - 28th March, all day: Sea Ice Expert Panel
 - 29th March: 14-15: Strategic meeting on the future of the Arctic Observing Summit (AOS)
 - 29th March: 15-16: ROADS (Open Partnership meeting)
 - 30 March - 1 April: Arctic Observing Summit
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. Upcoming events:
- 11th China–Nordic Arctic Cooperation Symposium (CNARC), Tromsø, Norway: Human Footprints in the Arctic, February 1-2, 2026
 - [Arctic Frontiers](#) 2-5 February 2026. Includes a session titled *Maintaining and Developing Arctic Observing Capabilities* ([Jan Rene Larsen](#)) (3 min)
10. Any Other Business
- [CoastPredict Programme](#)
11. The next Board meetings will be held 2nd March 2026.

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

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