Introduction to the networking in Arctic Council and the governmental structures supporting the networking

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”EXPLORING COMMON SOLUTIONS” Finland’s Chairmanship 2017-2019

• Finland’s Chairmanship Frameworks are 1. Climate change and 2. Sustainable Development Goals
• Global warming is still expected to continue for decades with considerable impact on the Arctic.
• The goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by the United Nations in 2015, are global in scope and apply also in the Arctic.
• Accordingly, Finland proposes to explore how the Agenda 2030 framework can be used in Arctic cooperation for the benefit of humans and nature.
Finland's Chairmanship Priorities are

- **Environmental Protection:** Environmental protection lies at the core of Arctic cooperation. Healthy ecosystems and human well-being in the Arctic require effective environmental protection measures. Finland encourages Member States to put the recommendations into practice and to communicate the results also in global forums.

- **Connectivity:** Well-functioning communication networks and services are a lifeline for human activities and a prerequisite for economic development in the Arctic. This work would take into account the needs of indigenous peoples, local communities and businesses, tourism, and researchers.

- **Meteorology:** By further developing meteorological cooperation, it is possible to improve monitoring and observation networks and the management of climate and water-related risks.

- **Education:** Equal access to good basic education opens the doors to learning trades, to higher education, and to finding a place in working life. Finland proposes to strengthen the network of education specialists in cooperation with the University of the Arctic.
Strategic areas for a socially sustainable Finland 2020

**A strong foundation for welfare**
- Health and welfare in all policies
- Longer working careers through wellbeing at work
- Balancing the various areas of life
- Sustainable social protection financing

**Access to welfare for all**
- Reduce differentials in welfare and health
- Customer-oriented services
- New service structures and operating practices
- Strong sense of social inclusion

**A healthy and safe living environment**
- Strengthen the viability of the environment
- Ensure that society can continue to function under exceptional circumstances
The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health is building a healthy society and sustainable prosperity in the transformation of work - new strategic choices included in our big picture

1. We will strengthen the growth of society and the economy.
2. We support people's active role in their communities and in society.
3. We ensure that the customer gets the necessary, impressive and cost-effective services and benefits.
4. **We build a working and living environment that promotes safety and wellbeing.**
5. We will ensure that the funding of social security and insurance systems is on a sustainable footing.
6. **We support well-being in the transformation of work.**
7. We will make sustainable future solutions together with others.

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The main objectives of national development programmes

• Balancing healthy work and healthy life is a challenging task.

• We need to cooperate between policy makers, researchers, opinion leaders, and enterprises. But first of all we have to listen to the workers.

• In Finland since the last millennium we have worked together with the cross-ministry and cross-sector cooperation were identified as key success factors along with a political consensus, and tripartite-agreed societal programmes.
Ministerial strategic issues supporting the networking in Arctic and ANOHS cooperation 1/2

- As part of the Working Life 2020 project a group was appointed to develop the Finnish working life brand, with the aim of making a good working life a competitive factor for Finland: [http://www.tyoelama2020.fi/files/1861/TEMju_l_43_2016_netti.pdf](http://www.tyoelama2020.fi/files/1861/TEMju_l_43_2016_netti.pdf)
- We wanted to find out top features for our working life - 1. skills, 2. cooperation and 3. safety as well as corresponding supporting narratives for these three.
- The concern about safety and health of working women and men and the positive link to productivity is growing internationally.
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• The United Nation’s new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development include 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Several goals concern safety and health at work, and occupational health particularly, such as, SDG 1. Elimination of poverty, SDG 3. Health and SDG 8. Decent work. These goals can only be achieved with improvement of occupational safety and health, occupational health services and conditions of work.

• The minister Mattila (Ministry of Social Affairs and Health) made an initiative for new Global Coalition to implement OSH declarations (21. World Congress on Safety and Health at Work, 3rd - 6th September 2017 Singapore).

• The Global OSH Coalition sets out to be inclusive, involving governments, workers’ and employers’ organizations, international agencies, partners for development, the private sector, civil society organizations, academia, OSH and OH professionals, the media and other actors supporting the aims of the coalition.
Thank you for your attention!

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