



# Sustainable Development in the Arctic:

## *Vision for multilevel governance*



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# Key Qs for Discussion

## *NPAC, Session V*

- **SDGs in the Arctic Context**
- **Who is the lead in SDGs implementation**
- **Role of the Arctic Council**
- **Other Intergovernmental bodies**

# 1. SDGs in the Arctic context

- **SDGs: intertwine between social-economic-environmental priorities**
- **Role of climate services and infrastructure development goals**
- **Synergy of impacts:**
  - *change in the Arctic systems: natural + societal*
  - *regional + global drivers of change*
- **Gradual merge between Arctic and global sustainability agenda**
- **Challenges: risks & opportunities for SDGs**

## 2. Who is the Lead?

### *State Level Perspective*

- **State level – is crucial for SD target setting**
- **Arctic states adopted national Arctic strategies**
- **Innovation in approaches:** *Polycentric adaptive governance might be a wise option to deal with Synergy of Arctic change*
  - *Links between levels*
  - *Interactions with stakeholders*
  - *Coordination and partnerships*
  - *Inclusiveness*
- **Russia: package of Arctic strategies and socio-economic programs up to 2025**
- **Government-Business partnerships:**
  - *infrastructure & services*

# 3. Role of the Arctic Council

*SD in AC: Significant contribution during 20 years*

- **Sustainability agenda – from the early start: 1998 – SDWG**
- **“2030 Agenda and the Arctic”, UN SD Forum, *July 2018***
- **SD theme – cross-cutting**
- **Results and failures**
- **Assessment/Diagnosis**
- **Russia in AC**

## 4. Other intergovernmental bodies

### *SDGs 14-15: Biodiversity conservation*

- **Protected areas: *terrestrial* – 20%, 4.7% - *marine* (CBD target – up to 10%)**
- **Global regimes – 0.9% of the region: 80-RAMSAR; 12- WH sites**
- **Voluntary mechanisms: CSR + sustainability**
- **UNCLOS challenge: BD beyond national jurisdiction**
- **Local challenges: risks and opportunities**
  - *Subsistence economy*
  - *Tourism*
  - *Access*

# THANK YOU!

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