Preliminary Concept Paper

Information handbook / Reference guide on Meaningful Engagement

In follow-up to the MEMA Project, is a new project to develop an information handbook or reference guide as a practical tool for engagement with Indigenous Peoples and local communities. This project would be informed by the MEMA Part II Findings for Policy Makers Report and associated MEMA Database.

PAME has invited the SDWG to collaborate with PAME on this project, given SDWG’s human dimension mandate, interest and experience with engagement issues.

The proposed project could be scoped out by PAME and SDWG intersessionally, following the next meetings of both Working groups (in early Feb 2019), and will draw from other examples of other Arctic Council handbooks that have been developed.

The project would be included in the Work Plans of (both) Working Groups.

Key Objectives:

The handbook or reference guide will provide the Arctic Council with guidance covering meaningful engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities for all activities – both onshore and offshore.