

US/Greenland/Denmark Joint Committee

9th Annual Meeting

Factsheet

- Representatives of the three parties met on October 2nd 2013 in Ilulissat, Greenland. The 10th meeting of the Committee will be hosted by the United States in 2014.
- The Annual report 2013 was approved. Following a translation to Greenlandic it will be available to post on the website.
- All parties agreed on the importance of existing and future cooperation, including in such areas as the Arctic Council and Arctic High Seas fisheries. Participants emphasized the Joint Committee's role in adding value to this cooperation and agreed to frequently reassess whether the Joint Committee is meeting parties' expectations.
- The parties discussed current and future priorities for Joint Committee cooperation, with a special focus on opportunities and challenges in Greenland's economic development. In that regard, Greenland's delegation highlighted investment opportunities in the minerals sector.
- The Committee agreed to continue to focus on the existing priorities of capacity building and development of human resources. It was agreed that human resources development could be accomplished via both government to government efforts as well as by promoting direct links between academic institutions and other organizations in both countries. In addition, there was a mutual wish to expand and explore other areas of cooperation.
- On that basis, the Committee agreed to establish an informal working group on economic and trade issues. Each delegation will appoint a contact point for this working group; whose first task will be to develop a country investment guide for Greenland.
- Regarding the possibility of mining for uranium in Greenland, the parties welcomed the U.S. offer of technical assistance from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and a proposed training opportunity through the NRC's Foreign Assignee Program.
- The National Science Foundation presented their plans for modernization of Summit Camp and plans to install a 12-meter radio telescope at the site. All parties commended the plans. Due to the size of the telescope project, Greenland expressed a wish to get a more formal involvement from

Greenland authorities with the intent to discuss the possibility of an Impact Benefit Agreement.

- Lastly, all parties agreed to continue to work together on building public awareness of Joint Committee activities..