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# Multilateral performance audit of the Arctic Council





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# 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-Parliamentary 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**