

Hello Arctic Science and Indigenous Knowledge Working Group,

I wanted to share with you an [open call for participation in working groups](#) for the Arctic regional process for the [UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development \(UNDOS\)](#). We at DFO are organizing our participation but I thought I would share with this group given that other GoC Departments/Agencies may want to also participate as relevant.

For some background, the UNDOS will be held from 2021 to 2030. This Decade will provide a common framework to ensure that ocean science can fully support countries' actions to sustainably manage the Oceans and more particularly to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We are currently in the preparatory phase of the program which has been organized by various ocean regions including one focused on the Arctic Ocean.

For the Arctic Ocean regional process, the organizers have created an Arctic Task Force to develop the Arctic Action Plan. Canada has nominated Dr. Jackie Dawson to participate on this Task Force. To support the Task Force, seven working groups have been created (one per UN Decade societal goal) and is open to participation with registration closing on September 25, 2020.

**Please distribute this invitation to participate in the working groups to interested individuals. In addition, this process calls for diversity and inclusion and with that in mind, please consider distributing this invitation to your regional Indigenous partners.**

We understand, these working groups will meet virtually during October and November 2020 and a draft Action Plan will be prepared based on those discussions. An online consultation will occur in March 2020 to collect comments on the Action Plan from relevant Member States and stakeholders.

For more information on this process please see the following resources:

More information: <https://www.oceandecade.dk/arctic-workshop>

Registration:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPyUssdkBAC7o92xkFNtCDJrd414rtjq7PvH0-qjw6kt9QyQ/viewform>

FAQs: <https://www.oceandecade.dk/arctic-workshop/faq>

Thank you!

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