

Meeting of the Working Group on Environment

14th November, Skellefteå, Västerbotten, Sweden

08.30 – 16.00

Detailed agenda

Time	Agenda Item
8.30-8.40	1. Welcome and opening of the meeting (Elin Kronqvist, WGE-chair) - Adoption of the agenda
8.40-9.00	2. Presentation of current environmental initiatives in Västerbotten (Mats-Rune Bergström, County Administrative Board of Västerbotten)
9.00-9.20	3. Presentation of the Joint Working Group on Youth (JWGY) (Susanna Lantz, representative of the chair of JWGY, the County Administrative Board of Västerbotten) - Presentation of the JWGY - Presentation of possible climate project - Discussion on possible areas for cooperation
9.20-9.40	4. Presentation of the Barents Forest Sector Network (BFSN) (Dr. Per Hallgren, Senior Advisor, Swedish Forestry Agency) - Presentation of the BFSN - Presentation of BFSN progress on the Climate Action Plan - Discussion on possible areas for cooperation
9.40-10.30	5. Nature protection and water subgroups (NPS and SWI) (Chair Mats-Rune Bergström and members of the subgroups) - Report from NPS/SWI-meeting on Nov 13 th
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-11.30	6. Strategy for protection of intact forests - Discussion on way forward
11.30-12.00	7. Organization of work in the WGE - Discussion and adoption of new mandate for the WGE and subgroups - Discussion on chairmanship rotation
12.00-13.00	Lunch

13.00-13.10	8. Presentation of a comparative analysis of the implementation of BAT and Environmental Permit Granting (Marit Hjort, OECD Environment Directorate)
13.10-14.00	9. Subgroup on Hot Spots Exclusion (SHE) (Co-chairs Åke Mikaelsson and Alexander Druchinin) - Presentation of results from the SHE-meeting on Nov 13 th
14.00-14.20	10. Climate Change - Status report from the PECC-project on regional climate strategies, (Michael Yulkin, Director General of the Environmental Investment Centre, Arkhangelsk and Ylva Sardén, the County Administrative Board of Norrbotten, Sweden)
14.20-14.50	Coffee Break
14.50-15.10	12. Update on waste projects - AB Waste project (Helena Dahlbo) - Preliminary results of the Waste inventory in Sámi areas of the Kola Peninsula (Åke Mikaelsson) - Information about the Shies waste site in Arkhangelsk (Irina Fominykh)
15.10-15.40	13. Presentation of current work on Marine Litter, including Microplastics within the Arctic Council (Jessica Nilsson, Senior Adviser at the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management) - Presentation - Information from countries about relevant activities - Discussion about possible cooperation on plastics
15.40-15.50	14. Report from the Finnish chairmanship of the Arctic Council (Saija Vuola, Ministry of the Environment, Finland)
15.50-15.55	15. Next WGE -meeting - Meetings in 2019
15.55-16.00	16. Any other business
16.00	End of meeting

Please note that we will leave for the site visit at Skellefteå Kraft and the ZeroSun project at 16.15.