

Senior Arctic Officials Meeting
Copenhagen, Denmark
February 9 -12, 2009

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Purpose of Trip: To attend the Senior Arctic Official's editing meeting

Summary of Meeting: 2-09-09 –All working groups presented their reports to the SAO meeting. PAME which is one of six working groups of the Arctic Council that reports to SAO's when their projects are complete. **2-10-09** - The SAO meeting heard reports from the working group's which will be approved at the next SAO meeting prior to the ministerial meeting. All but one were complete, they were requested to have completed for review by the SAO chair. **2-11-09** - The second day was spent editing and reviewing the ministerial declaration for the meeting in Tromso, Norway in April. **2-12-09** - The final day, Permanent Participants met with the European Environmental Agency to create a dialogue with permanent participants representing Indigenous Peoples of the circumpolar world on climate change and to hear stories from our respective areas.

Issues for GCI to follow up on:

Oil and Gas guidelines were not included in the declaration, need to insert it. Continue working with PAME on their report, and continue the dialogue with EEA on the climate change issues our indigenous people are facing.

Next Meeting and Response Deadlines:

April 29 - 30, 2009 in Tromso, Norway.