

UArctic Assembly Meeting / Bodø, Norway / June 2024

Agenda item: 13

Proposal – Update on Plans for the Assembly 2025

Proposal: The Executive Committee (Toyon) proposes that the Assembly makes the following decisions:

Assembly supports the plans for the UArctic Assembly 2025, to be held on 9-12 June 2025 in Inari, Sápmi, Finland, hosted by the Sámi Education Institute.

References: UArctic Constitution / Articles: 8 – Association Assemblies; 9 – Convening Assembly

UArctic Bylaws / Section 3.2 – Meetings of the Assembly

Background:

Following to the discussions with UArctic leadership, the Sámi Education Institute has proposed to host UArctic's 6th Assembly meeting on 9 - 12 June 2025 in Inari municipality, in the heart of Sápmi, Finland. The plan is to offer an introduction to Sámi Education Institute, its project activities and Sámi culture.

In addition to the Business meeting held in the Sámi Culture Center Sajos, there will be various opportunities to gain understanding and hands on experience of rich Sámi culture and nature in the area. The program will highlight Sámi livelihoods and the connection to the land, cultural heritage of the Sámi people and Sacred sites.

In their meeting in October-November 2023, the Board of UArctic accepted the invitation of Sámi Education Institute and decided to have the UArctic Assembly 2025 on 9-12 June 2025 in Inari.

Rationale:

UArctic Bylaws, section 3.2 – Meetings of the Assembly:

An annual Assembly will be held each year in one of the UArctic member countries or territories, at a time between April 30 and July 1, on a date specified by the Board.