

AMAP Workplan for 2004 – 2006

- Perform the 2006 Oil and Gas Assessment.
- Perform the 2006 Acidification Assessment.
- Continue ongoing monitoring and assessment activities, including (long-term) temporal trend studies, and monitoring of spatial trends, human health, and biological effects in the Arctic, with special emphasis on the collection of information on new contaminants, assessment of the combined effects of climate (and UV) and contaminants (including radionuclides), preparing reports on emerging issues, and improved information on sources of contaminants (follow-up of 2002 assessment).
- Through the Secretariat, take part in arrangement of the 2nd International Conference on Radioactivity in the Environment and the 6th International Conference on Radioactivity in the Arctic and the Antarctic that will be held in Nice in October 2005.
- Arrange an International Symposium on Oil and Gas in the Arctic, in Russia in 2005.
- Implement relevant parts of the ACIA communication plan, according to decisions taken by the Ministers.
- Translate and print the ACIA Overview report in other languages (e.g., Russian, Saami, French, German and Dutch).
- Follow-up the ACIA recommendations as requested by SAOs and Ministers by further developing appropriate monitoring, assessment, and special climate related projects.
- Respond to the Reykjavik Ministerial request concerning follow-up of ACIA by, inter alia:
 - Identifying specific activities that fall within AMAP's core capabilities, including proposals for implementing these activities under the AMAP programmes.
 - Seeking, in collaboration with other Working Groups, and other international organizations, to address the wider multi- and interdisciplinary aspects of research and monitoring as identified in the ACIA recommendations regarding gaps in knowledge and needs for monitoring and research.
 - Preparing a detailed multi-year climate-related workplan to be delivered to Ministers in 2006 for their consideration, including proposals for cooperation between Arctic Council Working Groups, and cooperation with other international organizations and programmes involved in climate-related research and monitoring.
- Prepare updated reports on issues of concern, e.g., related to POPs and Mercury.
- Continue to review the AMAP Monitoring Programme and update the AMAP Guidelines for Monitoring and Assessments to reflect the requests from Ministers and latest recommendations from science (concerning methodology, etc.).
- Produce fact sheets reflecting AMAPs assessments.
- Support ACAP projects, in particular those on PCBs, mercury, obsolete pesticides, dioxins and furans, and other relevant projects as identified in the workplan for ACAP, including the development of AMAP/ACAP joint fact sheets.
- Continue a close cooperation with international bodies to avoid duplicating work and to coordinate work programmes in an efficient and cost effective manner.

- Participate in planning and implementation of the IPY.
- Develop the appropriate role for AMAP in projects such as the Lena basin partnership and the Lena and other Siberian rivers project, and communicate this to SAOs for their consideration.
- Participate in relevant international meetings and symposia to communicate AMAP results and information on ongoing activities.
- Complete development of harmonized monitoring activities jointly with CAFF when common objectives can be addressed through such harmonization.
- Coordinate GIS related activities with EPPR and other WGs.
- Improve the financial support for the AMAP work.
- Further develop the AMAP workplan to address relevant issues associated with the implementation of the Arctic Marine Strategic Plan.