

WGIP

Protocol No. 3

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Lars Miguel Utsi (IBS)

37/09 Approval of the call-up

Decision: Call-up approved

38/09 Agenda

To be included in 40/09:

- New project by Yasavey

Decision: The agenda is approved with the changes.

39/09 Approval of the protocol from the meeting in Stockholm

Decision: The protocol is approved.

22/09 Update from the members and observers

Galina A. Arteeva:

- Less activity in Yasavey, mostly due to the Nenets AO 80th anniversary
- Red Chum has not been implemented in 2009, due to lack of funding from Nenets AO and to small capacity in Yasavey. The budget for 2010 is however ready, and Zapolyarny Rayon administrates a branch of the Red Chum. A group of doctors is stationed in one place and is approached by the brigadeers and their families. Yasavey is not involved in the project. Aleksandr Belugin has visited settlements and villages, and report of consultations regarding establishment of an obshina in Nelmin-Nos.

- Zapolyarny Rayon is planning to improve the water conditions in villages and settlements
- MODIL-NAO is ending and Nikolay Latyshev is working with the dialogue between Yasavey and industrial companies
- Three Norwegian midwives visited Nenets AO in August
- Aleksandr Belugin is elected deputy to the regional дума in Nenets AO. Together with the new person in charge of indigenous peoples' issues in Nenets AO, Mr Khatanzev, Belugin is working on amendments to the Law on reindeer husbandry
- Yasavey Mansara is running. Yasavey has negotiated with the Governor regarding funding of running expenses, without results. LUKoil Komi and Northern Light Company are the landlords of Yasavey's office, and the rent is rather low. Yasavey depends on project funding.
- Yasavey is still interested in the media project, which Vladislav Peskov introduced at the WGIP meeting in 2008.
- Medecins Sans Frontières has been involved in a project in Yamal NAO since 2004, and Yasavey participated in 2005. FSB represents several challenges for the activity, and Yasavey has established a non-commercial partnership called Obshina Health. Galina Arteeva and Leonid Zubkov have implemented two training courses (April 2009). A similar course is planned to be held in Naryan-Mar in 2010. First aid for inhabitants in the tundra and remote areas is the main priority. The Norwegian Ministry of Health might be a source of funding for such a project. **BIPO investigates the guidelines and contributes in the process.**

Elizaveta Kharitonova:

- The Vepsian Culture Society is looking for project partners in order to implement a language camp. The projects description should be sent to BIPO for assistance in finding partners. The Head of the WGIP suggests that SOG-SAKK in Inari is contacted.
- Regarding federal support to indigenous peoples' areas: Sholtozero, Shoksha and Rigorets are included in this area. A new school is built in
- The cooperation with Árran is continuing, and a conference is held in Petrozavodsk on November 10-11.

Valentina Sovkina:

- SUPS MO has not yet met the new Governor of Murmansk Oblast, despite efforts made through letters. Industrial companies signalize that there is no law regarding consequence analysis in industrial activity.
- SUPS MO wishes to promote suggestions to partners in the Shtokman project regarding measures directed towards indigenous peoples
- During the Barents meetings in Murmansk, a suggestion was promoted regarding a Barents fund. SUPS MO would like indigenous peoples to be a priority within such a fund.
- Local youth are included in the SUPS MO work.
- SUPS MO participated in the Seminar on self-determination in Murmansk.
- There are rumours that the Federal Ministry of Regional Development is working on a law on compensation to indigenous peoples in areas of industrial activity. **BIPO investigates this matter.**

Per Labba:

- The Saami Parliament is meeting the chair of the BEAC for discussions about relevant matters.
- The Saami Parliament will appoint a new member to the WGIP.

Bjarne Store-Jakobsen:

- A new Council of the Saami Parliament is elected.
- The Saami Parliament will appoint a new member to the WGIP.
- The Saami Parliament has established a project on self-determination. Gáldu is running the project.

