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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION  
AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

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As indicated in paragraph 14.7 of CCAMLR-XXVIII, CCAMLR has been invited to the abovementioned meeting (see attached). Allowance (under the Travel subitem) has been made in the Commission-approved 2010 budget for a Secretariat Staff member to attend this meeting. Subject to the Executive Secretary's authority (CCAMLR-XXI, paragraph 3.14 and Annex 4, paragraphs 11 and 12; CCAMLR-XXV, paragraph 3.6), the Science Officer will attend given the overall importance of the topic on the Commission's and Scientific Committee's agendas, and in light of the Commission's recognition that he is best suited to provide institutional continuity with the ATCM during the handover from the incumbent to the new Executive Secretary.

Dr D.G.M. Miller  
Executive Secretary

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Secretariat of the Antarctic Treaty  
Secrétariat du Traité sur L'Antarctique  
Secretaría del Tratado Antártico  
Секретариат Договора об Антарктике

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**From:** Executive Secretary

**Date:** 26 November 2009

**To:** Antarctic Treaty Parties, ATCM Observers and Experts

**Subject:** Antarctic Treaty Meeting of Experts on Climate Change in Norway, April 2010

Please find enclosed on behalf of the ATCM Representative of Norway, Mr. Karsten Klepsvik, the invitation, including a draft meeting framework, for the Meeting of Experts on Climate Change, to be held in Svolvær, Norway, from 6 – 9 April 2009.

Attachment: ATME Invitation and ATME Framework (ATS09C34e\_Att.pdf, ATS09C34e\_Att\_2.pdf)



ROYAL MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

To:  
Parties and Observers to the Antarctic Treaty

Your ref.:

Our ref.:

Date:  
26 November 2009

Dear Parties and Observers to the Antarctic Treaty,

It is a pleasure for me to take this opportunity to invite you to Norway on 6-9 April 2010 for a Meeting of Experts on Climate Change and implications for Antarctic management and governance.

As you will recall from the discussions in Baltimore during ATCM XXXII, it was decided to convene a Meeting of Experts under the provisions of Recommendation IV- 24 with the aim of discussing relevant matters related to implications of climate change for management and governance of the Antarctic region - Decision 1 (2009).

Norway is pleased to host this Meeting of Experts and invite you to participate. The meeting will take place in the northern community of Svolvær in the Lofoten Islands (see for example <http://www.visitnordland.no/index.php?c=454&kat=Lofoten> for more information on the Lofoten Islands). We will provide further details about travel options, hotel accommodation other relevant information in due course.

I hope that delegations will be able to arrive in Svolvær on Tuesday 6 April in time for an informal get-together in the evening. The meeting itself will last three days - Wednesday 7 April, Thursday 8 April and Friday 9 April.

We have established a Secretariat for the meeting at the Norwegian Polar Institute in Tromsø. A separate website will be established within the next month ([http:// atme2010.npolar.no](http://atme2010.npolar.no)) and you will in due course be able to find updated information related to the meeting (both with regard to registration, documents and document submission, practical arrangements and program) on this website.

We would initially propose delegations of two-three participants from consultative parties and one-two participants from non-consultative parties. If any of you have special needs regarding the number of participants, we will do our best to be as flexible as possible.

In accordance with Decision 1 (2010), representatives from the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programs

(COMNAP), the International Association of Antarctica Tourist Operators (IAATO), the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC), the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Hydrographical Organization (IHO), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will also be invited to the meeting.

Those who wish to participate in the meeting should register electronically via the website of the Secretariat of the meeting. I would encourage you to register at an early date. We will, of course remind you about this as we get a bit closer to the meeting and when the website is available.

I am pleased to enclose a draft meeting framework for the Meeting of Experts, which I should be happy to receive any comments to, in particular to the identified and suggested topics which the meeting is formed around. You can reach me by e-mail ([karsten.klepsvik@mfa.no](mailto:karsten.klepsvik@mfa.no)) or phone (+47 22 24 34 28).

I look forward to seeing you in Norway in April next year.

Best regards,



Karsten Klepsvik

## ***DRAFT* Meeting Framework**

# **Antarctic Treaty Meeting of Experts on Climate Change (ATME 2010)**

### **Introduction**

To assist delegations/experts in preparing for the discussions at the Antarctic Treaty Meeting of Experts in April 2009, Norway has prepared a draft Meeting Framework document, outlining the topics to be discussed, as well as identifying some of the issues associated with those topics. The draft Meeting Framework document also includes a description of how the meeting is planned to be organized with regard to presentations, group work and plenary discussions. The draft Meeting Framework will be updated before the meeting, and will be posted on the planned ATME website and distributed before and at the meeting.

