**ATCM Multi-year Strategic Work Plan**

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|  | **Priority** | **ATCM XLIII (2021)** | **Intersessional** | **ATCM XLIV (2022)** | **Intersessional** | **ATCM XLV (2023)** | **Intersessional** | **ATCM XLVI (2024)** |
| 1. | Consider coordinated outreach to non-party states whose nationals or assets are active in Antarctica and states that are Antarctic Treaty Parties but not  yet to the Protocol |  | Coordination to be considered within Competent Authority online forum | ATCM to identify and reach out to non-party states whose nationals are active in Antarctica |  |  |  |  |
| 2. | Contribute to nationally and internationally coordinated education and outreach activities from an Antarctic Treaty perspective |  | ICG on Education and Outreach | WG 1 to consider the report of the ICG on Education and Outreach |  |  |  |  |
| 3. | Share and discuss strategic science priorities in order to identify and pursue opportunities for collaboration as well as capacity building in science, particularly in relation  to climate change |  |  | SCAR will report on the outcomes of the ACCE update, which represents a comprehensive decadal update  The ATCM to consider if its results would indicate the need for some additional priorities and opportunities for cooperation  The ATCM will invite SCAR lecture on the outcome of the report |  |  |  |  |
| 4. | To bring Annex VI into force and to continue to gather information on repair and remediation of environmental damage and other relevant issues to inform future negotiations on liability |  |  | ATCM to evaluate progress made towards Annex VI becoming effective in accordance with Article IX of the Antarctic Treaty, and what action may be necessary and appropriate to encourage Parties to approve Annex VI in a timely manner  ATCM to consider the implications of liability limits in other relevant international instruments for the potential future amendment of the limits in Article 9 of Annex VI  ATCM to take a decision in 2022 on the establishment of a timeframe for the resumption of negotiations on liability in accordance with Article 16 of the Protocol on Environmental Protection, or sooner if the Parties so decide in light of progress made in approving Measure 1 (2005) – see Decision 5 (2015) |  |  |  |  |
| 5. | Assess the progress of the CEP on its ongoing work to review best practices and to improve existing tools and develop further tools for environmental protection, including environmental impact assessment procedures |  |  | WG 1 to consider advice of the CEP and discuss the policy considerations of the review of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) |  |  |  |  |
| 6. | Collection and use of biological material in Antarctica |  | Informal exchange of information through ATCM forum  Encourage Parties to respond to SCAR’s survey | WG1 to discuss the collection and use of biological material in Antarctica, including, where relevant, building on the report and recommendations contained in Antarctic Bioprospecting: SCAR Survey of Member Countries presented to ATCM XLIII (2021) |  |  |  |  |
| 7. | Address the recommendations of the Antarctic Treaty Meeting of Experts on Implications of Climate Change for Antarctic Management and Governance (CEP-ICG) |  |  | Parties to provide updates on risk assessment approaches taken to identify potential climate change implications for current and future Antarctic, logistics and environmental values  Space agencies –discussion on space- based technologies for observing the Antarctic region in the context of climate change  Agree how to deal with any outstanding recommendations from the ATME on Climate Change Implications (2010) |  | Update from COMNAP on its work with national programmes to use consistent methods to quantify and publish savings made by energy efficiencies and which contribute to both (a) reducing carbon footprint and (b) reducing fuel consumption |  |  |
| 8. | Discuss implementation of the Climate Change Response Work Programme (CCRWP) | WG 2 to consider annual update from CEP on implementation of CCRWP |  | WG 2 to consider annual update from CEP on implementation of CCRWP |  | WG 2 to consider annual update from CEP on implementation of CCRWP |  |  |
| 9. | Modernisation of Antarctic Stations in context of climate change |  |  | Further discussion on modernisation of Antarctic stations |  |  |  |  |
| 10. | Review and discuss issues related to increased aviation activity in Antarctica, and assess the need for additional action |  |  | Discuss information from the Antarctic Aviation Workshop presented by COMNAP  Parties to inform on their aviation-related activities/plans |  | Further discuss results from the Antarctic Aviation Workshop  Parties to inform on their aviation-related activities/plans |  |  |
| 11. | To take note of the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters; to continue to strengthen cooperation among Antarctic marine operators; and to take into account developments in  the IMO |  |  | Further exchange views on national experiences in implementing the Polar Code in Antarctica |  |  |  |  |
| 12. | Hydrographic surveying in Antarctica |  |  | Parties to react to IHO’s proposal  Parties, IHO and IAATO to report on progress in hydrography |  |  |  |  |
| 13. | Review and assess the need for additional actions regarding area management and permanent infrastructure related to tourism, as well as issues related to land-based and adventure tourism, and address the recommendations of the CEP Tourism Study |  | ICG on permanent facilities for tourism and other non-governmental activities in Antarctica | Consider outcomes of ICG on permanent facilities for tourism and other non-governmental activities in Antarctica  Further consideration of environmental issues relating to tourism based on any new advice from the CEP  Consideration of possibly increased search and rescue burdens on national Antarctic programmes due to increased tourism activity in Antarctica |  |  |  |  |
| 14. | Develop a strategic approach to environmentally managed tourism and non-governmental activities in Antarctica |  | Informal intersessional discussions on possible applicability and use of tourist fees  Informal intersessional discussions on post visit report form and associated information on tourism and non-governmental activities | Further discussions relating to issues arising from the growth of tourism, including any implications of the potential growth in non-IAATO registered operators |  |  |  |  |
| 15. | Visitor site monitoring |  |  | To analyse CEP progress on recommendations 3 and 7 of the CEP Tourism Study |  |  |  |  |
| 16. | Continue cooperation between Parties to proactively identify and address current and future trends related to the ATS |  | Informal consultations with the purpose of reaching deeper understanding of major issues and trends taking into account exchanges that took place in 2019-2021 intersessional period | Consider outcomes of informal consultations and identify priority issues for further consideration |  |  |  |  |
| 17. | Enhancing compliance with ATCM regulations relating to non-governmental activities including tourism activities |  |  | Working Group 1 to provide advice on how those operating in Antarctica can most effectively gather and share evidence of suspected non-compliance |  |  |  |  |
| 18. | Address equality, diversity and inclusion issues, by promoting full participation of underrepresented groups in Antarctic science and operations activities |  |  | Parties to share information on their plans on these issues |  | Parties to share information on their plans on these issues |  |  |
| 19. | Management of volcanic/seismic events in Antarctic facilities |  |  | Consider any information from SCAR and COMNAP on different aspects associated to the volcanic/seismic events and Antarctic facilities  Review and discuss how Parties can adequately deal with these events in Antarctic facilities |  | Review and discuss how Parties can adequately deal with these events in Antarctic facilities |  |  |

Note: The ATCM Working Groups mentioned above are not permanent but are established by consensus at the end of each Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting.