

## **The AEC Works for the Arctic with Arctic Values**

### **Climate Change Affects the Arctic – AEC Works for a Sustainable Arctic Future**

Arctic Economic Council (AEC) supports the Global Climate Goals and Sustainable Development Goals and notes with great concern the reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and others on the effects of climate change which impact the Arctic twice as hard as rest of the world.

Economic activity in the Arctic forms an important contribution in our efforts to reach the Global Climate Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals. Sustainable utilization of the Arctic natural resources provides the world with clean energy, food, minerals needed for the green shift, green industrial products and other goods, both serving the people in the Arctic and the rest of the world.

Economic sustainability for the Arctic peoples is critical. Climate change must not lead to the closing of economic activity in the Arctic. The Arctic businesses and the Arctic peoples share the global responsibility of keeping the climate change to a minimum.

Representing the diversity of businesses active in the Arctic, the AEC works for the Arctic, with Arctic values.