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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKSHOP “*REINDEER HUSBANDRY IN A CIRCUMPOLAR PERSPECTIVE*”, KAUTOKEINO, NORWAY, 26-27 APRIL 2002

The project “Sustainable Reindeer Husbandry” was approved by the Arctic Council as a project under the Sustainable Development Programme at the ministerial meeting in Barrow, Alaska, in 2000. The aim of the project is to assess circumpolar reindeer herding and husbandry in relation to economic and social/cultural sustainability. This will be done by carrying out a thematic survey and assessment of reindeer husbandry in the Arctic region (Norway, Sweden, Finland, Alaska and Russia).

So far Norway, Finland and Russia are represented in the steering committee. Other countries that are actively involved in the project are also invited to join the steering committee.

The project will foster a better understanding of the industry’s needs and explore ways to meet future challenges. It will identify areas where there is a need for action and international cooperation. The results will be made public and distributed to members, permanent participants and observers of the Arctic Council, as well as reindeer herders, educational institutions, etc.

The final report, which will be presented to the ministerial meeting in Finland in October 2002, will discuss the main challenges linked with the sustainable development of reindeer herding communities, and recommend measures that can be taken by the industry, national authorities, and the Arctic Council.

The “Sustainable Reindeer Husbandry” project will, in cooperation with the Nordic Sami Institute in Kautokeino and the Association of World Reindeer Herders, organise a workshop entitled “Reindeer Husbandry in a Circumpolar Perspective”, which will take place in Kautokeino, Norway, on 26-27 April, 2002.

The overall theme of the workshop will be the respective countries’ national legislation concerning the socio-economic development of reindeer husbandry in the circumpolar area. There will be a special focus on the situation of the industry in Russia and the new reindeer husbandry legislation being proposed in Norway and Sweden.

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Speakers from Norway, Russia, Sweden, Finland and Alaska have been invited to make presentations concerning legislation and the socio-economic development of reindeer husbandry in these countries (see the attached programme for more detailed information).

Practical information

The workshop will take place in Kautokeino, which is in northern Norway. The best way to get to Kautokeino is to fly to Alta, Norway. Kautokeino is a 2 ½ hour drive by bus/car from Alta. Transport will be provided.

Accommodation:

Due to limited accommodation in Kautokeino, you must book a room in advance at *Norlandia Kautokeino Hotel*. Maximum number of participants is 50 (including speakers). Please refer to "University of Tromsø" as your booking code.

Telephone number of the hotel: + (47) 78 48 62 05.

The hotel is also the venue for the workshop.

To register for the workshop, please contact:

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English and Russian will be the working languages at the workshop.

For more information about the project and the workshop, please visit the project homepage at:

<http://www.reindeer-husbandry.uit.no>

Yours sincerely,

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“Reindeer Husbandry in a Circumpolar Perspective”

Kautokeino, April 26-27, 2002 at Norlandia Kautokeino Hotel

Preliminary Programme (updated: 22.04.02):

Friday, 26 of April

Session 1 – Opening:

Chair:

09.00 – 09.20 **Opening of the workshop**, Jan-Tore Holvik, Head of the International Steering Committee, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Tatjana Nikolajeva, Senior Executive Officer, Russian Ministry of Agriculture.

09.20 – 10.15 **Progress Report for “Sustainable Reindeer Husbandry”**, Russian Coordinator Konstantin Klovov, Institute of Geography, St.Petersburg State University and Project Manager Johnny-Leo L. Jernsletten, Center for Sami Studies, University of Tromsø.

10.15 – 10.25 Questions

10.25 – 10.40 Coffee break

Session 2– Alaska

Chair: Jan-Tore Holvik, Head of the International Steering Committee, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

10.40 – 11.25 **Introduction to the legislation and economy in Alaskan reindeer husbandry**, Larry Davis, Kawerak, INC.

11.25 – 11.40 Comments from Association of World Reindeer Herders

11.40 – 12.10 Questions and discussion

12.10 – 13.15 Lunch

Session 3 – Russia

Chair: Nina Hellström, Senior Executive Officer, Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

13.15 – 14.00 **Legislation in Russian reindeer husbandry**, Marina Zenko, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Science.

14.00 – 14.15 Comments from Association of World Reindeer Herders

14.15 – 15.00 **The socio-economic situation in reindeer husbandry in eastern part of Russia – a view from a politician**, Vladymyr Mikhailovich Etylin, Deputy of State Duma of Russian Federation, Vice-President of Association "Russia Reindeer Herders", Vice-President of RAIPON

15.00 – 15.10 Questions

15.10 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 16.15 **The socio-economic situation in reindeer husbandry in western part of Russia**, Dr. Aleksandr Komarov, Vice-president of the Russian Reindeer Herders Union.

16.15 – 16.25 Questions

16.25 – 16.45 Comments from Association of World Reindeer Herders

16.45 – 17.30 Questions and discussion

17.30 – 18.00 Closing remarks, day one

19.30 Dinner at Norlandia Kautokeino Hotel

Saturday, 27 of April

07.00 – 08.45 Breakfast

Session 4 – Norway, Sweden and Finland

Chair: Ande Sara, Nordic Sami Institute

09.00 – 09.45 **Presentation of the Norwegian NOU 2001:35 “Proposal for an amendment to the Norwegian Reindeer Herding Act”**, Dr. Nils Oskal, Nordic Sami Institute

09.45 – 10.00 Comments from the Association of Norwegian Reindeer Herders, Aslak J. Eira.

10.00 – 10.15 Questions

10.15 – 10.30 Coffeebreak

10.30 – 11.15 **Presentation of the Swedish SOU 2001:101 “A New Reindeer Management Policy”**, Ulrika Geijer, Associate Judge of Appeal, The Official Committees and Commissions of Sweden

11.15 – 11.30 Comments from The National Association of Swedish Sámi People (SSR), Per-Gustav Idivuoma

11.30 – 11.45 Questions

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 13.45 **Presentation of the legal situation for reindeer husbandry in Finland**, Dr. Jouni Filppa, The Reindeer Herders Association in Finland

13.45 – 14.00 Comments from the Sami Parliament of Finland, Dr. Pekka Aikio

14.00 – 14.30 Questions and discussion

14.30 – 14.45 Coffee break

Session 5 – Concrete steps for following up in Arctic Council

Chair: Johnny-Leo L. Jernsletten, University of Tromsø

14.45 – 16.30	Work in different groups	Group 1:	Family economy
		Group 2:	External conditions
		Group 3:	Management system
		Group 4:	Legislation

16.30 – 17.30 Presentation from the different groups

17.30 – 18.30 Plenary discussion and closing remarks

20.00 Dinner at Norlandia Kautokeino Hotel