

INUIT CIRCUMPOLAR COUNCIL CANADA

# 2024-2025

## ANNUAL REPORT



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# ACRONYMS

<b>AGM</b>	Annual General Meeting
<b>AMAP</b>	Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme [Arctic Council]
<b>CAFF</b>	Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna [Arctic Council]
<b>CAOFA</b>	Central Arctic Ocean Fisheries Agreement
<b>CBD</b>	Convention on Biological Diversity [UNEP]
<b>CBMP</b>	Community - Based Monitoring Program
<b>CIHSC</b>	Circumpolar Inuit Health Steering Committee
<b>CITES</b>	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
<b>COP</b>	Conference of the Parties
<b>DFO</b>	Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada
<b>EPFR</b>	Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response [Arctic Council]
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>FJMC</b>	Fisheries Joint Management Committee [ISR]
<b>GAC</b>	Global Affairs Canada
<b>ICARP</b>	International Conference on Arctic Research Planning
<b>ICC</b>	Inuit Circumpolar Council
<b>ICC Alaska</b>	Inuit Circumpolar Council Alaska
<b>ICC Canada</b>	Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada
<b>ICC Chukotka</b>	Inuit Circumpolar Council Chukotka
<b>ICC KN</b>	Inuit Circumpolar Council Kalaallit Nunaat [Greenland]
<b>ICPC</b>	Inuit-Crown Partnership Committee
<b>IK</b>	Indigenous Knowledge
<b>IMO</b>	International Maritime Organization [UN]
<b>INC</b>	Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Global Treaty on Plastic Pollution [UNEP]
<b>IPCC</b>	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [UN]
<b>IRC</b>	Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
<b>ISC</b>	Indigenous Services Canada
<b>ISR</b>	Inuvialuit Settlement Region
<b>ITK</b>	Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami
<b>ITO</b>	Inuit Treaty Organization
<b>IYEP</b>	Inuit Youth Engagement Program
<b>IUCN</b>	International Union for Conservation of Nature
<b>LCIPP</b>	Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform [UN]
<b>MEPC</b>	Marine Environment Protection Committee [IMO]
<b>Minamata</b>	Minamata Convention on Mercury [UNEP]
<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>NIYC</b>	National Inuit Youth Council
<b>NTI</b>	Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.
<b>PAME</b>	Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment [Arctic Council]
<b>PPR</b>	Pollution Prevention and Response [IMO]
<b>POPs</b>	Persistent Organic Pollutants [UNEP]
<b>POPRC</b>	Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee [POPs]
<b>SAOC</b>	Senior Arctic Officials Chair [Arctic Council]
<b>SAON</b>	Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks [Arctic Council]
<b>SBI</b>	Subsidiary Body on Implementation [CBD]
<b>SBSTA26</b>	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice [CBD]
<b>SDWG</b>	Sustainable Development Working Group [Arctic Council]
<b>SCG</b>	Scientific Coordinating Group [CAOFA]
<b>TK</b>	Traditional Knowledge
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>UNEP</b>	United Nations Environment Programme
<b>UNFCCC</b>	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
<b>UNPFII</b>	United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
<b>QIA</b>	Qikiqtani Inuit Association
<b>WG</b>	Working Group

# PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I am pleased to present this Annual Report highlighting the substantial work that ICC Canada has done over the past fiscal year to bring Inuit Knowledge and priorities to international forums where significant decisions are made about our Arctic homeland.

This year saw numerous successes for Inuit priorities on international issues. We advanced preliminary work on the creation of an Inuit-led management authority for the Pikialasorsuaq with the 1st Meeting of the Parties in September 2024. In Summer and Fall of 2024, a coalition of Indigenous Peoples Organizations, including ICC, successfully lobbied the UNEP’s Convention on Biological Diversity to create a new subsidiary body and work programme under the Traditional Knowledge, Innovations and Practices article. However, there still remains much work to do to ensure international actors engage meaningfully with Inuit and uphold Inuit rights.

This year also saw past ICC Canada leaders achieve success in international and national forums. Former Board of Directors member Aluki Kotierk was named Chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. In December 2024, ICC Canada was thrilled to congratulate past ICC Canada President Nancy Karetak-Lindell on her appointment as Senator in the Senate of Canada. She joins Her Excellency Governor-General Mary Simon, a past ICC President, in the highest levels of Canadian government where they continue to find new ways of advocating for Inuit and the Arctic.

Each section of this Annual Report outlines our milestones this past fiscal year. In 2025-2026, we look forward to the first year of the Kingdom of Denmark’s chairship of the Arctic Council. Closer to home, and in cooperation with Inuit Treaty Organizations and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, we look forward to working with the newly elected Canadian federal government to continue advancing Inuit priorities. We also look forward to working closely with our regional host Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the other ICC offices to plan the 15th ICC General Assembly to take place in Iqaluit, Nunavut in July 2026. This significant

event brings Inuit from across the circumpolar world to plan the work of ICC for the next four years and celebrate our culture. It is through our culture that Inuit are united, and it is this strength and unity that allows ICC Canada to undertake our international work.

Many thanks to our funders and growing list of donors, whose support enables us to raise our Inuit voice around the world.

Nakummek,

**NATAN OBED**  
**ICC CANADA**  
**ACTING PRESIDENT**





# OUR AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada (ICC Canada) is a non-profit organization dedicated to representing the interests of Inuit in Canada on matters of international importance. We bring Inuit concerns on transnational issues to international forums where high-level decisions are made on issues that impact our Inuit homeland. We promote, advocate, and celebrate the totality of our Inuit culture: our knowledge, our language, our art, our beliefs, and our stories.

ICC Canada is one of four offices of the international Inuit Circumpolar Council, which preserves and promotes the unity of Inuit as a single people within the circumpolar Arctic and advocates on behalf of all Inuit. ICC was founded in 1977, when Iñupiaq leader Eben Hopsen invited Inuit leaders to discuss how to provide united, consistent responses to address increasing attacks on the Inuit way of life.

ICC holds a General Assembly every four years at which delegates from across the circumpolar region elect a new Chair and Executive Council members, develop policies and adopt resolutions that will guide the activities of the organization for the coming term, and celebrate Inuit culture.

Every 4 years, coinciding with the General Assembly, the position of Chair – the international leader – rotates from one region to the next. Canada is hosting the next General Assembly, in Iqaluit, Nunavut in July 2026 and we look forward to assuming the international chairship.



Promote collaboration between Inuit in Canada and Inuit in Alaska, Chukotka, and Kalaallit Nunaat.



Act as the international vehicle through which Inuit in Canada can voice concerns to world bodies, international conventions, intergovernmental forums, international non-governmental organizations, and global Indigenous movements.



Promote, protect, and celebrate Inuit rights and culture on the international level.



Coordinate and facilitate cooperation among Inuit Treaty Organizations in Canada on international matters.



Represent the views of Inuit in Canada on the Executive Council of the ICC (International) and to implement, in Canada, the resolutions emanating from the General Assemblies of the ICC.



Cooperate with permanent participants on our Board (ITK, Pauktuutit, and NIYC) to maintain ongoing dialogues with the ministries of the Government of Canada on issues of international importance to Inuit.



# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

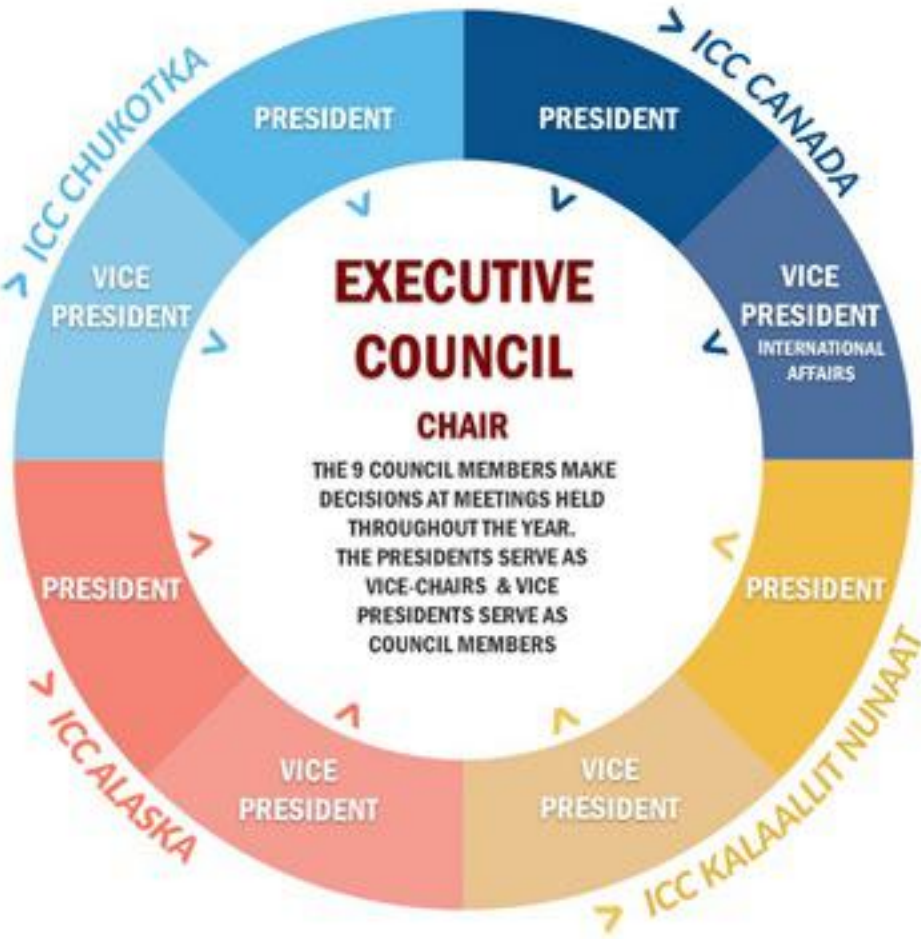
ICC CANADA BOARD AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

ICC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

BOARD EXECUTIVE	BOARD MEMBERS	PERMANENT PARTICIPANTS (NON-VOTING)	KALAALLIT NUNAAT	CANADA	CHUKOTKA	ALASKA
<b>NATAN OBED</b> Acting President	<b>JEREMY TUNRALUK</b> President Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.	<b>NANCY ETOK</b> Board Chair Pauktuutit	<b>HJALMAR DAHL</b> ICC Kalaallit Nunaat President and ICC Vice-Chair	<b>NATAN OBED</b> ICC Canada Acting President and ICC Vice-Chair	<b>VALENTINA LEONOVA</b> ICC Chukotka President and ICC Vice-Chair	<b>MARIE GREENE</b> ICC Alaska President and ICC Vice-Chair
<b>HERBERT NAKIMAYAK</b> Vice-President International Affairs	<b>PITA AATAMI</b> President Makivvik	<b>SUSIE-ANN KUDLUK</b> President National Inuit Youth Council	<b>KATHRINE BØDKER</b> Council Member	<b>HERBERT NAKIMAYAK</b> Council Member	<b>EGOR VERESHAGIN</b> Council Member	<b>NICOLE KANAYURAK WOJCIECHOWSKI</b> Council Member
<b>DUANE SMITH</b> Secretary - Treasurer	<b>JOHANNES LAMPE</b> President Nunatsiavut Government					
	<b>DUANE SMITH</b> Chair & CEO Inuvialuit Regional Corporation					

## ACKNOWLEDGING COMMITMENT AND LEADERSHIP

We would like to thank Lisa Qiluqqi Koperqualuk for all her hard work and leadership as ICC Canada President from summer 2022 to winter 2025. We thank Aluki Kotierk, former President of NTI, for her service as an ICC Canada Board member from December 2017 to December 2024. We look forward to our continued work with Aluki at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. We thank outgoing NIYC President Susie-Ann Kudluk for her contributions to our Board and youth initiatives at ICC Canada over the past two years!





# ***OUR ARCTIC HOME***

For Inuit, the Arctic is our home. It is where our language, values, and way of life continue to thrive amidst rapid change. Through the Arctic Council and other Arctic forums, ICC advances Inuit leadership to shape the future of our shared homeland. We bring generations of wisdom and lived experience, ensuring that decisions made in and about the Arctic reflect the needs and aspirations of those who live here.



# ARCTIC COUNCIL

“  
ICC has worked hard for the establishment of the Arctic Council. We take our place at the Arctic Council as a distinct people, with our own language, culture, values, traditions, homelands and the right of self-determination.”

ICC POSITION PAPER,  
“SAFEGUARDING AND  
STRENGTHENING THE ARCTIC  
COUNCIL”, JULY 2024.



[READ IT HERE](#)

The Arctic Council is a key multilateral mechanism for international Arctic cooperation. The Russian invasion of Ukraine, now in its 3rd year, continues to impact the work of the Arctic Council and Arctic cooperation in general. Working Groups have resumed virtual meetings, but the Senior Arctic Officials have not met and continue to operate through written procedures only.

As one of its founding organizations, ICC continues to strongly support the work of the Council and believes in its effectiveness. ICC Canada is proud to lead ICC’s engagement in 3 of the 6 Arctic Council Working Groups.

## THIS YEAR’S MILESTONES



**MAY 2024:** ICC Chair Sara Olsvig and ICC Vice Chair Lisa Qiluqqi Koperqualuk participated in the 3rd Senior Arctic Officials Chair and Permanent Participants Meeting in Bodø, Norway, helping to advance strategic discussions and planning for the Arctic Council.



**JULY 2024:** Publication of ICC’s position paper, “Safeguarding and Strengthening the Arctic Council.” ICC Canada collaborated with the other ICC offices to draft this paper. It calls for member States to strengthen the governance of the Arctic Council, fully recognize Indigenous Knowledge across all activities and Working Groups projects, ensure full and effective participation and meaningful engagement of Permanent Participants, and build capacity and funding for Inuit-led research initiatives.



**SEPTEMBER 2024:** Norwegian Arctic Ambassador and the Senior Arctic Officials Chair, Morten Høglund; Chair of SDWG, Inga Nyhamar; and members of staff from the Arctic Council Secretariat visited the ICC Canada office to learn more about ICC Canada’s work. The ICC Canada Archives was of particular interest as it contains records about the foundation of the Arctic Council and ICC’s work over the last 40 years.



**JANUARY 2025:** We participated in the 4th Senior Arctic Officials Chair and Permanent Participants Meeting in Tromsø, Norway, where the parties discussed the conclusion of work under Norway’s Chair and early planning for the Kingdom of Denmark’s Chair (2025-2027).

**3rd Senior Arctic Officials Chair and Permanent Participants Meeting in Bodø, Norway, 29 May 2024.**



We look forward to the Kingdom of Denmark’s Chair of the Arctic Council (May 2025 - May 2027). We are eager to work with States and Permanent Participants through the Arctic Council to strengthen its governance, and supporting active roles for Inuit in Arctic affairs.

# ARCTIC COUNCIL

## CONSERVATION OF ARCTIC FLORA & FAUNA



ICC Kalaallit Nunaat currently leads ICC engagement at the CAFF Working Group. ICC Canada represents ICC on the Steering Group for CAFF's Coastal Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program.

### THIS YEAR'S MILESTONES



ICC Canada participated in CAFF Head of Delegation meetings to review and plan next steps for the Working Group. ICC Canada and ICC Kalaallit Nunaat also participated in the CBMP Coastal Steering Group meetings.



