

Permanent Participants on the Arctic Council

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AIA
Aleut International
Association



AAC
Arctic Athabaskan
Council



GCI
Gwich'in Council
International



ICC
Inuit Circumpolar
Council



RAIPON
Russian Association
of Indigenous Peoples
of the North

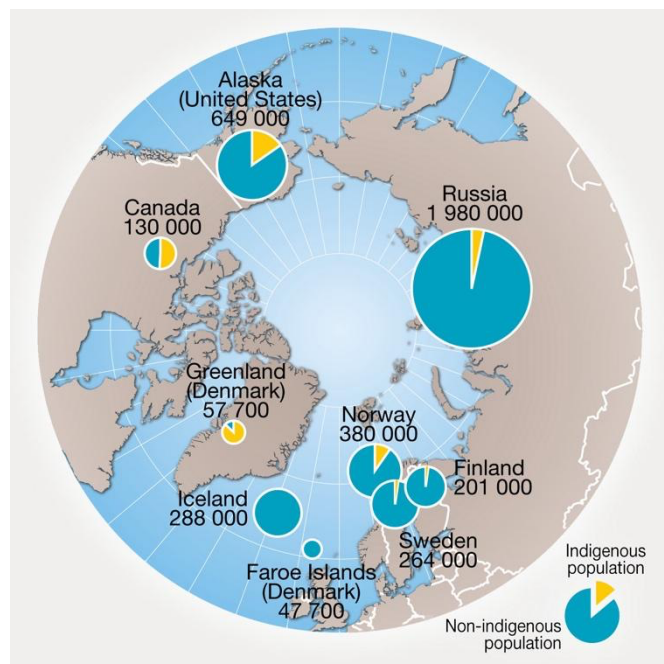


Saami Council

Permanent Participant status was designed to provide the active participation and full consultation of Arctic Indigenous peoples in the work of the Arctic Council. Note that links are to the Arctic Council and include the official websites for the Permanent Participants. In order of formation:

- [Saami Council](#) (1956) – Finland, Russia, Norway, Sweden; population 100,000
- [Inuit Circumpolar Council](#) (1977) – Canada, Greenland, Alaska, Chukotka; population 180,000
- [Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North \(RAIPON\)](#) (1990) – Russia; population 250,000
- [Aleut International Association](#) (1998) – Alaska, Russia, Pribilof Islands; population 15,000
- [Gwich'in Council International](#) (1999) – Alaska, Yukon, Northwest Territories; population 9,000
- [Arctic Athabaskan Council](#) (2000) – Alaska, Yukon, Northwest Territories; population 45,000

[Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat \(1994\)](#)





State members of the Arctic Council

Permanent participants to the Arctic council

- Inuit Circumpolar Conference (ICC)
- Arctic Athabaskan Council (AAC)
- Gwich'in Council international (GCI)
- Aleut International Association (AIA)
- Russian Association of Indigenous People of the North (RAIPON)
- Saami Council (SC)

★ Maritime delimitation dispute

■ Military air or naval base/station

Northern Warning Line (Strategic Air Defence Radar System)

Sources : Arctic Council; Norwegian Polar Institute, *Permanent Participants of the Arctic Council*, map compiled by Winfried Dallmann; Global Security, Washington DC; Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada; International Boundaries Research Unit Database, University of Durham. Updated with expert feedback.