



Third Arctic Science Ministerial Webinar Series

Indigenous Peoples' Participation in the ASM3 Process—Contributions to Arctic Science and Research

03 December 2020, 17:00-19:00 UTC

Description of Webinar

This webinar brings together a panel of Indigenous Leaders to discuss the upcoming Arctic Science Ministerial. They will discuss the importance of inclusion of the knowledge of Indigenous peoples in Arctic science and research and the important role this has on sustainability. They will provide a background of previous efforts and share their insights around the question “Why is it important for Indigenous Peoples to be involved in Arctic science and research?” Please join the panel to learn about how a holistic approach to Arctic Science builds equity and cooperation in the Arctic. The discussion from this webinar will form the basis for recommendations reflected in the ASM3 final report.

Program

Housekeeping Remarks: Lindsay Arthur, Iceland Ministry of Education, Science and Culture

Moderator: Dr. Liza Mack, Executive Director, Aleut International Association

Review of the Program: Dr. Liza Mack

Arctic Greeting: Lena Susanne Gaup, Kautokeino/Guovdageaidnu, Arctic Norway

Keynote speakers:

- Monica Ell-Kanayuk, President, Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada
- Haliehana Stepetin, PhD in Native American Studies, UC Davis

Panel discussion: Why is it important for Indigenous communities to be involved in Arctic science and research?

Topics - Gaps in Arctic science, co-production of knowledge, Indigenous engagement in science, Indigenous institutions, language and connection to knowledge, Indigenous education, digitization, inclusion of youth, self-determination, goals for participation in the ASM3 process, etc.

Panelists:

- Gunn-Britt Retter, Head of the Arctic and Environmental Unit, Saami Council
- Victoria Buschman, Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC)
- Sally Swetzof, President, Aleut International Association (AIA)
- Jordan Peterson, Head of Delegation to the Arctic Council Senior Arctic Official meetings, Gwich'in Council International (GCI)
- Chief Bill Erasmus, International Chair, Arctic Athabaskan Council (AAC)
- Grigory Ledkov, President, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON)

Moderated Q&A with panelists and review of next steps, questions from the audience

Summary and closing statement: Evon Peter, Gwich'in Council International

