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Accountability Considered Key to Thwarting Harassment

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Convened for three days in March 2021, 70 experts developed “robust recommendations for institutional change in field and ocean research,” with the goal of “preventing and responding to harassment in field science.”^[1] Anne Kelly, one of the leaders of the workshop funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), described the workshop at a recent congressional hearing probing harassment and attacks at NSF-funded research sites in Antarctica.^[2]

“The group identified 52 best practices for institutions to address harassment in the field,” said Kelly, deputy director of the Nature Conservancy in Alaska. “The recommendations provide meaningful results through institutional structural change, rather than relying on mere good intentions.”

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