

Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks - SAON

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on behalf of the SAON Executive Committee

The SAON *vision* is that users should *have access to free, open and high quality data that will realize pan-Arctic and global value-added services and provide societal benefits.*

SAON is a **process** to support and strengthen the development of multinational engagement for sustained and coordinated pan-Arctic observing and data sharing systems that serve societal needs, particularly related to environmental, social, economic, and cultural issues.

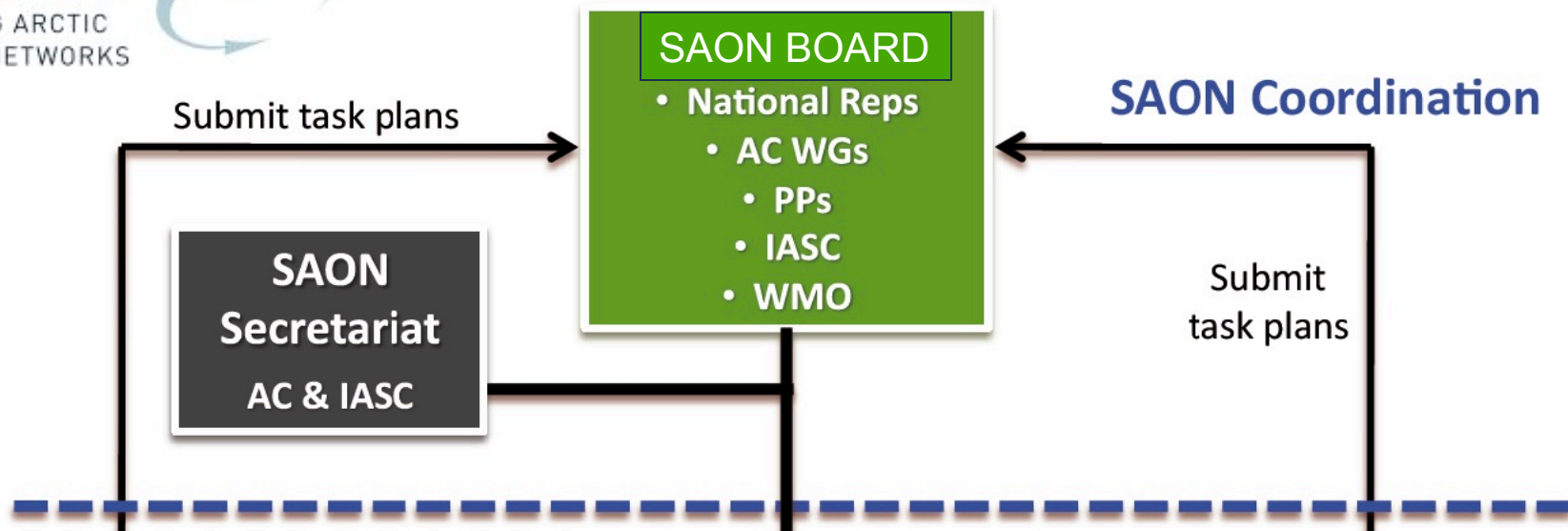
SAON was convened by Arctic Council Ministers following the Salekard Declaration in 2006 and renewed following the Tromsø Declaration in 2009 and Nuuk Declaration in 2011.

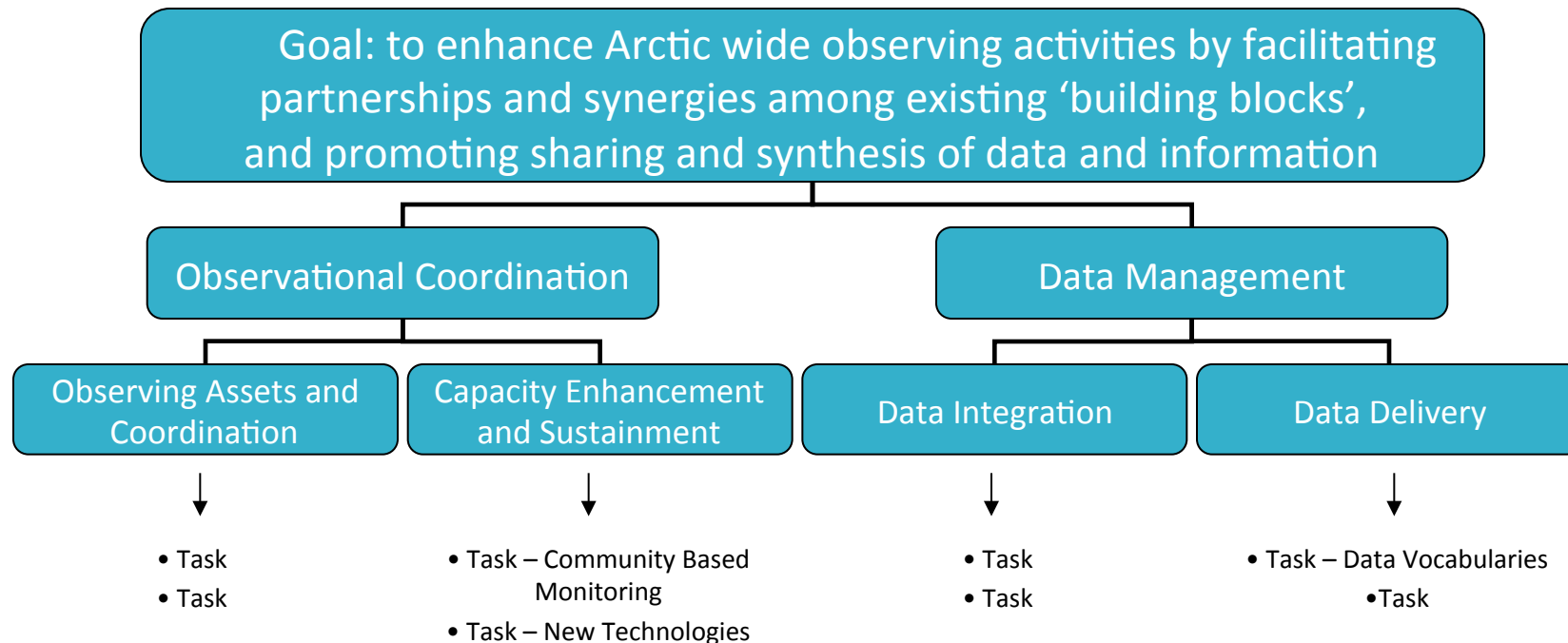
(SAON Initiating Group: 2007 - 2009)

(SAON Steering Group: 2009 - 2011)

(SAON Board: 2011 - present)







Networks

Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring-Marine Plan	Global Terrestrial Network for Permafrost	Circumpolar Health Observatory	INTERACT
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SAON priority activities:

1. Enhance geospatial tools (including SAON website);
2. Maintain national inventories of Arctic observing and data activities;
3. Provide support for the community-based-monitoring community and promote its role in SAON;
4. Engage officials of funding and implementing agencies;
5. Support the data management community to determine gaps and priorities for SAON;
6. Develop partnerships with other regional, national, Arctic and global observing programs (GEOSS, EEA, WMO, etc).

On what activities should SAON focus?

- Update regularly the national inventories of networks/sites/variables;
- Mine national data to produce geospatial output to aid decision-making on future observing activities;
- Promote and facilitate data access, data sharing, data analysis;
- Work with existing Arctic and global networks to solve common problems, promote “best practices”, and identify new data products that inform policy- and decision-making.

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ARCTIC OBSERVING SUMMIT

The Arctic Observing Summit (AOS) is a high-level, biennial summit that aims to provide community-driven, science-based guidance for the design, implementation, coordination and sustained long-term (decades) operation of an international network of arctic observing systems. The AOS will provide a platform to address urgent and broadly recognized needs of arctic observing across all components of the arctic system, including the human component. It will foster international communication and coordination of long-term observations aimed at improving understanding and responding to system-scale arctic change. The AOS will be an international forum for optimizing resource allocation through coordination and exchange among researchers, funding agencies, and others involved or interested in long-term observing activities, while minimizing duplication and gaps. The AOS is a contribution to the Sustaining Arctic Observing Network (SAON) initiative.

On this website you can find information on registration, sponsorship and exhibition. You can also comment on white papers, discuss observing systems and fill in the questionnaire and contact the organizers.

BULLETIN

Registration is now open!

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Call for posters

The poster submission form is available. For more information on how to submit a poster and the general guidelines, [click here](#).

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SUSTAINING ARCTIC OBSERVING NETWORKS

As a response to the [Arctic Council Tromsø Declaration](#), the SAON process has now begun a second phase. The continuing process is lead by a steering group (SAON SG) consisting of representatives of the eight Arctic countries, permanent participants in the Arctic Council, and Arctic Council working groups. With the inclusion of representative

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