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ASSOCIATION OF POLAR AND EARLY CAREER SCIENTISTS (APECS) NORDIC RESEARCH PROJECT: “BRIDGING EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN NORDIC COUNTRIES”

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For years, the increasing impacts of climate change have been observed by residents and researchers across the Arctic. The social sciences in particular have acknowledged the inclusion of local traditional knowledge as critical to understanding these rapid changes. Establishing meaningful connections and strengthening communication between indigenous community members and researchers is therefore crucial for current and future research in the Arctic. In many Nordic countries, calls for measures and mechanisms that provide guidance for establishing and building indigenous-researcher relationships have recently seen greater interest and attention. In response, this APECS Nordic research project is focusing on communication and enhanced engagement between early career researchers and northern communities in Nordic countries. Funded in part through the Nordic Council of Ministers (Norden) and leveraging the collaboration, education and outreach experience of APECS, this research initiative is using webinars, surveys, research networks and a 2-day workshop to begin to address research collaboration challenges in Nordic countries. This presentation will identify some of these challenges while providing recommendations on how to move forward by drawing on the variety of tools we are using.