



SAON Board meeting 4th November 2024
16 – 17 UTC / 17-18 CET / 11am-12pm EST

Teleconference (Teams – link below)

Draft agenda

1. Welcome, introductions, tour de table 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]. Draft minutes from the teleconference 9th September 2024 (10 min)
2. SAON ROADS process (15 min)
 - Advisory Panel (Sandy Starkweather)
 - Renew the composition of the Advisory Panel. [The first announcement is found here.](#)
 - ArcticPASSION Deliverables (Mikko Strahlendorff)
 - D1.2: *The definition for the pilot set of Essential Arctic Variables* ([Jan Rene Larsen](#))
 - D2.5: *Updated mapping of the Arctic Data System. A dedicated effort to update the foundation for the harvesting matrix that was initiated during the Polar Data Planning Summit and now serves as the underlying dataset of the SAON/IASC Arctic Data Committee Polar Data Ecosystem Viewer* ([Jan Rene Larsen](#))
 - D6.3: *Report on SAON Progress in ROADS. A status report for the EAVs developed during Arctic PASSION from the perspective of the ROADS process. It will for each EAV provide an overview of their status of development in terms of identification, specification and implementation* ([Jan Rene Larsen](#))
 - D6.7: *GEO Initiative report for Arctic GEOSS* ([Jan Rene Larsen](#))
 - D8.1: *Applications for GEO initiative to GEO Program Board* ([Jan Rene Larsen](#))
 - D8.2: *Roadmap for further evolution of the pan-AOSS* ([Michael Karcher](#))
 - D8.5: *Final Synthesis Report on a pan-AOSS: A report on the achievements, the lessons learned and the way forward from Arctic PASSION to make the pan-AOSS useful, flexible and efficient on scientific, technical and societal levels, and in terms of implementation and operationalization, embedded into the European and international observing structures* ([Michael Karcher](#))
 - RNA CoObs (Roberto Delgado)
3. The Committees (15 min)
 - Arctic Data Committee (ADC) (Chantelle Verhey/Vanessa Raymond)
 - Committee on Observations and Networks (CON) (Alice Bradley)
 - The next meeting is planned for 26th November. The draft agenda [is found here.](#)

- The [Polar Observing Assets Working Group](#) has received funding to further develop the [Registry of Polar Observing Networks](#) (RoPON)
4. Arctic Observing Summit (AOS) (Alice Bradley)
 - The Arctic Observing Summit is led by three co-chairs, nominated by SAON, IASC, and ISAC. The IASC co-chair has served as a liaison to the local organizing committee without a significant role in summit content planning. Without a paid staff, the workload falls unevenly on summit co-chairs and is unsustainable. Prior to the 2026 summit planning process kickoff, we recommend a discussion between the three organizations regarding leadership roles and succession planning.
 5. National/organisational updates (Mikko Strahlendorff)
 6. Any other business (10 min)
 - ASSW/ICARP IV (SAON Board meeting?)
 - IPY: [Call to organisations to join the planning group](#) (open ended). Next meeting in November
 - Arctic Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Regional Alliance (GRA) (Jeremy Wilkinson or Michael Karcher)
 - AASCO: <https://www.atm.helsinki.fi/peex/index.php/aasco/>
 - European Environment Agency contact - informal meeting on 14th October (Jan Rene Larsen, Mikko Strahlendorff)
 - Board teleconferences will be held the first Monday of every 2nd Month. The next will be 13th January 2024

Teams link:

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