



Meeting of Committee on Observations and Networks (CON) 28th May 2020 16-17 CET / 10-11 am EST Minutes

1. Welcome to the call

Lisa Loseto (Chair) welcomed the participants to the meeting. The agenda and list of participants are found in Appendix 1 and 2. The list of documents is found in Appendix 3.

2. Review of actions/decision from the call 18th February 2020

Lisa Loseto summarised the actions and decisions.

3. CON: Reviewing relationship with the Board and other entities/organisations.

3a Governance presentations shared with the Board

Lisa Loseto had drafted the document “Architecture considerations for SAON CON - discussion paper” and presented it.

In the following discussion, Hajo Eicken (USA) emphasized the need for having a good contact with the AOS Working Groups – this would enable utilizing the energy and momentum from the Working Groups. He noted that the Working Groups had aligned well with the ROADS process. He noted that especially WG1 (*on Design, Optimization and Implementation of the Observing System*) had importance for CON. He noted similarly that WG4 (*on Data Interoperability and Federated Search*) had importance for ADC and for CON. He had had considerations that WG2 (*on Observing in Support of Adaptation and Mitigation*) should have a permanent status and work also between the Summits.

Vito Vitale (Italy) believed that there should be a close relationship between CON and the AOS Working Groups. This would ensure a good alignment between CON, the Working Groups and the ROADS process.

3b Planning Retreats

Jan Rene Larsen (SAON Secretary) explained about SAON Board plans to organize a series of retreats to discuss certain aspects of the SAON Governance structure. It was planned that one of the retreats would be on CON, and Committee members were asked to consider the planning of this.

4. Addressing SAON CON Objective 1.1: Conduct an inventory of national observational capacities.

Bill Manley (USA) provided a status report on the work of the Polar Observing Assets Working Group (POAWG), making reference to the document submitted to the AOS on the subject (*Manley, W. F., Gaylord, A. G and Tweedie, C.E: Optimizing Arctic Observing Through Interoperable Information Sharing Across Networks*). "Assets" is in this context defined as sites, transects, observatories and field stations, projects and programmes.

5. Upcoming H2020 call: Supporting the implementation of GEOSS in the Arctic in collaboration with Copernicus (LC-CLA-20-2020)

(The topic was not covered)

6. Arctic Observing Summit 2020

Maribeth Murray (2020) explained about the invitation to submit AOS white papers to the Journal *Arctic* by 1st September 2020.

7. 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial

Tetsuo Sueyoshi reported about the plans for the ASM3 and that a briefing would be held 15th June.

8. Other upcoming events

(The topic was not covered)

9. Any Other Business

(There were none)

Appendix 1: Agenda

1. Welcome to the call
[Lisa Loseto]
2. Review of actions/decision from the call on 18th February 2020
[Lisa Loseto]
3. CON: Reviewing relationship with the Board and other entities/organisations.
 - a. Governance presentations shared with the Board [Lisa Loseto]
 - b. Planning Retreats [Jan Rene Larsen]
4. Addressing SAON CON Objective 1.1: *Conduct an inventory of national observational capacities.*
[A document by William Manley et al submitted to the Arctic Observing Summit is a framework for this activity. Jan Rene Larsen]
5. Upcoming H2020 call: Supporting the implementation of GEOSS in the Arctic in collaboration with Copernicus (LC-CLA-20-2020) [Jan Rene Larsen]
6. Arctic Observing Summit 2020
[Jan Rene Larsen]
7. 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial [Jan Rene Larsen]
8. Other upcoming events [Jan Rene Larsen]
9. Any Other Business
10. Next teleconference: Doodle will be circulated

Appendix 2: List of Participants

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More information about Committee members and their affiliation is found at <https://www.arcticobserving.org/committees/con/members>

Appendix 3: List of documents

Agenda item	Documents
0	Draft agenda, version 26th May 2020
0	GoToMeeting dial-in
3a	Architecture considerations for SAON CON - presentation
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3b	Planning Retreats
4	Manley, W. F., Gaylord, A. G and Tweedie, C.E: Optimizing Arctic Observing Through Interoperable Information Sharing Across Networks
6	Arctic Observing Summit 2020 (AOS): Conference Statement and Call to Action

The documents are found here: <http://www.arcticobserving.org/committees/con/meetings>