Multilateral performance audit of the Arctic Council
Arctic Council

• Established 1996

• High level intergovernmental forum

• Promoting cooperation, coordination and interaction among Arctic states with the involvement of Arctic indigenous peoples’ organizations

• Six working groups
Arctic Council

• Members: Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russian Federation, Sweden and United States

• Permanent participants: Six indigenous peoples’ organizations

• Observers: 12 non-arctic Countries, 9 Intergovernmental or Inter-Parkliamentary Organizations, 11 NGOs
The audit

- **Participants:** Denmark, Norway, Russian Federation, Sweden and United States

- **Observers:** Canada, Finland and Iceland

- **Coordinators:** Russian Federation and Norway
Objective

• To describe the environmental challenges and economic opportunities

• To evaluate the efficiency of the Arctic Council member states within the Council in their respective response to the challenges and opportunities in the Arctic
Process

• National reports; Sweden and Denmark finished, Russia and Norway will finish in February 2014, USA in April.

• The observers contribute on specific topics

• Joint report by June 2014