

**PAME I-2018: Agenda item 6.10(a)  
Responses from the University of the Arctic**

1. How are interested Observers, and particularly Observer States, currently engaging with PAME on shipping-related issues?

**As observer from the University of the Arctic thematic network on Arctic Safety and Security I am particular interested in the maritime activity pattern in the Arctic,**

2. Consistent with the Arctic Council Rules of Procedure and the Observer Manual for Subsidiary Bodies, what types of involvement with PAME's shipping-related work are Observers most interested in undertaking? Are there specific shipping issues of interest to Observers?

**The cruise industry ambitions in the Arctic and increased traffic through the Northern sea route.**

3. Would Observers be more interested in identifying and pursuing opportunities for engagement that involve financial contributions, in-kind contributions, or other types of involvement?

**In-kind contribution.**

4. Would Observers be more interested in partnering with a single Arctic State/Permanent Participant, multiple Arctic States/Permanent Participants, or does the format of a collaborative arrangement not make a difference? Are there examples of collaborative efforts between Observers and Arctic States/Permanent Participants that could serve as models for future collaboration?

**If there were more information about the background (biography) of the permanent participants, it would be easier to find the persons to meet.**

5. Would Observers find regular attendance of PAME meetings (e.g., Working Group and/or Expert Group meetings) useful to facilitate more systematic engagement with PAME's shipping-related work? If an Observer is not regularly attending PAME meetings, what is the impediment to attendance (e.g., cost, insufficient information, meeting location, lack of Observer-related agenda items, no commercial ships or research vessels currently using or anticipated to use Arctic waters, no national strategy or priority for Arctic shipping, improper Arctic shipping contact point)?

**Limitations are related to financing participation outside Europe**

6. Would providing more specific identification of opportunities and solicitation for Observer assistance via Arctic Council publications be an effective way to engage Observers on shipping-related issues? What types of additional information would be useful for increasing Observer engagement?

**Yes, could be more focus on observer interest in different themes and opportunities for presentation of projects, etc at meetings, or in special sub-groups-**

7. Given the current involvement of Observer experts in PAME shipping-related work, how could PAME more effectively integrate the knowledge and experience of these experts?

**By mapping the competence of these experts the secretariat may link up to the special expertise in preparing the meeting and give introductory speeches to different themes**

8. What kind of additional suggestions or ideas would be effective in encouraging Observer engagement in PAME's shipping-related work in the future?