

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND POLICY CONFERENCE

THE ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO MANAGEMENT: STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION IN THE ARCTIC

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ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

We invite contributions for oral or poster presentations. Please send abstracts of presentations (up to 500 words) to eaconference@pame.is by 5 April.

No registration fee before 1 May!

For planning purposes we appreciate early registration.

REGISTRATION

To what extent have we been successful at implementing the ecosystem approach to management (EA) in the Arctic? Now that EA has been an operating principle of the Arctic Council for more than a decade, please join as we explore the status of implementation of EA in the Arctic and help us report our answers to the public and the 2017 meeting of the foreign ministers of the Arctic States in 2017. The [Ecosystem Approach to Management \(EA\)](#) is a widely adopted management principle requiring management of human activities to be integrated across sectors of enterprise. The ultimate purpose of EA is to achieve sustainable use of natural resources, while maintaining the integrity of the ecosystem. The EA approach has been acknowledged, defined and adopted by the Arctic states working under the Arctic Council.

If you are engaged in the process of regulating human activities in the Arctic, or if you are one of those whose activities are being regulated, you are invited to share your experiences with us in the form of oral presentations, posters and panel discussions. We want to hear from those with experiences as policy makers, managers, subsistence harvesters, and providers of all kinds of scientific information in both terrestrial and marine environments of the Arctic. If you have a well-documented case study of implementing the ecosystem approach to management on land or water, successful or unsuccessful, inside or outside the Arctic, we would like to hear from you.

THEMES:

Knowledge base – integration of knowledge (including traditional) and Integrated Ecosystem Assessment

Governance – integration across sectors, institutional arrangements

Scale integration – integration across small to large scale in ecosystems, and integration across management levels

BACKGROUND:

The conference represents a significant milestone in a long history of efforts by the Arctic Council to contribute to the implementation of the ecosystem approach to management in the Arctic. Having first embraced the concept of ecosystem approach to management in 2004, the Arctic Council adopted a formal definition of ecosystem approach to management (EA) for the Arctic in Kiruna, Sweden in 2013. In 2013 the Ministers also accepted a set of recommendations on how to proceed with implementing the ecosystem approach to management in the Arctic. Some of the recommendations were already in process of implementation by the PAME Ecosystem Approach Expert Group in 2013. A 2014 Trondheim workshop reviewed progress since Kiruna, and made follow-on recommendations for integration of efforts across all working groups of the Arctic Council. Working groups of the Arctic Council have been engaged for more than a decade in individual efforts to develop aspects of the scientific, policy and indigenous foundations of the knowledge base that helps make possible the implementation of the ecosystem approach. A Joint PAME/AMAP/CAFF Expert Group on the Ecosystem Approach was established in 2015, which is leading symposium planning and implementation.

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