**MAY 2024:** The CAFF Indigenous Youth Fellowship published a final report on the usage of SIKU (an Indigenous Knowledge mobile app and web platform) in circumpolar biodiversity monitoring. We sat on the Advisory Group and provided support for the Inuk youth who took on the fellowship. Congratulations to Josh Komangapik on his fellowship!



**WINTER 2025:** CBMP Canada received funding from the Government of Canada to begin a project to train Inuit participants in data management and explore the use of SIKU in CBMP work in Canada. ICC Kalaallit Nunaat and ICC Canada are both involved in the new project.

### WHAT COMES NEXT?

ICC Canada will continue to participate in and support ICC Kalaallit Nunaat's work at CAFF and looks forward to bringing regional representatives into the new CBMP project in Canada.

# WORKING GROUPS

## EMERGENCY PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

ICC Canada is the head of delegation for ICC at the EPPR Working Group, working alongside the other Indigenous Permanent Participants to create policy and procedures around prevention and response to emergencies in the Arctic.

### THIS YEAR'S MILESTONES



**SEPTEMBER 2024:** ICC Executive Council Member Herb Nakimayak led the ICC delegation at the EPPR Expert Working Group sessions on Search and Rescue and Radiation, preparing for the EPPR plenary.



**OCTOBER 2024:** ICC Executive Council Member Herb Nakimayak attended the plenary session of the EPPR, where he reported on ICC's plans to hold an Indigenous Knowledge Sharing and Mobilization workshop.



**MARCH 2025:** In partnership with the Arctic Athabaskan Council and Saami Council, ICC led an Indigenous Mobilization Session at the EPPR Arctic Emergency Management Conference in Norway, attended by Permanent Participants and other EPPR representatives.



### WHAT COMES NEXT?

ICC Canada will action ideas discussed at the Indigenous Knowledge Mobilization Session in partnership with the other Permanent Participants.



# ARCTIC COUNCIL

## PROTECTION OF THE ARCTIC MARINE ENVIRONMENT



ICC Alaska leads ICC's delegation to the PAME Working Group. ICC Canada supports ICC's overall work by sitting on the PAME Marine Protected Areas Expert Group. We also participate in the Head of Delegation meetings reviewing potential projects and implementation activities.

### THIS YEAR'S MILESTONES



**APRIL 2024:** ICC Canada chaired a session at the Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures workshop, a CAFF/PAME initiative. ICC Executive Council Member Herb Nakimayak and ICC Canada also presented on Inuit-led monitoring and the usage of Indigenous Knowledge in policy and management.



**APRIL 2024:** ICC Canada attended PAME's 3rd International Conference on the Ecosystem Approach to Management in Arctic Large Marine Ecosystems. ICC Executive Council Member Herb Nakimayak gave a keynote speech, "Co-management: A way to mobilize Inuit Knowledge to inform ocean management," and participated in a panel discussion with staff from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association and DFO.



ICC Canada was the lead author on a chapter on Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas for a report on Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures.

### WHAT COMES NEXT?

ICC Canada will continue to participate in and support ICC Alaska's work at PAME. ICC Canada looks forward to the publication of our chapter in the Other Effective Conservation Measures report.

# WORKING GROUPS



The 3rd International Conference on Ecosystem Approach to Management in Arctic Large Marine Ecosystems was convened in 2024. There were several outcomes, including a conference report, *Managing Arctic Marine Ecosystems - Ecosystem Approach Workshop Report*.

[READ THE CONFERENCE REPORT HERE](#)

The Norwegian Chairship of the Arctic Council in cooperation with EPPR and Nord University hosted the Arctic Emergency Management Conference in Bodø, Norway, March 2025. ICC hosted a two-day Indigenous Knowledge Mobilization Session with Permanent Participants, States, and students.



# ARCTIC COUNCIL

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

ICC Canada leads the ICC delegation to the SDWG of the Arctic Council. ICC actively participates in meetings of the SDWG and its Expert Groups, and is especially active in health work.

### THIS YEAR'S MILESTONES



**SPRING 2024:** ICC Canada participated in SDWG Head of Delegation meetings to review and plan next steps for the Working Group.



**JULY 2024:** ICC Canada participated in a meeting of the Arctic Human Health Expert Group, promoting the Local 2 Global international project on suicide prevention and mental wellbeing of Arctic youth. ICC Canada has played a key role in Local 2 Global activities since the start of the project in 2019.



**NOVEMBER 2024:** SDWG held an Executive Meeting followed by its first plenary meeting in over 3 years. ICC Canada provided project updates, reviewed projects, and commented on new proposals and concept notes.

### WHAT COMES NEXT?

We will continue our focus on mental health and suicide prevention initiatives through relevant projects at the SDWG. We anticipate close collaboration with the SDWG Chair from Kalaallit Nunaat and will continue to identify opportunities for increased Permanent Participant engagement in SDWG work.

# WORKING GROUPS

## ARCTIC MONITORING & ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

ICC Canada is the ICC Head of Delegation at the Arctic Council's AMAP Working Group. ICC collaborates with the other Permanent Participant organizations to ensure Indigenous Knowledge, values, and interests are reflected in all AMAP meetings and publications. We are an active participant in contaminants monitoring, climate change impacts monitoring, and health-related assessment projects.

### THIS YEAR'S MILESTONES



**JULY 2024:** Article published in *International Journal of Circumpolar Health* based on the ICC Canada-led chapter of the *AMAP 2021 Human Health Assessment*.



ICC Canada reviewed papers on local contaminant sources for the AMAP Persistent Organic Pollutants expert group, in anticipation of future publications and recommendations to policy makers.



ICC participated in meetings of the Social Implications of Climate Change in the Arctic (SICCA) assessment and served as an Indigenous Knowledge review editor.



ICC partnered with the Saami Council to lead a working group on the co-production of knowledge regarding climate change. All offices of ICC collaborated on this work and are producing a plan to action the working group's recommendations.

ICC Canada leads ICC's participation in the Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks initiative, ensuring that Inuit-led and community-based research remain a priority. We regularly participate in SAON Board and Executive Committee meetings, and an ICC Canada representative sits on the SAON ROADS (Arctic Roadmap for Observing and Data Systems) Sea Ice Expert Panel. ICC Canada also works with international partners to maintain and update the Community Based Monitoring Web Atlas, a key tool for the promotion of community-based and Indigenous-led monitoring and research.

### WHAT COMES NEXT?

ICC Canada will participate more actively in the Persistent Organic Pollutants expert group's work on local contaminant sources. We look forward to co-leading a chapter on health for the SICCA assessment.



# GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS



[READ CANADA'S  
ARCTIC FOREIGN  
POLICY HERE](#)

## WHAT COMES NEXT?

We are eager to start work on our shipping plan, work with GAC to co-develop an Arctic Ambassador position, address international representation, and build a medium-term workplan for other major issues in the Arctic Foreign Policy.

We continue to play an active role in the Inuit-Crown Partnership Committee, supporting the ITOs in their advancement of Inuit priorities with federal partners. ICPC was established in 2017 to transform the relationship between Inuit and the federal government. Workplans and priorities are co-developed between Inuit and government departments for approval by Inuit Leaders, the Prime Minister, and Cabinet Ministers. ICC Canada continues to co-chair the International Inuit Issues Priority Area, with a special focus on international shipping and on the implementation of Canada's Arctic Foreign Policy.

## THIS YEAR'S MILESTONES



**DECEMBER 2024:** Launch of Government of Canada's Arctic Foreign Policy. ITOs provided priorities and input to this process and ICC Canada and ITK facilitated dialogue and coordinated to highlight the role Inuit must play in all Arctic policy work.



Working group on international shipping (which we co-chair with Transport Canada) agreed to a multi-year workplan, including a plan for a cost mitigation framework to ensure Inuit are not disproportionately bearing the cost of a green transition with shipping and community resupply.



