The Gender Equality in the Arctic (GEA) project is endorsed by the Arctic Council Sustainable Development Working Group. Phase 1 of the project took place in 2013-2015 with the objective of promoting and expanding the dialogue on Gender Equality in the Arctic.

The main output of phase I consisted of an international conference on “Gender Equality in the Arctic: Current Realities, Future Challenges” in the fall of 2014. The conference addressed various topics, but throughout a consistent theme of diversity emerged, highlighting the importance of recognition and appreciation of diversity in terms of discourses, gender, indigenous and non-indigenous peoples, governance, education, economies, social realities, sustainability and balanced participation in leadership and decision making both in the public and private sectors.

A 2015 report based on the conference included conference proceedings and a list of policy relevant highlights. The report and recordings of the conference sessions can be accessed online at bit.ly/GEA-report.

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Gender Equality in the Arctic – Phase II builds on the success of the conference and report, both of which were well received. The purpose and expected outcome is to:

- Promote and expand the dialogue on Gender, Diversity and Equality in the Arctic.
- Provide a formal network of groups and experts, interested in issues of Gender, Diversity and Equality in the Arctic.
- Encourage cooperation with and between existing networks on Gender, Diversity and Equality in the Arctic.
- Provide an online platform for material and events relevant to Gender, Diversity and Equality in the Arctic.
- Organize, collaborate on and participate in workshops and conferences relevant to Gender, Diversity and Equality in the Arctic.

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