Statement from Denmark on expectations to SAON (email from Helle Poulsen, 20th March 2017):

We see SAON’s role very much in line with the original purpose of SAON: to support and strengthen the development of multinational engagement for sustained and coordinated pan-Arctic observing and data sharing systems that serve societal needs, particularly related to environmental, social, economic and cultural issues. We think it would be valuable if this vision was transformed into some clear and concrete goals that could be a supplement to or connect existing initiatives. This should be further concretized in a concrete action plan with well-defined deliverables.