



Forum of Arctic Research Operators

FARO Annual Meeting 2025

20 March, 09:00 – 17:00 US time, Hybrid meeting

Boulder, Colorado, USA

Glen Miller Ballroom in UMC - 208

Agenda

09:00 - 15:30 Open Meeting

1. Opening Session: led by Dirk Mengedoht, FARO Chair (30 minutes)

Welcome and introductions

Approval of meeting minutes from 2024

Adoption of the Agenda

Report from the Chair

2. Updates from Countries - Session I (30 minutes)

5 minutes allowed for each country

Please focus on:

1. Brief general update
2. Overview of planned vessels/icebreaker capacity, with updates on route and availability of the vessels/icebreakers (when, where, capacity and contact info).
3. Update on modernizing infrastructures in terms of green transitions

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

Updates from Countries - Session II (90 minutes, continued from above)

3. Updates from other organizations and projects, 5 minutes

- ICARP and IPY – Gerlis Fugmann

12:00-13:30 Lunch

4. Updates from other organizations and projects, 5 minutes each (45 minutes)

- COMNAP – Antonio Quesada, COMNAP Chair
- AFoPS – Thamban Maloth
- PAG – Jacqueline Grebmeier
- EPB – Maria Grigoratou
- POLARIN – Nicole Biebow
- INTERACT – Elmer Topp-Jørgensen
- Arctic Funders Forum - Tetsuo Sueyoshi, NIPR Japan

5. Thematic discussions (60 minutes)

- a. Infrastructure disturbances and cooperation with local/ indigenous communities - sharing existing guidelines for equity.
- b. Satellite infrastructure for communication

6. Conclusion of Open Meeting

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 17:00 Internal business (closed session)

7. FARO 5-Year Strategic Plan (15 minutes)

8. Identification of Thematic FARO working groups – NPOC's (30 minutes)

FARO will establish one or more Working Groups (WGs) to explore and share new technological advances relevant to infrastructure management and operation. These WGs will facilitate knowledge exchange through thematic discussions, emails, social media, and the FARO website.

The FARO ExCom and Secretariat will assist in forming WGs based on themes selected by the FARO community.

Suggested themes:

Risk management, sustainable energy, green technologies, safety communication, and autonomous systems.

WG members are elected among NPOCs, with a WG lead chosen by the group. WGs are supported by the FARO Secretariat. Each WG decides on its activities and meeting frequency, and the progress and activities are reported to the FARO community.

9. Administrative business: Dirk Mendedoht, FARO Chair (15 minutes)

- i. FARO 2024 finance report
- ii. FARO 2025 budget
- iii. Election of two ExCom members for the period 2025-2028 (Anyone wishing to present themselves, or others, as ExCom members are welcome to do so up until the point of voting. Please contact the secretariat). Current ExCom members can be found [here](#).

Members with terms expiring:

Danièle Rod (2022-2025), Switzerland

Daan Blok (2022-2025), The Netherlands

FARO ExCom should strive for at least 1 member from the Americas, 1 from the Asian countries, 1 from the European countries.

- iv. FARO representation in IPY
Who is involved in the IPY process and discussion of FARO involvement/representation.
- v. FARO Social Media Strategy
Discussion on whether to continue with FARO accounts on X and Facebook.
Consideration of other relevant platforms: LinkedIn, Bluesky, Mastodon, ??.
- vi. Next FARO Annual Meeting during ASSW 2026 in Aarhus, Denmark from 27 March - 2 April 2026
- vii. Any other business

10. Wrap up: Dirk Mengedoht

17:00 End of meeting
