



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 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

o 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 Bradley](#), 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](#).