

## **Statement from The Saami Council on SAON.**

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The Sami Council believe that SAON could and should play a role in strengthening, coordinating and developing a stable foundation for relationship building and cooperation between different actors interested in the arctic and/or are conducting research in the Arctic, or other observations of relevance to the Arctic. With particular focus on environmental, social and cultural issues. We believe that SAON could and should facilitate the enhancement of the community based monitoring programs, building networks for capacity building between scientists and traditional knowledge holders and community members.