Creation and first meeting of a second sub-group under the International Inuit Priorities Area, implementation of the Arctic Foreign Policy (we co-chair with Global Affairs Canada).

ICPC meeting, Ottawa, May 2024. Left to right: Nancy Etok, Chair, Pauktuutit; the Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence; Johannes Lampe, President, Nunatsiavut Government; the Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs Canada; the Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs; The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; Natan Obed, President, ITK; the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services Canada; the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Duane Smith, Chair and CEO, IRC; the Honourable Diane Lebovillier, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard; Aluki Kotierk, President, NTI; and Pita Aatami, President, Makivik.



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Effective partnerships for a stronger, flourishing Arctic rely on co-development with Inuit, whether it be at home or abroad. Removing barriers for Inuit to connect with each other across borders and strengthening institutions, including the Arctic Council, are examples of what lies ahead. The Arctic Foreign Policy and policies like it must uphold Inuit self-determination, including our full and effective participation.”

—ICC CANADA PRESIDENT LISA QILUQOI  
KOPERQUALUK, GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA NEWS  
RELEASE, DECEMBER 2024





# ***SHARING OUR KNOWLEDGE & PROTECTING OUR OCEANS***

As the Arctic faces increasing shipping activity and international interest, Inuit are leading efforts to ensure that marine governance and research respect our rights, reflect our Knowledge, and protect our way of life. Through partnerships grounded in Inuit priorities and self-determination, ICC Canada works to shape marine policy, advance Inuit-led research, and safeguard the health of our waters. We work to ensure Inuit-led research and Inuit Knowledge are included in all decisions at the highest levels of international policy making.





# CENTRAL ARCTIC OCEAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT

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Inuit are intimately connected to the sea, ice and waters in and around our homelands, and our full and effective participation in governance regimes related to these waters is an important component of implementing our rights. Much work still lies ahead...”

— ICC CHAIR SARA OLSVIG,  
JUNE 2024

ICC Canada participates in the CAOFA as a member of the Canadian delegation. The ICC offices work with and through their respective national delegations to bring Inuit priorities to this Agreement. The ICC offices collaborate to ensure strong, consistent, and united Inuit participation at CAOFA and related international activities.



[READ THE PRESS  
RELEASE HERE](#)

ICC delegates at the 3rd Scientific Coordinating Group meeting in Hafnarfjörður, Iceland. From left to right: Herb Nakimayak, ICC Executive Council Member; Leandra de Sousa, North Slope Borough; Vernae Angnaboogok, ICC Alaska; Samantha Wade, ICC Alaska; Aviaja Tindbæk Jørgensen, ICC Kalaallit Nunaat; Benjamin McTaggart, ICC Canada; and Rodd Laing, Nunatsiavut Government.

## THIS YEAR’S MILESTONES



ICC Canada worked with ICC Alaska and ICC KN to participate in all virtual and in-person meetings of four working groups: Exploratory Fishing, Mapping and Monitoring, Data Management, and Website Development.



**JUNE 2024:** ICC ensured that Indigenous Knowledge was included as pivotal to the scientific work under CAOFA in the Joint Program of Scientific Research & Monitoring that was approved at the 3rd COP. An interim conservation and management measure was also approved for implementation while discussions continue.



**DECEMBER 2024:** ICC Canada and Oceans North Canada cohosted a roundtable on Inuit co-management examples and knowledge sharing led by our Vice President International, Herb Nakimayak. The roundtable brought together representatives of the four Inuit regions, DFO, and GAC. The session saw robust conversation on the meaning and intent of the CAOFA for Inuit in Canada.



**MARCH 2025:** 3rd Scientific Coordinating Group in Hafnarfjörður, Iceland. ICC presented co-produced research projects from across Inuit Nunaat and also provided examples of Inuit/government marine management and research frameworks. We also discussed data management within the CAOFA and the importance of Inuit data sovereignty.

ICC’s contributions to CAOFA discussions are mentioned multiple times and our published reports are also cited several times in the *Final Report of the 3rd Conference of the Parties to CAOFA!*

[READ IT HERE!](#)



## WHAT COMES NEXT?

ICC will be bringing Inuit-specific items to the COP4 in Tromsø, Norway and to the 2025-2026 workplans, especially on engagement with Indigenous Knowledge holders, Inuit data sovereignty, and exploratory fishing plans.



# INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION



ICC Canada leads ICC’s work at the United Nations International Maritime Organization. ICC was granted provisional consultative status at the IMO in 2021 and we remain the only Indigenous Peoples Organization that has formal consultative status. We work to influence the creation and implementation of regulations that govern shipping and marine traffic in the Arctic.

## THIS YEAR’S MILESTONES



We continue to meet with Transport Canada to collaborate on the domestic implementation of codes, guidelines, and approaches issued and endorsed by the IMO. Inuit must not bear the costs of the green transition in shipping. Inuit rely on goods delivered by sea and making this transportation secure and safe is a priority. Canada’s announcement of the domestic heavy fuel oil ban is a start, but must be coupled with the cost mitigation framework on the creation of a Canadian Arctic Emission Control Area.



**SEPTEMBER 2024:** IMO’s Marine Environment Protection Committee, London, United Kingdom. ICC Vice Chair Lisa Qiluqqi Koperqualuk participated in the meeting, giving interventions on black carbon emissions, food security, and underwater radiated noise in Arctic waters.

