Enhancing International Scientific Cooperation: Arctic Science and Technology Advice with Ministries

Multilateral Diplomacy

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BACKGROUND

International scientific cooperation is fundamental to the implementation of the seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, involving science and decisionmaking institutions involved with governance mechanisms and built structures. The changing Arctic has increasingly important global consequences, generating strategies that involve Arctic and non-Arctic States along with Indigenous Peoples’ Organizations to enhance international cooperation with science.

Research and action contributions with science in the Arctic are highlighted by the 2017 Agreement on Enhancing International Arctic Scientific Cooperation that is binding among the eight Arctic states and the Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM) process that began in 2016 among Arctic and non-Arctic states with Arctic Indigenous Peoples' Organizations. This training project will address the inevitable question that has yet to be formally addressed:

What are the relationships and synergies between the Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM) process and the 2017 Arctic Science Agreement, both of which involve ministries and science?

The theme of this training project funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan is the 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM3): Arctic Science and Technology Advice with Ministries, facilitating a dialogue to understand the governance mechanisms involved in Arctic science. This training project will consist in a series of 3 webinars:

• **First Webinar:** What is Arctic Science? - **DATES TO BE CONFIRMED (February/March 2022)**
CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The training on Enhancing International Scientific Cooperation: Arctic Science and Technology Advice with Ministries is composed of a series of 3 webinars, namely:

First Webinar: DATES TO BE CONFIRMED (February/March 2022)

1. What is Arctic Science?
   - How do natural sciences, social sciences and indigenous knowledge ‘fit together’ and enhance each other?
   - How is science facilitated/conducted? Who is needed to do ‘the science’?
   - Is international cooperation needed? If so, to what degree

Second Webinar: DATES TO BE CONFIRMED (February/March 2022)

2. How can science transform data into evidence for informed decision making?
   - How are the decisions on what priorities are to be addressed made?
   - Who are the decision makers?
   - What evidence is needed and how is that evidence defined?

Third Webinar: DATES TO BE CONFIRMED (February/March 2022)

3. What international efforts/processes are needed to facilitate progress in understanding the Arctic system and its global impacts?
   - What are the mechanisms that exist?
   - Are these mechanisms adequate?
   - How could enhanced science cooperation impact other areas of international relations?

METHODOLOGY

The training project on Enhancing International Scientific Cooperation: Arctic Science and Technology Advice with Ministries will be held online, consisting in a series of 3 webinars with a duration of 2-3 hours each, with plenary presentations and breakout sessions.

Six graduate students from Boston and Japan will contribute as key facilitators throughout the project. In addition to academic exchanges, the deliverable from this ASM project will be a summary publication in Science Diplomacy Action delivered for the Consulate-General of Japan in Boston with distribution to ministries among Arctic and non-Arctic states, as well as with Indigenous Peoples' Organizations inclusively seeking to enhance international Arctic scientific cooperation.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The project will consist of 3 webinars open to anyone interested, registration is required. Given the limit with regards to the number of participants to attend the training, EvREsearch LTD will make the selection of participants.

Interested participants are expected to attend all 3 webinar and participate in the compilation of the final report.