



UArctic

Thematic Network on, **Local-scale Planning, Climate Change and Resilience**

Annual Partners Meeting

Tuesday December 10, 2024, 12-1pm (MST)

Agenda

1. **Welcome**
2. **TN Administration**
 - a. Update on membership
3. **Re-cap on recent Activities** (TN as lead or partner)
 - a. Speaker Series
 - b. Workshop + Panel
 - c. Roundtable
4. **On-going/ Planned Activities** (TN as lead or partner)
 - a. Speaker Series
 - a. Book Project
 - b. Collaboration
 - b. Special Session Proposal, Adaptation Futures 2025
6. **Other**

2. TN Administration

Update on Membership

Thematic Network Members

58

Countries

11

Canada, USA, Iceland, Denmark/ Greenland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Germany, Ireland, UK

Members from UArctic-member Organizations

26*

Member from Organizations Outside of UArctic

9*

* includes 1 cross-appointment

3. Re-cap on recent Major Activities

a. Speaker Series

b. Workshop + Panel

c. Roundtable

Speker Series

Organizer + Moderator:

- Jeff Birchall
- Northern Students' Association (University of Alberta, Canada)

Supported by:

- School of Urban and Regional Planning (University of Alberta, Canada)

Speakers:

November 2024 - [Anderson Assuah \(University College of the North, Canada\)](#)

- *A Look at the Waste Management-Climate Change Nexus in Indigenous and Northern Communities*

February 2024 - [Lene Sandberg \(Arctic University of Norway, Norway\)](#)

- *Captive in a hazard prone area?: Landowner responsibility for preventing disaster risk in the built environment in Norway*

November 2023 - [Maeva Gauthier \(University of Victoria, Canada\)](#)

- *Arctic Community-driven Education Program: From Research to Impact*

Workshop + Panel

Circumpolar Education Program on Environmental Change and Resilience

When/ Where:

- May 29, 2024, Arctic Congress, Bodo, Norway

Purpose:

- Scope next phase of community-driven education program on climate impacts on coastal communities
- Panel: offer perspectives on creating inclusive, place-based educational programs
- Workshop: deeper collaborative discussions (conversation cafe); draw insights from community members (32 participants)

Funding:

- Global Arctic Leadership Initiative

Organizer:

- UArctic TN on Local-scale Planning Climate Change and Resilience (Maeva Gauthier, Jeff Birchall)

Moderator:

- Maeva Gauthier (University of Victoria, Canada)

Panelists:

- Jeff Birchall, University of Alberta, Canada
- Diane Hirshberg, University of Alaska Anchorage, USA
- Anothony Specá, Laera Institute for Circumpolar Education, Canada
- Anna Sinialo, GRID-Arendal, Norway
- Charles Sean Topkok, University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA

Next Steps:

- Peer-reviewed journal article; UArctic magazine article; Final report for funder
- Figure out how best to move forward with what we've learned, re. building an education program

Roundtable

Resilience in the North: Measuring Progress and Mapping A Path

When/ Where:

- June 1, 2024, Arctic Congress, Bodo, Norway

Purpose:

- Discuss pathways forward for developing concrete resilience indicators that are uniquely suited to Arctic peoples/ ecosystems

Organizer / Moderator:

- Arctic Initiative, Harvard University, USA (Brittany Janis/ Jennifer Spence)

Collaborators:

- Arctic Initiative, Harvard University, USA
- Association of World Reindeer Herders, Norway
- High North Centre, Nord University, Norway
- UArctic Thematic Network on Local-scale Planning, Climate Change and Resilience, Canada

Next Steps:

- Book project: What it means to be resilient: Lessons from the Arctic

4. On-going/ Planned Activities

a. Speaker Series

b. Book Project

c. Collaboration

d. Special Session Proposal

Speker Series

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Speakers:

January 2025 - [Alison Perrin \(Yukon University, Canada\)](#)

- *Northern Adaptation and Resilience*

February 2025 - [Ishfaq Hussain Malik \(University of Leeds, UK\)](#)

- *Global Challenges, Local Struggles: Dissecting Arctic climate change and Indigenous Peoples adaptation in Nunatsiavut*

March 2025 - [Adelheid Herrmann \(University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA\)](#)

- *Visualizing the Landscape of Tribal Communities: A context for working in rural Alaska*

Book Project

Organizers:

- High North Centre (Nord University, Norway)
- Arctic Initiative (Harvard University, USA)
- UArctic TN on Local-scale Planning Climate Change and Resilience (University of Alberta, Canada)

Theme:

- What it means to be resilient: Lessons from the Arctic
- Case studies from across Arctic countries
- Empirical chapters; story-telling focused chapters
- Virtual Story Board

Next Steps:

- Submitted chapter proposals are being vetted

Collaboration

Organizer:

- John Duffy (University of Alaska Anchorage, USA)

Partners (steering committee):

- UArctic TN on Local-scale Planning Climate Change and Resilience
- International Division-American Planning Association
- Council of American Oversea Research Centers
- Rangelands Network

Theme:

- Public policy for an economically-resilient and environmentally sustainable future
- Expand theoretical/ practical knowledge of policymaking and community planning
- Collaborative international research

Funding Program:

- National Science Foundation - AccelNet

Next Steps:

- Grant proposal is current in review

Special Session Proposal

Venue:

- Adaptation Futures Conference (University of Canterbury, New Zealand)

Theme:

- Local-scale planning/ climate change/ resilience/ governance

Session:

- Chair
- 5 talks, 12 minutes
- Panel Q&A
- 90 minutes

Dates:

- Conference: October 13-16, 2025, Christchurch, NZ
- Proposal DUE: February 25, 2025

Next Steps:

- Develop proposal, confirm presenters, submit
- Develop other proposal?

Other

Catalogue of Stakeholders

TN Project



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Thanks for your time!

For further discussion, please contact me at:

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