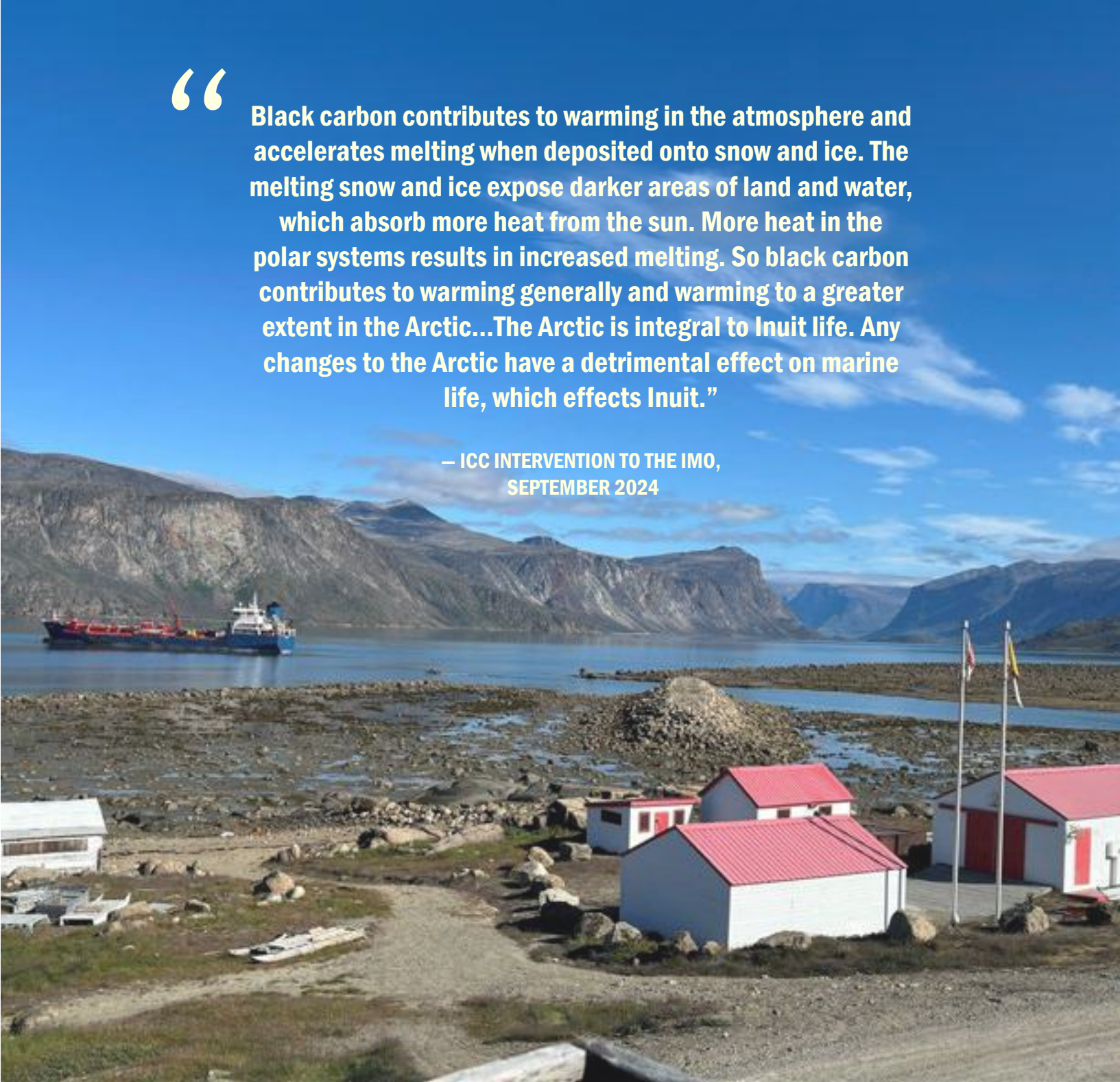


**JANUARY 2025:** IMO’s PPR Sub-Committee meeting and Polar Seminar, London, United Kingdom. ICC Vice Chair Lisa Qiluqqi Koperqualuk participated in both meetings, with interventions on a possible polar fuel and a presentation on engaging with Inuit on reducing underwater radiated noise.

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Black carbon contributes to warming in the atmosphere and accelerates melting when deposited onto snow and ice. The melting snow and ice expose darker areas of land and water, which absorb more heat from the sun. More heat in the polar systems results in increased melting. So black carbon contributes to warming generally and warming to a greater extent in the Arctic...The Arctic is integral to Inuit life. Any changes to the Arctic have a detrimental effect on marine life, which effects Inuit.”

— ICC INTERVENTION TO THE IMO,  
SEPTEMBER 2024



If ICC gains permanent consultative status, our priorities are to continue work on reducing underwater radiated noise, GHG emissions, and black carbon emissions. A key part of this work will be engaging with States and shipowners/operators on how to work with Inuit and include Inuit Knowledge in their decision-making and trip planning for Arctic shipping.



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**Inuit Knowledge should be the overarching knowledge system referred to in the work on Pikialasorsuaq.”**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FIRST  
MEETING OF THE PARTIES ,  
SEPTEMBER 2024**

[READ THE FULL  
LIST HERE](#)

# PIKIALASORSUAQ

In October 2023, the Government of Canada and the Government of Kalaallit Nunaat signed a Letter of Intent to act on the first recommendation of the Pikialasorsuaq Commission's final report (2017). In partnership with ICC Kalaallit Nunaat, the QIA, and DFO, we are working to implement the Letter of Intent and the Commission's report by creating a Joint Steering Committee for Pikialasorsuaq.

## THIS YEAR'S MILESTONES



**SEPTEMBER 2024:** 1st Meeting of the Parties for Pikialasorsuaq in Nuuk, Kalaallit Nunaat. Hosted by ICC KN and QIA, ICC Canada played a key role leading up to the meeting by coordinating work with QIA and DFO on ongoing scientific and Inuit work in and about Pikialasorsuaq.



**SEPTEMBER 2024:** ICC and QIA released a document with a list of 21 recommendations to governments to ensure an Inuit-led, rights-based approach to management of Pikialasorsuaq.

Attendees to the 1st Meeting of the  
Parties for Pikialasorsuaq in Nuuk,  
September 11-12, 2024.



## WHAT COMES NEXT?

ICC Canada will continue collaboration with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association and the ICC Kalaallit Nunaat office to address and implement the recommendations of the Pikialasorsuaq Commission.



# QANITTAQ CLEAN ARCTIC SHIPPING INITIATIVE



ICC Canada and Memorial University co-lead the Qanittaq Clean Arctic Shipping Initiative. This ambitious seven-year project addresses and responds to the increase in Arctic shipping and the related environmental impacts to Inuit lands, waters, and communities. The \$91.6 million dollar Initiative is funded by the Canada First Research Excellence Fund, and is the largest research grant ever awarded to either organization.

## THIS YEAR’S MILESTONES



**MAY 2024:** At the Qanittaq Governance Board inaugural meeting, terms of reference for the two central governance bodies were approved: Qanittaq Governance Board and the Qanittaq Research Committee. The Governance Board is composed of equal representation of Inuit and Memorial University staff to ensure Inuit priorities are leading throughout the Initiative.



**FALL 2024 & WINTER 2025:** ICC Canada and project partners started to establish project processes around Inuit data sovereignty and university data processes, paving the way for collaborative work with university and non-university researchers.



**WINTER 2025:** Memorandum of Understanding on Inuit Self-Determination in Qanittaq drafted. ICC Canada, ITK, and Inuit Treaty Organizations’ technical staff formed an ad hoc working group to develop this MOU with Memorial University. This MOU lays the groundwork for a legally-binding Partnership Agreement.

