

The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), in cooperation with its partners, would like to invite you to a roundtable discussion on

**Achievements and Ways Ahead for Advancing Arctic Sustainability –
The Canadian and US Chairmanships of the Arctic Council (2013-2017)**

Tuesday, 14 April 2015, 17:00 – 19:00

at the Embassy of Canada
Leipziger Platz 17, 10117 Berlin

Discussants: Dr. Carolina Cavazos Guerra
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Dr. David J. Scott
Executive Director of the Canadian Polar Commission, Ottawa

George Noll
US Embassy, Berlin

Moderator: Prof. Ilan Chabay
IASS Potsdam

This event is part of a series of discussions on Arctic issues organized jointly by the Embassy of Canada, the International Arctic Science Committee, the Alfred Wegener Institute Helmholtz Center for Polar and Marine Research, the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, and Ecologic Institute. Please refer to the attached concept note for more information about further upcoming events.

The overarching theme of the Canadian chairmanship of the Arctic Council from 2013 to 2015 was “Development for the People of the North”. This focus aims to address various issues related to the challenge of shaping sustainable futures for changing Arctic environments. These issues include:

- responsible Arctic resource development,
- safe Arctic shipping, and
- sustainable circumpolar communities.

The upcoming US chairmanship from 2015 to 2017 under the proposed headline of “One Arctic: Shared Opportunities, Challenges, and Responsibilities” will continue to address the various sustainability challenges, which include

- Arctic Ocean safety, security, and stewardship
- Economic and living conditions of Arctic communities
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation



The event will be held just a week before the Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting in Iqaluit, Canada, on April 24-25, 2015, which marks the hand-over of Canada's chairmanship and the beginning of the United States' chairmanship. It thus provides a timely opportunity to take stock of the Canadian chairmanship as to its efforts and achievements, but also the remaining tasks and challenges ahead for ensuring sustainable Arctic futures in its various dimensions. Moreover, the event will explore the way forward, taking an outlook to the US chairmanship by highlighting possible continuations as well as new directions for the work of the Arctic Council.

While generally focusing on Arctic sustainability and perspectives for sustainable development, the event will put a specific focus on reducing emissions from short-lived climate pollutants (specifically black carbon), a key issue affecting both Arctic as well as non-Arctic climate and health conditions, and closely linked to emissions from outside the region.

The discussion will be held in English without interpretation, followed by a reception.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Kathrin Keil, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) (kathrin.keil@iass-potsdam.de).

We look forward to welcoming you to the Embassy of Canada and encourage you to register early.

