Statement from Russian Federation on expectations to SAON (email from Igor Ashik, 27th March 2017):

We are agree with the mission and goals of the project SAON. Unfortunately the process of the realization this project goes very slowly. The significant results by way of an Arctic data integration are not present now. The positive moment is the opportunity to stimulate the international cooperation.

The managers of the project SAON have no real mechanisms of the project management (administrative and-or financial). The result of work completely depends on good will of participants of the project.

By definition SAON should be «a network of networks» or “system of systems». SAON should unite various observation networks and provide convenient access to these data. In many Arctic countries there are the systems of monitoring and information systems which satisfy national interests. A benefit from the international cooperation are existing but it is not obvious. It is necessary to show on concrete examples benefits for the country from participation in the project SAON.

If SAON will receive more funding first of all it should be spent for the creation of SAON portal uniting various observation networks and creation of the thematic and regional centers providing the work of the system.