Decision 1 (2009) has been used as basis for the development of this framework (attached at the back of this document).

### **I. Agenda**

The following agenda has been prepared for the Meeting of Experts, in accordance with Decision 1 (2009):

1. Election of Officers
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Topic i: Key scientific aspects of climate change
4. Topic ii: Key consequences of such change to the Antarctic marine and terrestrial environment
5. Topic iii: Implication of such consequences to management of Antarctic activities
6. Topic iv: The need for monitoring, scenario planning and risk assessment
7. Topic v: Outcomes of the Copenhagen negotiations relevant for the Antarctic
8. Topic vi: The need for further consideration of any of the above issues and manners in which this can be achieved
9. Proposals and report for ATCM XXXIII

Further consideration of the topics in pt. 3-8 is given in pt. IV below.

## II. Meeting organization

The following framework is suggested for the meeting.

### **Day 1**

1. Setting the stage:
  - Key note presentation on Topic v: *Outcomes of the Copenhagen negotiations relevant for the Antarctic and Antarctica's relevance for international climate negotiations*
  - Key note presentation(s) on Topic i covering the following themes:
    1. Observed climate changes
    2. Expected climate changes
    3. Consequences for marine environment
    4. Consequences for terrestrial environment
2. Presentation of submitted documents on Topic (i, ii), iii, iv, v and vi (and room for clarifying questions)

### **Day 2**

1. Statements and general observations from delegations/experts in plenary
2. Discussions in 2 working groups, covering topics as described below.

### **Day 3**

3. Discussions in 2 working groups, covering topics as described below.
4. Final discussions in plenary drawing conclusions based on the plenary discussions and the reports from the working groups.
5. Discussion in plenary on outcomes of the Copenhagen negotiations relevant for the Antarctic and Antarctica's relevance for international climate negotiations
6. Review of Chairman's report
7. Closing of the meeting

## III. Working groups

It is suggested that the meeting should split into two groups during part of day 2 and part of day 3 to facilitate discussions. To maintain focus on interrelated topics it is also suggested that the groups address management issues along the following topics:

Working Group I:

- Nature conservation/protection (species, alien species, protected areas, pollution, ecosystem management, etc.)
  - Management issues related to climate change
  - The need for monitoring, scenario planning and risk assessment
  - The need for further consideration of any these issues and manners in which this can be achieved

Working Group II:

- Human activity (research: implementation, research needs, etc.; tourism: access, safety, impacts, etc.; transport and infrastructure: ship operations, air operations, land transportation, stations, etc.)
  - Management issues related to climate change
  - The need for monitoring, scenario planning and risk assessment
  - The need for further consideration of any these issues and manners in which this can be achieved

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| <b>IV. Annotated agenda</b> |
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To assist delegations/experts in preparing for the meeting we will in the months to come set out some key issues under each heading and make these available to the Parties. We will also make and circulate an overview of relevant background papers.

## **Decision 1 (2009)**

### **Meeting of Experts on Climate Change**

**The Representatives,**

**Decide to:**

1. convene a Meeting of Experts under the provisions of Recommendation IV-24, with the aim of discussing relevant matters related to implications of climate change for management and governance of the Antarctic region;
2. request the Meeting of Experts to examine the following topics relevant to the issue of climate change in Antarctica:
  - Key scientific aspects of climate change and consequences of such change to the Antarctic terrestrial and marine environment,
  - implications of climate change to management of Antarctic activities,
  - the need for monitoring, scenario planning and risk assessments,
  - outcomes of the Copenhagen negotiations relevant for the Antarctic,
  - the need for further consideration of any of the above issues and manners in which this can be achieved;
3. encourage attendance at the Meeting by representatives from Consultative Parties and invite experts from Non-Consultative Parties, the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), the Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programs (COMNAP), the International Association of Antarctica Tourist Operators (IAATO), the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC), the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Hydrographical Organization (IHO), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP);
4. accept the offer of the Norwegian Government to host the Meeting of Experts in Norway, which should be held in advance of ATCM XXXIII (potentially Week 14, around 6-9 April 2010);
5. in accordance with Recommendation IV-24, request Norway to submit a report of the Meeting of Experts to ATCM XXXIII for consideration.