**Arctic SDI**

**Working Group on Cloud and Cascading WMS service**

**Terms of Reference**

**Introduction**

The Arctic SDI Board has decided to establish an Activity Working Group on Cloud/WMS*.*

**Objective**

The Activity Group on Cloud, WMS and Cascading Services is responsible for:

* Cloud platform
* Cascading WMS service

**Organization**

Norway has volunteered as *Lead Country* for the Activity Group on Cloud and Cascading WMS service.

*Supporting this activity are Finland and Sweden.*

The Lead Country has the responsibility for the operation and progress of the activity. The tasks within the activities can be divided between the Lead Country and the Support Countries. The Lead Country is also responsible for the planning of meetings, video meetings, correspondence and communication.

The Lead Country refers to the Board. This includes the responsibility to report and submit documents and draft decisions to the Board, including compliance with deadlines and reflecting on the opinions expressed by the National Contact Points in the process of preparing the Board Meeting and respecting the schedule for the preparation of Board Meetings.

**Activity plan**

The work within the Working Group on Cloud and Cascading WMS service is described in a dynamic Activity Plan which will be available at the Arctic SDI Web Site.

**Division of work**

Division of work between the Lead Country and Support countries was agreed in the working group meeting on 20th March 2014: Norway: Cloud platform, Cascading WMS service

**Transparency and interaction**

The work of the activity working group will be performed in an open and transparent manner and meetings as well as documentation will be open to all representatives from the signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding.

The Lead Country has the responsibility to coordinate and communicate any necessary cross cutting issues concerning operations and planning processes with the lead countries of the other Arctic SDI working groups.

**Resources**

The Arctic SDI activities are based upon voluntary cooperation between the national mapping agencies.