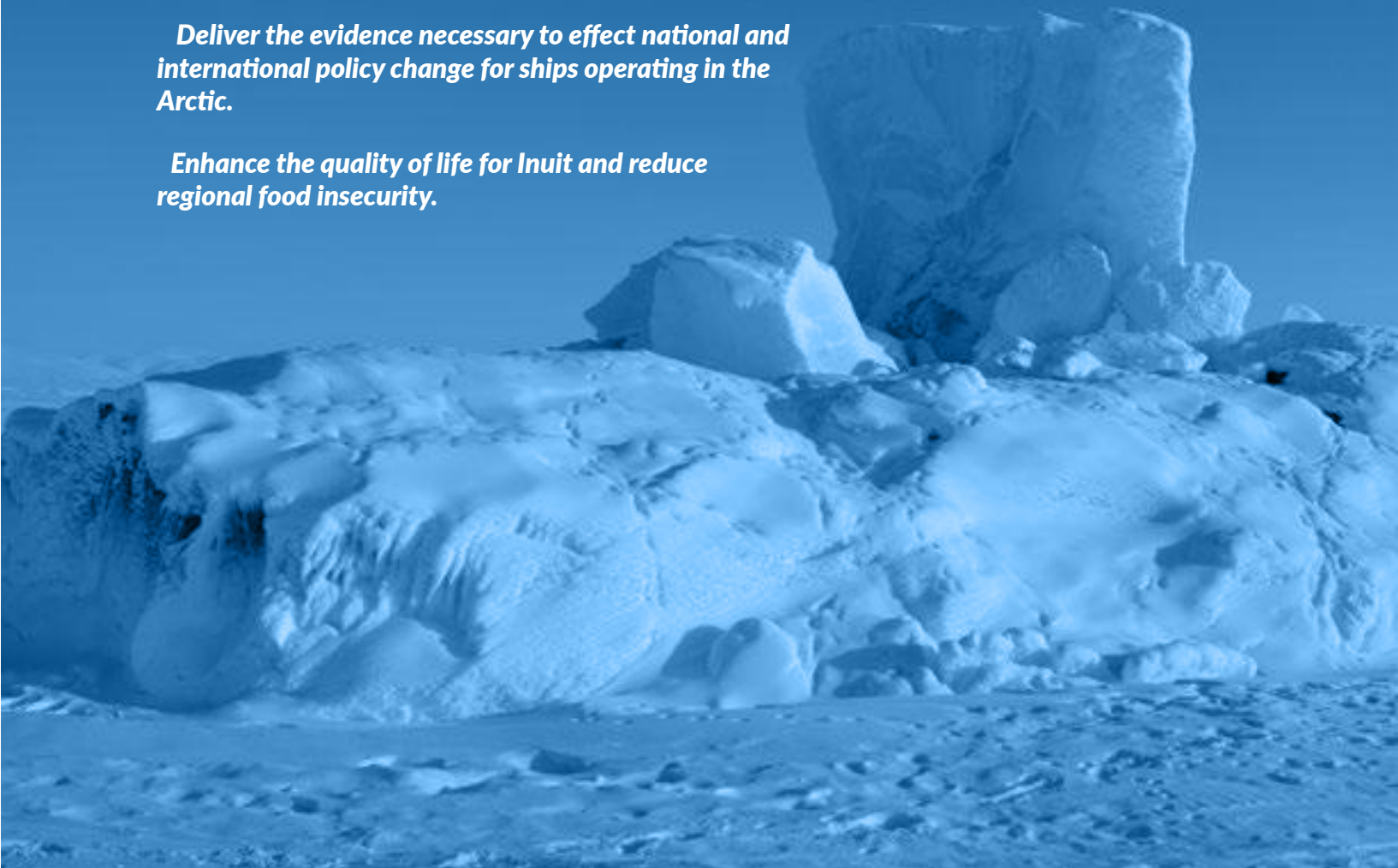
## PROJECT GOALS

*Build a knowledge base to address Inuit shipping priorities, promote the safety of ships operating in the Arctic, and protect those environments.*

*Create the tools and solutions needed to improve the affordability, sustainability and efficiency of the Arctic fleet.*

*Deliver the evidence necessary to effect national and international policy change for ships operating in the Arctic.*

*Enhance the quality of life for Inuit and reduce regional food insecurity.*



ICC Canada will work with the Inuit Treaty Organizations and Memorial University to advance Inuit Treaty Organizations’ priorities and advance work across all the Initiative’s projects and research themes.



# CLIMATE CHANGE

“Special attention must be given to the Arctic, which is warming at a rate more than four times faster than that of the rest of the planet, and how a Just Transition will impact Indigenous Peoples that call the Arctic home... Indigenous Peoples hold a distinct status, and all climate change work must be based on a strong human rights foundation including the rights affirmed through the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.”

- ICC POSITION PAPER,  
OCTOBER 2024





# INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

ICC was the first Indigenous Peoples Organization to have official observer status to the IPCC. The 7th Assessment Cycle started in July 2023, with reports scheduled for 2027 and 2029. These IPCC Assessment reports are the highest level scientific assessment of planetary change due to climate change, and they directly inform policy and decisions at the UNFCCC. ICC Canada continues to influence and participate in the Assessment Cycle process to ensure Inuit Knowledge, rights, and priorities are included in these influential research processes and reports.



## THIS YEAR'S MILESTONES



**JULY 2024:** 61st meeting of the IPCC, Sofia, Bulgaria. ICC delivered written interventions and engaged with key actors throughout the week-long meeting.



**OCTOBER 2024:** Publication of ICC's position paper on IPCC. This paper provides guidance, calls to action, and a unified voice for Inuit engagement at the IPCC and the changes that need to occur.



**FEBRUARY 2025:** 62nd meeting of the IPCC, Hangzhou, China. ICC Executive Council Member Herb Nakimayak led the ICC delegation. IPCC approved a workshop engaging diverse knowledge systems, including Indigenous Knowledge. The strong influence and impact of ICC's contributions into scoping documents, report outlines, and workshop proposals was acknowledged by the IPCC Chair and Bureau members. We delivered key interventions on the floor, including on the problematic conflation of Indigenous Peoples and 'local communities'.



Participants at the 61st meeting of the IPCC, held July 2024 in Sofia, Bulgaria.

**The IPCC must recognize that Indigenous Peoples hold a distinct status, and that all climate change work must be based on a strong human rights foundation including the rights affirmed through the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. To avoid falling further behind, the IPCC needs to change its perspective and be open and flexible to ensure Indigenous Knowledge, rights, and values are meaningfully built into IPCC reports, which are central in national and international policy making.**

— ICC POSITION PAPER,  
OCTOBER 2024

[READ IT HERE](#)



ICC Canada will provide strategic guidance to the IPCC through the Scientific Steering Committee organizing the Workshop on Engaging Diverse Knowledge Systems, as well as advocating for representation as technical experts within the workshop. We want to develop long-term accountability mechanisms for IPCC engagement with Indigenous Knowledge. We will continue to look for opportunities for Inuit to serve as substantive authors in the 7th Assessment Cycle reports.



# UN FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE



ICC continues to bring Inuit priorities to the UNFCCC climate change treaty negotiations. ICC Canada participated in the Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP, a UNFCCC mechanism providing advice to states and the UN on ethical and equitable interactions with Indigenous Peoples. We attended the technical negotiations at several subsidiary bodies of UNFCCC as well as the political negotiations at the 29th Conference of the Parties.

## THIS YEAR’S MILESTONES



**OCTOBER 2024:** Global Coordinating Committee of the Just Transition Indigenous Summit meeting, Geneva, Switzerland. ICC Canada helped develop the united, global Indigenous Principles and Protocols for Just Transition, to support Indigenous Organizations’ negotiations on green economy transition and other climate change mitigation measures.



**NOVEMBER 2024:** COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan. ICC brought a 15-person delegation, including Elders, youth, and several regional delegates from Canada and Kalaallit Nunaat. The ICC delegation was led by ICC Chair Sara Olsvig. However disappointing the outcome of negotiations, ICC reminded the world that climate change is affecting Inuit Nunaat at a more rapid pace than the rest of the planet.



**NOVEMBER 2024:** Publication of ICC’s “Closing the Gap– Inuit Call on States to Accelerate Climate Commitments at UNFCCC COP29 and COP30” position paper.



In 2024-2025, ICC Canada created an Inuit Climate Advocacy toolkit, a multi-media, accessible, entry-level introduction to the UNFCCC and Inuit climate advocacy. This toolkit will serve as a resource for future ICC delegates, especially youth. The Video modules were based on interviews conducted with Inuit and other Indigenous delegates at COP29, staff from Inuit organizations, and Canadian government officials.



[READ THE POSITION PAPER HERE](#)



ICC Canada will bring a strong Inuit delegation to COP30 in Brazil, bringing significant influence to the negotiations. We look forward to ICC’s leadership as the Arctic representative on the FWG of the LCIPP (June 2025-2027). Finally, we look forward to the publication of the book, *30 Years of COP: Stories from Canadian Perspectives*, which includes a chapter by ICC, published by the University of Ottawa.

## A HIGHLIGHT



ICC Canada received \$1.6 million from GAC to partner with international Indigenous organizations in the global south. This is part of the Government of Canada’s \$15 million Indigenous Peoples Partnering for Climate Change initiative, which was co-developed by ICC Canada, the Assembly of First Nations, and the Métis National Council. The initiative recognizes the success of Indigenous climate leadership. We will leverage this opportunity to build alliances in global climate change negotiation spaces, develop new strategies for addressing climate concerns in Inuit Nunaat, and demonstrate the power of Indigenous-to-Indigenous leadership.



# ***WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT***

We work to ensure meaningful Inuit engagement that advances Inuit priorities in international wildlife and environment conventions and Arctic research initiatives. We advocate for the necessary inclusion of Inuit Knowledge and Knowledge holders in all Arctic wildlife and environmental research. By championing Inuit leadership in wildlife and environment activities, we influence the way non-Inuit scientists, academics, and research institutions work with all Inuit.



# CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

ICC Canada regularly attends meetings of the CBD on behalf of ICC on an observer basis, as well as on delegation, with Canada (a state member) when possible. As an observer, ICC participates through and coordinates with the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, which is an informal group that includes other observer Indigenous organizations, as well as local communities representatives, from across the globe.

## THIS YEAR'S MILESTONES



**MAY 2024:** 4th Subsidiary Body on Implementation and 26th Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice meetings, Nairobi, Kenya. ICC Canada staff attended both meetings on behalf of ICC, where negotiations centered on the development of CBD's framework. Especially important is the monitoring framework that is key to measure and assess the implementation and effectiveness of CBD. Also key were the negotiations related to Article 8(j) and the new programme of work, including an updated glossary of terms.



**AUGUST 2024:** World Summit on Traditional Knowledge Related to Biodiversity, Bogota, Columbia. ICC Canada and ICC KN attended on behalf of ICC. The goal of the Summit was for Indigenous Peoples to exchange knowledge and experiences, raise awareness, and draft recommendations for CBD's framework and Article 8(j).



**OCTOBER 2024:** COP16, Cali, Colombia. ICC Canada participated virtually in this meeting due to serious security concerns in Colombia. Our virtual participation enabled access to plenary and committee discussions, as well as side negotiations and strategy development with those on the ground. The New Programme of Work and a third Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) were adopted, which are huge successes after many years of advocacy by Indigenous Peoples Organizations, including ICC.



ICC Canada will attend the 1st Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) meeting in October 2025. We are eager to continue working with International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity in advancing and resolving the conflation between Indigenous Peoples and 'local communities'.

ICC Canada is the lead on ICC engagement at the IUCN, the largest international conservation policy organization in the world. In spring 2024, ICC provided comments on draft General Guidelines for Surveillance of Diseases, Pathogens, and Toxic Agents in Free-Ranging Wildlife. The guidelines are a joint initiative by the IUCN Wildlife Health program and the World Organization for Animal Health. This report provides guidance on the surveillance of wildlife for diseases, pathogens and toxic agents, and procedures for the implementation of comprehensive surveillance programs. Publication of the complete guideline is slated for spring/summer 2025.

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As rights holders living in the Arctic, our in depth and extensive knowledge does not just flow from benefit of geography, but from a holistic and intimate connection and interaction with the Arctic ecosystem we call home.”

— ICC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, HERB NAKIMAYAK, JUNE 2024

# CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

ICC Canada leads engagement at CITES on behalf of ICC. ICC is an observer at CITES without voting rights; we advocate for Inuit through national government delegations. Additionally, we are active in the Working Group on the Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in the CITES Processes, which provides non-binding guidance to member parties of the Convention.

## THIS YEAR'S MILESTONES



**JULY 2024:** 3rd Animals Committee meeting, Geneva, Switzerland. ICC Canada attended on behalf of ICC to monitor CITES discussions regarding international trade in wildlife species as these discussions have included Arctic animals such as polar bear, walrus, and narwhal several times over the years. There is currently no call from member states for discussions on any Arctic species.



**FALL 2024:** On behalf of ICC, ICC Canada submitted comments to the Working Group, with specific mention on avoiding the conflation of Indigenous Peoples and 'local communities' in CITES. The Working Group document will be submitted to CITES at the next COP in November 2025.

## WHAT COMES NEXT?

ICC Canada will continue to monitor the CITES Animal Committee. We look forward to the IUCN World Congress in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in October 2025.

# OTHER INUIT RESEARCH

## THIS YEAR'S MILESTONES



**JUNE 2024:** Arctic PASSION General Assembly, Inari, Finland. ICC Canada staff participated in sessions focused on providing updates on work packages and services, including the announcement of the six new event databases co-created by Snowchange and six different Arctic Indigenous Peoples' Communities.



**FALL 2024-FEBRUARY 2025:** ICC Canada, as part of the Lenfest Ocean Program funded project "Inuit Knowledge habitat models of bearded seal (ugruk) in coastal Alaskan waters," conducted Indigenous Knowledge interviews with hunters in Utqiagvik, Alaska. These interviews focused on co-producing habitat models that use Inuit Knowledge as the sole data source to guide management decisions for bearded seals.



**JANUARY 2025:** ICC Canada and ICC Kalaallit Nunaat staff joined ICC Alaska in Anchorage for an Indigenous Knowledge Focus Group. Participants shared updates on relevant regional work, including an overview of the development of Canadian Inuit data management policies.



**MARCH 2025:** Arctic Science Summit Week and International Conference on Arctic Research Planning – IV in Boulder, Colorado. ICC Canada staff presented virtually and in-person on "Indigenous Knowledge of ice, seals, and climate change" and "Prioritizing Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Societal Benefit in Large-Scale International Environmental Assessments."

In May 2024, the EU issued a review of its seal ban regulations that were passed in 1983 as well as its most recent and most comprehensive ban on imports of products from all seal species in 2009, which was implemented in 2015. ICC Canada and ICC KN took this opportunity to provide written submissions to the EU discussing the impacts of the ban for Inuit. Despite the provision of an Indigenous Exemption in the seal ban regulations, the most impacted communities from the 2009/2015 EU seal ban are Inuit communities in Canada and Kalaallit Nunaat. ICC also expressed that the "Indigenous Exemption" has shown to be too onerous, ineffective, and has not mitigated the negative impacts of the ban on Inuit trade in seal products in the EU. In 2025-2026, ICC hopes to have discussions with the EU to lift restrictions against Inuit.



# CONTAMINANTS

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The Arctic is disproportionately affected by many stresses: climate change, pollution, increasing industrial development, and it is projected to also be a sink for plastic pollution, with no ability to deal with it adequately. Our Arctic species from cod to fulmars to belugas have been found with elevated volumes of plastic in their stomach and it is likely to get worse, negatively impacting our food security and our right to a clean, healthy, sustainable environment.”

—ICC INTERVENTION AT INC-5, DECEMBER 2024

ICC Canada continues as the ICC head of delegation for all contaminants-related work. Inuit have been directly and indirectly impacted by long-range transported contaminants. ICC Canada’s objectives are to reduce contaminants exposure wherever possible and ensure that all research in the Arctic is done with equitable and ethical Inuit participation, addresses Inuit needs, utilizes and respects Indigenous Knowledge, and respects Inuit rights. We want to achieve a contaminants-free Arctic environment for Inuit to live and thrive in by turning off the contaminants tap at the source.

## THIS YEAR’S MILESTONES



**APRIL 2024:** INC-4, Ottawa, Canada. ICC Canada Vice Chair Lisa Qiluqqi Koperqualuk led a strong ICC delegation of Gerald Inglangasuk (FJMC, ISR) and Liz Pijogge (Nunatsiavut Government). The delegation participated in two panels on high-level partnerships, had meetings with high-ranking Canadian politicians, organized two events, was a key participant at the “Plastic Action Zone” event hosted by the Government of Canada, submitted interventions, and delivered an intervention during plenary.



**SEPTEMBER 2024:** At the 20th meeting of the POPs Review Committee, ICC Canada successfully lobbied the Government of Canada to nominate perfluorinated chemicals for addition to the Stockholm Convention annexes. Studies in Nunavik have found levels of some perfluorinated chemicals up to seven times higher in Inuit compared to the general Canadian population. Lucy Grey from Atanniuvik was our key regional partner in this work and a delegate at this meeting.



