

Action Group on SCAR and the ATS in the 21st Century (AG-SATC)

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Overall Aim: to improve the nature and timeliness of the advice that SCAR provides to the Treaty System, and to provide the SCAR Executive with alternative approaches to managing SCAR's advisory role to the ATS.

Terms of Reference:

1. Offer guidance on ways to efficiently manage SCAR's ATS workload while being responsive to the ATS.
2. Suggest procedures/protocols that will ensure that SCAR's advice is based on the best available knowledge.
3. Recommend procedures to manage SCAR's consultations with other ATS entities.
4. Define ways for SCAR to manage the expectations of the CEP and set realistic time frames for response to ensure reasonable workloads.
5. Propose ways for SCAR to effectively meet its ATS mission in lieu of financial and human resource limitations and dependence on a voluntary workforce.

Members:

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Reporting:

to the SCAR Executive Committee and the SCAR Delegates at their meetings in Russia in early July, 2008.

First Meeting:

May 22-23, 2008, Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, UK