



## Invitation to a Scope of Work Workshop for the Arctic Council 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Expedition

The Arctic Council facilitates the cooperation central to ensuring that the Arctic region remains free from conflict. As the environment – both physical and geopolitical – continues to change in the Arctic, the Arctic Council represents the rules-based order through which the eight Arctic States govern this region. It has served as a stabilizing force in the region for the last 25 years and is positioned to continue to do so for the next 25 years and beyond.

The Arctic Council at the level of the Senior Arctic Officials has been negotiating the possibilities of conducting a joint research expedition to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization. IB Oden has been proposed as the vessel for the expedition.

The planning of the research expedition has now advanced to the stage where the Swedish Polar Research Secretariat, as the operator of Oden, is inviting representatives of scientific communities in the eight Arctic states, representatives of the six Arctic Council Working Groups, and representatives of the permanent participants to a first online workshop with the purpose of jointly define the more detailed scientific Scope of work for the expedition. You have been selected as participant to this workshop.

The workshop will take place on **January 26 at 15.30-18.30 CET.** (Starting time corresponds to 17.30 Moscow / 9.30am Washington D.C./ 16.30 Helsinki.)

Attached is a draft Scientific Scope of Work for the expedition.

Best Regards,

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