



From Arctic Parliamentarians in consultation with Inuit Circumpolar Council, Saami Council, University of the Arctic, Arctic Economic Council & Arctic Mayors Forum.

Initiatives for Arctic Council Chairship

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Project (P), Conference (C)

Some initiatives have known funding needs with budgets, while others can be estimated. However, the exact costs should be clarified at a later stage.



Education & Youth

Model Arctic Council (P)

Young people lack knowledge about the Arctic Council, so initiatives should be developed to increase their understanding and make the Arctic Council more approachable and relatable to them. It is therefore proposed to conceptualize Model Arctic Council into a role-playing game for educational purposes.

Mental Health & Youth Conference (C)

Research shows that suicide rates are significantly higher in the Arctic compared to the rest of the world. There is a need to focus on mental health among children and young people within the sphere of the Arctic Council to reverse the negative statistics.

Inuit Youth Summit (C)

Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) wish to organize and host an 'Inuit Youth Summit' in 2026. With the summit, ICC aims to create a new generation of decision makers and build organizational capacity and sustainability.

Indigenous Peoples Leadership

Inuit Women Summit (C)

In 2025 ICC plans to host an 'Inuit Women Summit'. The summit aims to gather decision- and changemakers in the Arctic to share knowledge about how to promote and protect Inuit women's rights.

High-Level Dialogue on Health (P)

Indigenous Peoples' access to healthcare is limited and it is necessary to uncover the health challenges Indigenous Peoples are facing in the Arctic. Saami Council together with ICC plans to establish a high-level dialogue forum on Indigenous Peoples health for relevant stakeholders. The first forum is expected to take place in Greenland in 2026.

Onboarding materials about Arctic Indigenous Peoples (P)

There is limited knowledge about the Arctic Indigenous Peoples Organizations, which offers unique insights into Indigenous Peoples' living conditions. Onboarding material for civil servants and other relevant stakeholders about the organizations and their role in the Arctic Council should be developed.

Local Engagement and Research

Research in the Arctic (P)

University of the Arctic (UArctic) has expressed a need for the development of regional guidelines for future Arctic research. The aim of the guidelines is to ensure the involvement of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge.



Climate tipping points (P)

Due to the severe climate changes in the Arctic, there is a need to increase investments for research in the Arctic. UArctic has an investment project called “Tipping Points”, which could facilitate and match investors and researchers with the aim to secure more funding for climate research in the Arctic.

Strengthening local engagement (P)

Arctic Mayors Forum is the only panarctic organization that represents local leaders and municipal decision-makers. The organization needs funding for its secretariat and projects to implement the recommendations of the Working Groups at a local level.

Preparedness

High-Level Dialogue on Preparedness (P)

The challenges posed by climate change in the Arctic create an urgent need for a regional contingency plan. Therefore, a dialogue forum should be established to discuss preparedness and ways to strengthen international cooperation on the issue.

Climate adaptation (P)

Saami Council wishes to continue a project on climate adaptation under the Arctic Council Chairship. The Saami Council has identified a need to collect observations on climate change to inform and better political decision making on climate adaptation.

Bridge-building language and culture (P)

There is an urgent need to ensure better understanding of the Sámi language and culture in connection with emergency management in Lapland. According to the Saami Council, emergency personnel often lack understanding of Sámi names for geographical locations, which can affect response times.

Investments in the Arctic

Arctic Economic Council (P)

Arctic Economic Council (AEC) seeks to boost investments and sustainable economic development in the Arctic. The organization needs funding for its secretariat and projects that can contribute to the organization’s mission.

Critical minerals in the Arctic (C)

Critical minerals and rare earth elements in the Arctic hold promising potential, but the extraction is challenged by lack of infrastructure and investment. A conference could facilitate the exchange of best practices, matchmaking between investments and projects and the forging of partnerships.

Mentorship for businesswomen in the Arctic (P)

A mentorship program for young aspiring businesswomen in the Arctic should be established to contribute to sustainable economic development. The project could be inspired by the ‘Arctic Angels’ mentorship program.