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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 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.