

AINA NEWS

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AINA at High Level Meetings

As an Observer to the Arctic Council since 2004, AINA participated in the Senior Arctic Officials (SAO) Chair-Observer Meeting in February 2026 in Tromsø, Norway. The meeting provided an opportunity for Arctic Council Observers to engage directly with the Kingdom of Denmark Chairship (2025–27).

This winter and spring, AINA further strengthened its engagement within the Arctic Council through the establishment of the Arctic Council Working Group Observer Support Initiative (AINA, 2026), a new initiative developed in partnership with ArcticNet. Recognizing the need for greater Indigenous and scientific participation in Arctic Council activities, the initiative supports Canadian researchers and Indigenous knowledge holders serving as AINA-associated Observers within the Arctic Council Working Groups, including the Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG, 2025), Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF, 2025), Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program (AMAP, 2026), Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME, 2026), and the Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks (SAON, 2026), a collaborative partnership co-led and jointly sponsored by the Arctic Council and the International Arctic Science Committee.

The four-year program reflects a shared commitment to strengthening Canadian participation in Arctic governance, research coordination, and knowledge exchange. As part of the initiative, AINA has appointed Indigenous social scientist Bridget Larocque to SDWG, computational microbiologist Srijak Bhatnagar to CAFF, and postdoctoral fellow Jean Holloway to PAME. These representatives have already contributed to working group plenaries and expert group meetings, participated in Arctic

shipping discussions at the UArctic Congress and Kingdom of Denmark Ocean Connectivity Conference, and will engage in upcoming workshops focused on sustainable economic development in the Arctic.

Through this initiative, AINA looks forward to expanding opportunities for meaningful Indigenous and scientific engagement within the Arctic Council, fostering dialogue on emerging research priorities, and strengthening connections between Arctic communities, researchers, and decision-makers. The first year of the program is currently underway and will help inform the future evolution of the fund to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the Arctic Council and the communities it serves.

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