This project will establish a new research network covering a broad range of disciplines and organizations representing communities, government, the private sector, and non-profit organizations. Research will examine the sustainable development of Arctic natural resources in ways that will improve the health and well-being of northern communities and preserving the region’s unique environment. In this context, sustainability includes social, economic, cultural, and environmental elements, with each area being affected in different ways by resource exploitation. The main focus will be on finding ways to ensure that larger shares of the benefits of resource development stay in the North with fewer costs to communities.

**Focus on policy related research to find ways to ensure that the regions of the North have the appropriate tools to mitigate the negative impacts of resource development and benefit more from future resource exploitation.**

**Research will examine new ways of developing the natural resources of the Arctic so that communities can effectively deal with the changes and challenges presented by resource development, specifically impacts at the community level.**

**Focuses on the role of traditional ecological knowledge and community access to science and technology in the management of mining, petroleum and hydro-electric development impacts on the northern ecosystems and communities.**

**Looks at how resource development in the North can occur in a manner that supports the cultural foundations of Northern indigenous peoples and enhances their ability to participate in the economic and social affairs of the region.**

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