



Inuit in a Globalized Arctic



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Challenges



- The Arctic is vast. It has an unforgiving climate that is changing rapidly and unpredictably, with implications for the health of Inuit, the Arctic environment and the wildlife Inuit depend upon.
- Inuit manage much of this land through their negotiated land claims.
- The level of skilled labour and education posed to take advantage of the economic potential requires immediate attention within the Inuit community.

ICC: Who we are



155,000 Inuit live in the Arctic spread across Greenland, Canada, Alaska (USA) and Chukotka (Russia). The Inuit Circumpolar Council advocates for Inuit rights internationally.

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ICC: Principle Goal



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Promote Inuit
Rights
Internationally

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ICC (Canada) Priority issues in Arctic – GA 2014



- Sustainable Use (Biodiversity)
- Resource Development Issues (Oil and Gas, Mining)
- Health and Food Security
- Climate Change
- Contaminants
- Arctic Trade
- Language
- Research
- Government Relations

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Who Are Modern Inuit?



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Climate Change

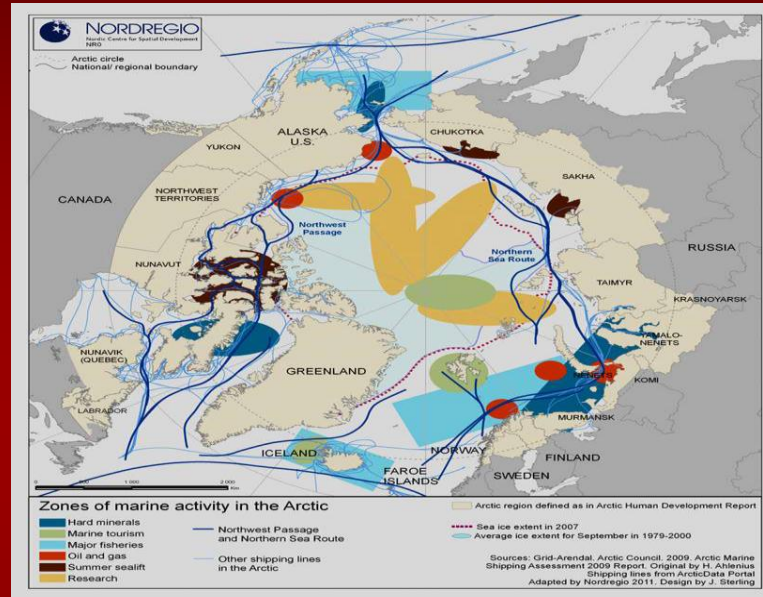
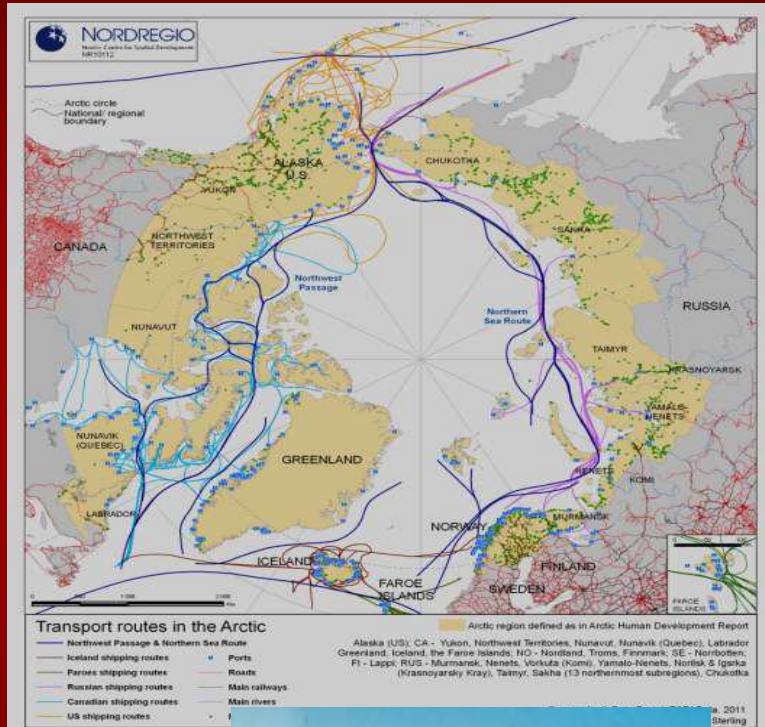


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"Scientific evidence for warming of the climate system is unequivocal." - *Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*



The Arctic in a New Era – Inuit and Global Interests



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Role of Indigenous Peoples



- Witness to the impacts of environmental change
- Consumer/user/beneficiary of the policy
- Science/Knowledge should inform policy development and decision making (but)...
- Scientists/indigenous knowledge holders need to be thinking ahead to be proactive and ensure that appropriate knowledge is available in a timely manner



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Six Working Groups

AMAP-Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program

CAFF-Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna

SDWG-Sustainable Development Working Group

EPPR-Emergency Preparedness, Prevention and Response

ACAP-Arctic Council Action Plan

PAME-Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment

CANADA'S CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE ARCTIC COUNCIL (2013-2015)

“DEVELOPMENT WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTH”

PROPOSED INITIATIVES

January 21, 2013 Speech In Tromso, Norway Minister of Environment and Minister Responsible for the Arctic Council, Leonna Aglukkaq

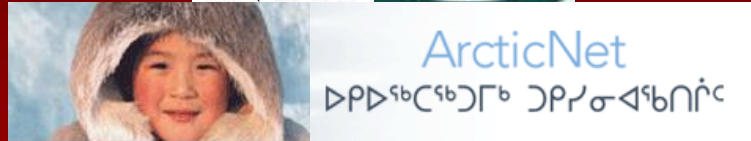
There will be three sub-themes to guide Canada's work:

1. “Responsible Arctic Resource Development,”
2. “Safe Arctic Shipping,” and
3. “Sustainable Circumpolar Communities.”





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