Decision: The information is taken into consideration.

41/09 Implementation of the Action Plan for Indigenous Peoples 2009-2012

44/09 Indigenous Entrepreneurship

5.3.1

Lars Miguel Utsi:

- Indigenous Entrepreneurship is still a pre-project, and the main reason for the delay is challenges attached to establishment of partnership agreements. This is now solved, and the project will start in May 2010, lasting for one year and a half. NOK 8 000 000 constitute the total budget.

5.3.2

Valentina Sovkina:

- Kola Saami Radio does not function according to the goals, as the station mainly put focus on TV production. Radio broadcasting has not started, and KSR might have to leave their location due to unpaid rent.

5.3.3

Referring to Yasavey's information about the health project.

5.3.4

Vepsian Culture Society reports on a development in the Vepsian areas regarding documentation and recognition of traditional areas of indigenous peoples.

5.3.5

The Children's Festival in Olenegorsk should have an international status.

Decision:

Letter will be sent from the WGIP to Saami Council in order to make a decision regarding the Kola Saami Radio issue. The WGIP is willing to arrange a joint meeting with owners, in Kirkenes. A date must be set immediately.

Updates on development in the respective areas must be continuously sent to BIPO and translated for further distribution to the Norwegian Barents Secretariat.

42/09 Barents Indigenous Peoples' Congress 2010 and Co-existence in the Arctic

Decision: The secretariat and Gáldu continue the preparation. The information is taken into consideration.

43/09 Rotation of chairmanship in WGIP 2010

There will be a rotation of the chairmanship in the WGIP at the first ordinary meeting in 2010. All members of the WGIP are responsible for considering candidates for the position as Head of the WGIP.

Decision: The information is taken into consideration. The secretariat sends out letters to the member organizations regarding this matter.

45/09 WGIP representation in BEAC/BRC working groups

Decision: The WGIP experiences that lacking financial frames for participation in the BEAC and BRC Working Groups prevents satisfactory participation of indigenous peoples in the Barents cooperation. A financial framework must be established in order to secure satisfactory participation of indigenous peoples in the formal part of the Barents cooperation. The decision is sent in a letter to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs.

46/09 WGIP activity plan 2010

47/09 WGIP budget 2010

Decision: The activity plan and the budget are approved.

48/09 BIPO activity plan 2010

49/09 BIPO budget 2010

Additional activities:

- Contribution to the secretariat of the BIPC and the conference in Kirkenes in February 2010. Both employees will be present in Kirkenes during the week.
- Contribution to the work on the WGIP participation in the UNPFII 2010

Decision: The activity plan and the budget are approved with the changes. The secretariat will consider the possibilities of increased funding in 2011. The second BIPO position is financed through a project, financed by the Saami Parliaments in Norway and Sweden, as well as the Norwegian Barents Secretariat. The BIPO sends a letter to the Saami Mission regarding the rental situation in Koavas hotel.

50/09 United Nations' Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues 2010

The Head and the secretariat will investigate the possibilities of arranging a side event together with Gáldu at the 9th session of the United Nations' Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (April 19-30) 2010), in which the special theme is *indigenous peoples: development with culture and identity; articles 3 and 32 of the United Nations' Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

The secretariat and Gáldu will develop a project description for the side event, based on the work of the BIPC and the conference "Co-existence in the Arctic".

Decision: The secretariat will investigate the possibilities of a joint effort with Gáldu on a side event in connection to the UNPFII 2010. Applications will be sent to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs regarding the project "Follow-up on the BIPC – WGIP and Gáldu side event at the UNPFII". Expenses for the members of the WGIP are included in the budget.

51/09 Other issues

- A new application must be sent to the Arctic Council regarding the status of WGIP as observers to the Council.

Decision: A new application will be prepared for the Arctic Council, regarding status as observer to the Council.

52/09 Next meeting

Decision: The next meeting will take place prior to the BIPC, in Kirkenes on February 3rd 2010.