

Session name (80 characters MAX)

Embedding Gendered Data in Arctic Policy and Decision-Making

Organizing bodies

Gender Equality in the Arctic; Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network; Directorate of Equality;

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Room setup

Auditorium seating

Promotional description of the Session (this text will be used to promote your Session on social media and in the Assembly App)

Building on the success of the Arctic Council's Gender Equality in the Arctic (GEA) Project, this session highlights critical findings from GEA Phase IV: the urgent need for consistent, gender-disaggregated data across the Arctic. Experts will share insights from a study that examines the challenges and opportunities in gathering and applying gender-based analysis. Join a dynamic fireside discussion as we explore how mainstreaming gendered data can strengthen governance and inform policy and social development across Arctic communities.

Description of the Session (for the review process)

The Arctic Council's Social Development Working Group's (SDWG) 'Gender Equality in the Arctic (GEA)' Project is one of the most well established and successful projects within Arctic science and governance. Phase III concluded with the Pan-Arctic Report on Gender Equality in the Arctic, which included a series of policy suggestions which made their way into the Reykjavík Declaration of 2021 and the subsequent Arctic Council Strategic Plan (2021-2030).

Gender-based analysis and gender mainstreaming are a crucial element for achieving sustainable development and a necessary component in strategy to promote and ensure gender equality. Authors of most chapters in the Pan-Arctic report identified paucity of data as a major obstacle for analysis and comparisons. This lack of data and persistent gaps in data availability, in addition to a lack of protocols for sharing data, has been flagged in previous reports, such as in the Arctic Human Development Reports and the Arctic Social Indicators reports. This continued lack of consistent and comparable data, which is the very foundation for understanding realities and inequalities across the Arctic, severely impedes efforts to adequately understand the dynamics of gender across the Arctic.

Building upon these findings and recommendations in the Pan-Arctic report, one of the main components of Phase IV of the GEA project was to address the nature of

gender-based data gathering and analysis across the Arctic. Phase IV therefore set out to discover means to mainstream data gathering and analysis, to facilitate a shared understanding of different patterns of participation, involvement, behaviours, and activities of all genders across the Arctic in economic, social, and legal structures, and the implications of these differences.

This session aims to elevate this important conversation by inviting said experts to share their insights and to establish dialogue with participants in a moderator-led fireside discussion.

List of speakers and speaker topics

Hjalti Ómar Ágústsson, Special Advisor the Directorate of Equality

Pétur Benedikt Pétursson, PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge

Andrey Petrov, Director, ARCTICenter, University of Northern Iowa

Marya Rozanova-Smith, Research Professor, George Washington University

Tonje Johansen, Adviser Arctic and Environmental Unit, Saami Council

Mervi Heikkinen, Senior Lecturer & Researcher, University of Oulu, Finland

Any special requirements

None

Affiliated websites

<https://arcticgenderequality.network/phase-4>