



Advancing Collaboration in **Canada-U.S.** Arctic  
Regional Security II (ACCUSARS II)  
*A Strategic Foresight Exercise for the U.S. and Western  
Canadian Arctic Regions*  
Invitational Workshop

25-26 March 2021  
Moderator/Facilitator Guidance

## Introduction.

Led by ACCUSARS co-hosts at the North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network at Trent University at Peterborough Ontario and the Arctic Domain Awareness Center at the University of Alaska, ACCUSARS II will be held as a virtual event on **25-26 March 2021**.

Workshop Day 1 will purposely relook the ACCUSARS I intersections of regional focus from current baselines **towards a 10–15-year Strategic Foresight** oriented to the U.S. Arctic and Canada's Western Arctic. It seeks to establish, from science and practitioner viewpoints, the security implications stemming from a projected changing physical environment and climate; uncertain futures of economic opportunities; anticipated needs and likelihood of investments in surface and maritime transportation networks; infrastructure and communication needs; and the security risks from traditional and non-traditional foreign economic and military interests affecting the Western Canadian Arctic and the U.S. High North. This analysis seeks to include symmetrical and asymmetrical threats to North American security.

Workshop Day 2 will aggregate day 1 activities to **create several potential foresight future alternatives** focused on potential macro-trends that cut across the foresight futures for the U.S. and Western Canadian Arctic in order to frame gaps and shortfalls. The activities of Day 2 will illustrate and evaluate gaps and threats, yielding knowledge outcomes that support policy makers as well as defense and security practitioners. The culmination of Day 2 will be the creation of a basic baseline SFA for the U.S. and Western Canadian Arctic oriented to multidisciplinary and multidimensional risk.

Chatham House protocols will be in effect for the entire workshop. The workshop will also be recorded in order to produce a summary report, but this recording will not be released to the public.

Notes taken during the meeting will be formed into a summary report which will be shared with NAADSN and ADAC networks, including DND/CAF, DHS, and the broader community of CANUS Arctic security professionals.

The following is the planning guidance for ACCUSARS II panel moderators and panelists.

### Overall guidance:

Generally, following brief introductions by panel moderators, (who are asked to refrain from reading biographies/biography summaries...as these are published for symposium participants) all panels are arranged for opening views and discussions planned and prepared by the panelists. Accordingly, **ACCUSARS II planners respectfully request moderators and speakers to consider the following:**

- **Very minimum slides/viewgraphs.** For Plenary panels, we prefer *little to no slides*. For Keynote speakers and plenary panels, ACCUSARS II Planners will provide a chart of the Arctic presented as a backdrop for presenters who wish to not use slides. For multiple member plenary panels, if slides are used, planners request 1-3 viewgraphs be the



target range, and request no more than 5 slides per panel presenter.

- **Style of presentation...Informative and conversational.** Planners wish to encourage discussion and dialogue...and provide the opportunity for questions from participants.
- **Desired content of presentation...fact laden and practically focused:** ASLS planners wish for presenters to relay what they know and what they think. Each presenter at ACCUSARS II has exceptionally knowledgeable...and each presenter has unique and valuable insights. Planners wish participants listen and learn from what each presenter knows and thinks about the panel topic.
  - ACCUSARS II planners do not wish the panel title be too much a constraint...but serve as a guide of what we wish for panelists to consider in reflecting their understandings and insights.
  - Planners are requested to focus less on aspirations...of what we wish the Arctic to become and focus more on the contours of the Arctic which is presenting itself in the near and mid-term time horizon.
  - Please consider the overall changing geostrategic trends of the Arctic. While noting these changes, we also challenge presenters to think about fine scale aspects and avoid too much generalization, which can possibly lead to mischaracterization.
  - Presenters should focus less on what would be considered partisan or political...the symposium is about practical measures which protect citizens, identifying and recognizing gaps and shortfalls in responding day to day and in crisis...and learning more.
  - Presenters are requested to relay real experiences and provide practical assessments.
  - Presenters are requested to focus more as well in securing respective national interests, while considering the changes now underway in and across the Arctic.
  - Finally, for plenary presenters are requested to speak more about what they know and think...and less about what their organization does.
- **Panelists are asked to consider using a “Ted (style) Talk” approach.** Here’s a site to consider in preparing for the panels: <https://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/TED-talk>
- **Supporting Power point Presentations:** Please email any powerpoint presentations to [uaa.adac@alaska.edu](mailto:uaa.adac@alaska.edu) with cc copy to [rakee@alaska.edu](mailto:rakee@alaska.edu) and [ematthews@alaska.edu](mailto:ematthews@alaska.edu) no later than close of business, 24 March 2021.

## Conclusion

The above guidance is respectfully suggested and recommended to support the speakers and



panelists for ACCUSARS II. ADAC remains at the ready to assist any and all speakers in preparing and conducting their presentations.

