

**Joint Statement between**  
**the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research and Innovation, Science and**  
**Economic Development Canada**  
**about furthering bilateral science and research collaboration**

Acknowledging the Joint Statement on Research Cooperation issued by The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions, and Ms. Sigrun Aasland, Norwegian Minister of Research and Higher Education, on March 24 in Ottawa, Canada, Minister Joly and Minister Aasland have agreed to further bilateral science and research cooperation through an ambitious plan to develop a joint research agenda to advance understanding of the Arctic. This work will be supported by a roadmap identifying priority areas of interest and grounded in mutual trust and shared values.

As transatlantic and Arctic partners, Canada and Norway are advancing a joint, research-focused climate data initiative that leverages climate research and strengthens climate data sharing, reinforcing their partnership and supporting evidence-based decision-making. This collaboration is expanding Arctic data-focused research partnerships to deepen understanding of the relationship between climate change and the frequency of extreme weather events in Arctic regions, including through climate modelling and data reanalysis. Data collected in Arctic regions, including climate-related data, will be safeguarded for future generations, strengthening climate science partnerships and deepening understanding of climate change, with a particular focus on the Arctic.

Canada and Norway are uniquely positioned to provide leadership in Arctic research. Norway hosts one of the world's most critical biodiversity data repositories, while Canada has advanced research practices that recognize Indigenous Knowledge as fundamental to the co-creation of new innovations in Arctic science and technology.

Recognizing that joint research initiatives involve multiple government partners and stakeholders in both countries, Ministers have instructed their respective departmental officials to develop a roadmap for concrete action. Collaboration will be supported through policy dialogue and thematic workshops aimed at advancing shared objectives in the Arctic region.

Emphasizing the importance of research security as a complement to existing bilateral initiatives, Canada and Norway have also agreed to pursue opportunities to strengthen knowledge mobility. These efforts may support increased student mobility, academic and

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industrial cooperation, and the development of new technology and data partnerships. Expanded collaboration in Arctic research and linkages through research infrastructures may also be pursued.

These actions will guide science and research cooperation in support of a stronger bilateral relationship. By strengthening science and research collaboration with trusted international partners, Canada and Norway will drive innovation and contribute to sustainable solutions to global challenges.

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Mélanie Joly

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