Arctic Priorities

• Balanced thematic pillars of the Arctic Council during the US Chairmanship 2015-17:
  • Arctic Ocean Safety, Security, and Stewardship
  • Improving Economic and Living Conditions
  • Addressing Impacts of Climate Change

• Arctic as a region of stability, peace and international cooperation

• Arctic climate change impacts locally and globally
### Ambitious and Balanced Agenda

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Tracks of Cook’s Three Voyages

Red = Endeavour (1768-1771)
Green = Resolution & Adventure (1772-1775)
Blue = Resolution & Discovery (1776-1780)
Thank You
Backup Slides
The Ottawa Declaration (1996) formally established the Arctic Council as a high level intergovernmental forum to promote cooperation, coordination and interaction among the Arctic States, with the involvement of the Arctic indigenous communities and other Arctic inhabitants on common Arctic issues.

Particular emphasis on sustainable development and environmental protection in the Arctic; military security issues are specifically excluded from the Council’s mandate.
U.S. Chairmanship Team

Chair of the Arctic Council: Secretary of State John F. Kerry
U.S. Special Representative for the Arctic: Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr.
Special Advisor on Arctic Science and Policy: Fran Ulmer
Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials: Ambassador David Balton
U.S. Senior Arctic Official: Julia L. Gourley

Overarching Goals

- Continue strengthening the Arctic Council as an intergovernmental forum
- Introduce new long-term priorities into the Arctic Council
- Raise Arctic and climate change awareness domestically and across the world