

UArctic Assembly Meeting / Quebec City, Canada / May 2023

Agenda item: 13

Proposal – Update on Plans for the Assembly and Congress 2024

Proposal: The Executive Committee (Toyon) proposes that the Assembly make the following decisions:

The Assembly approves the dates and supports the plans for the UArctic Assembly, to be held on 2-3 June 2024 as part of the Arctic Congress on May 29 – June 3, 2024 in Bodø, Norway.

References: UArctic Constitution / 8 Article – Association Assemblies

/ 9 Article – Convening Assembly

UArctic Bylaws / Section 3.2 - Meetings of the Assembly

Background:

Nord University will host the Arctic Congress, bringing UArctic, the International Arctic Social Sciences Association and High North Dialogue together as partners, May 29-June 3, 2024 in Bodø, Norway.

UArctic partners with the International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS 2024) and the High North Dialogue 2024 as part of this joint event, with a common Congress program, as well as each organization's individual Assembly and business meetings. In addition to the Assembly, UArctic meetings will include a Rectors Roundtable, side-meetings for north2north, individual Thematic Networks, and others.

This will be a showcase of Arctic cooperation, and will reduce travel expenses and time for many participants who would participate in both UArctic Congress, ICASS or High North Dialogue. In 2024 Bodø City is European Cultural Capital, which will provide an excellent frame for the Arctic Congress event.

Organized in conjunction with the Norwegian Arctic Council chairship program, the Arctic Congress takes its themes from those priorities: Oceans, Climate and Environment, Sustainable Economic Development, People in the North, as well as cross-cutting themes of Arctic youth and Indigenous peoples.

The website and session call will be announced at High North Dialogue 2023 in April. The abstract call will be launched in October/November, and registration open in January/February 2024.

Date:	May 29 - June 2, 2024
Place:	Bodø, Norway
Theme:	The theme will be decided in accordance with the Arctic Council
Preliminary Program:	Wednesday May 29 – Meeting Arctic Council/pre-meetings May 30 – Opening/Scientific program Friday May 31 – Scientific program Saturday June 1 – Scientific program Sunday June 2 – General assembly all day, IASSA and UArctic. Excursions.
No. of Delegates:	About 1.000 to 1.500 international and national delegates.



Receptions:	 Joint opening Thursday May 30 Some receptions every evening. Concluding dinner/event on Saturday June 1
Official Language:	English