**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024:** INC-5 meeting in Busan, South Korea. ICC Vice Chair Lisa Qiluqqi Koperqualuk led the ICC delegation. We delivered an intervention which called for greater Indigenous participation in the negotiations and the inclusion of language that explicitly affirms the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

## WHERE ICC IS INVOLVED IN CONTAMINANT RESEARCH AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

- NATIONAL:** Northern Contaminants Program: ICC Canada is part of the Management Committee, technical review teams, organizing committees of the Results Workshop, etc.
- CIRCUMPOLAR:** Part of AMAP (Arctic Council), several expert groups and AMAP-associated activities (e.g. SAON).
- INTERNATIONAL:** Stockholm Convention on POPs, including the technical review committee POPRC.
- Minamata Convention on Mercury, including sub-groups for the effectiveness evaluation of the treaty.
- INC meetings of a global treaty on plastic pollution.

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We started looking at plastic in about 2015 and found just about every whale we’ve sampled had plastic.”

— GERALD INGLANGASUK, FJMC, ON WHY PLASTIC POLLUTION IN THE ARCTIC IS A GROWING CONCERN

[LISTEN TO THE PODCAST EPISODE HERE](#)



ICC Canada will continue collaborations with ITOs to ensure Inuit priorities with regards to contaminants are included at the highest national and international levels. We are eager to lead a strong ICC delegation to the August 2025 final negotiating session for a global treaty on plastic pollution, and we anticipate the final treaty text by the end of 2025.





# OUR PEOPLE & CULTURE

Our culture thrives when our people are healthy in mind and body. Inuit health and well-being is at the heart of ICC Canada's work, informing all disciplines and initiatives. Our work for all Inuit is enabled by our language, art, dance, jewellery making, textile work, and music - it is the strength of our shared Inuit culture that enables ICC Canada to succeed in our international work.

The Mackenzie Delta Drummers and Dancers performing at the 3rd ICC General Assembly in Iqaluit, July 1983.





# HEALTH

Inuit health policy, research, and advocacy remain a priority for ICC. ICC Canada participates in national health committees, like the National Inuit Committee on Health, to understand and advance priorities from ITOs in international forums and bring back relevant information. ICC Canada wishes to thank Minnie Grey and Jesse Mike as outgoing members of the ICC Circumpolar Inuit Health Steering Committee from Canada. Their contributions helped shape ICC’s committee direction and impact within the health and wellness file.



## THIS YEAR’S MILESTONES



**SPRING 2024:** ICC Canada finalized the comprehensive report from our successful international Inuit Counsellors Gathering, held in March 2024. The report summarized key insights, discussions, and recommendations on mental health, as well as documenting how we facilitated the event.



**MAY 2024:** Alaska Suicide Prevention Conference, Anchorage, USA. ICC delegates and CIHSC members Jesse Mike (NTI) and Mary David (Alaska, Kawerak Inc.) gave a presentation, “Inuit Suicide Prevention Across Inuit Nunaat.”



**NOVEMBER 2024:** 18th International Congress on Circumpolar Health, Halifax, Canada. Members of the CIHSC participated in this health congress to share Inuit health challenges with Indigenous and non-Indigenous audiences.



**NOVEMBER 2024:** Circumpolar Inuit Health Steering Committee in-person meeting, Halifax, Canada. ICC Canada supported the meeting of CIHSC members, who shared health and wellness successes and challenges across Inuit Nunaat.



**MARCH 2025:** Arctic Science Summit Week and International Conference on Arctic Research Planning-IV, Boulder, Colorado. ICC Canada gave a virtual presentation, “Importance of a holistic view and Inuit health – land rights, culture, food systems, and well-being”.

Circumpolar Inuit Health Steering Committee members at the 18th International Congress on Circumpolar Health in Halifax, Canada. From left to right: Gert Mulvad, CIHSC member, Kalaallit Nunaat; Arnârak Patricia Bloch, CIHSC Chair, Kalaallit Nunaat; Melynda Ehloak, ICC Canada; Jesse Mike, CIHSC member, Canada; and Mary David, CIHSC member, Alaska.



ICC Canada will continue to focus on Inuit mental health and wellbeing, with several projects under development. ICC Canada will reconnect with the Inuit counsellors who participated in our 2024 gathering at “Virtual Teas” for Inuit counsellors and students in the field to foster connection, collaboration, and knowledge transfer in support of the development of our Inuit Counsellors’ Guide.



# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



ICC Canada helps develop future Inuit leaders by facilitating Inuit youth participation in our international work, including participation at important events and meetings. We are also an enthusiastic supporter of the Inuit Youth Engagement Program led by the ICC Chair's office, with several ICC Canada leaders and staff acting as mentors to youth participants from across Inuit Nunaat. IYEP provides in-person and virtual mentorship and participation opportunities for Inuit youth to learn what it means to advocate and advance Inuit rights and interests.

## THIS YEAR'S MILESTONES



**OCTOBER 2024:** Youth Arctic Policy Hackathon at the Arctic Circle Assembly, Reykjavík, Iceland. 16 Arctic youth, including an ICC Canada staff member, developed actionable policy recommendations to promote sustainable Arctic tourism.



**FALL 2024:** ICC Chair's office launches the IYEP. ICC received more than 170 applications from Inuit around the world for the 12 spots available.



**NOVEMBER 2024:** Youth delegates from Canada attend UNFCCC COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, as part of the ICC delegation.



**MARCH 2025:** Hybrid meeting of the IYEP in Nuuk, Kalaallit Nunaat, where ICC leaders and staff from all offices introduced youth participants to international Inuit diplomacy. Participants also heard presentations from past ICC leaders including Siila Watt-Cloutier, Inuit politicians, and Arctic Indigenous Peoples leaders.

ICC Chair Sara Olsvig, ICC Kalaallit Nunaat President Hjalmar Dahl (virtual), ICC staff, and IYEP youth participants at the hybrid meeting of the IYEP held March 2025 in Nuuk, Kalaallit Nunaat.



In addition to continuing our collaborative work under the IYEP, ICC Canada will bring a strong youth delegation to UNFCCC's COP30 in Brazil in November 2025. We look forward to welcoming and working with a newly elected NIYC President.





# ARCHIVES & DATA MANAGEMENT



[ACCESS THE  
PORTAL HERE!](#)

Robust information and data management practices and access to archival records are necessary for all aspects of ICC Canada's work. Founded in July 2022, the ICC Canada Archives preserves and promotes the organization's records. ICC's history is part of Inuit history: our documents, videos, photographs, audio recordings, maps, and more document Inuit success and determination on complex issues in the largest international arenas. The ICC Canada Archives web portal, with a searchable database of holdings, is publicly available in English and Inuktitut. Cataloguing our archival holdings is a work in progress, though there is significant content available on the Portal.

## THIS YEAR'S MILESTONES



Several large sets of records catalogued, described, and added to the web portal, including: Inuit trails in collaboration with Claudio Aporta, Northern Contaminants Program, Arctic Pilot Project, International Polar Year 2007-2008, and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 9th General Assemblies.



**MAY 2024:** The ICC Canada Archivist was an invited speaker at the Danish Institute for International Studies' workshop on decolonising archives in the Arctic and international law. The closed workshop and public symposium were part of a multi-national research work group on decolonising archives, of which our Archivist is an active member.



**AUGUST 2024:** Launch of ICC Canada's SharePoint site. This 10-month project was a significant accomplishment that saw us transition from an outdated shared network drive to a SharePoint online environment. This has greatly increased cybersecurity, the findability of our current working records, and efficient collaboration on documents between ICC Canada and the other ICC offices.



**NOVEMBER 2024:** ICC Canada attended the International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums in Palm Springs, California, where they learned about technologies, programs, and practices from Indigenous heritage organizations around the world. The Archivist gave a presentation, which discussed building the ICC Canada Archives web portal in Inuktitut and English.

Canadian delegates discussing a paper during the 1st ICC General Assembly in 1977. From left to right: Bill Edmunds, Mark R. Gordon, and Michael Amarook.



We are excited to provide access to the thousands of documents, photographs, and recordings related to all the ICC General Assemblies. We are exploring more ways for direct Inuit engagement in the archives.

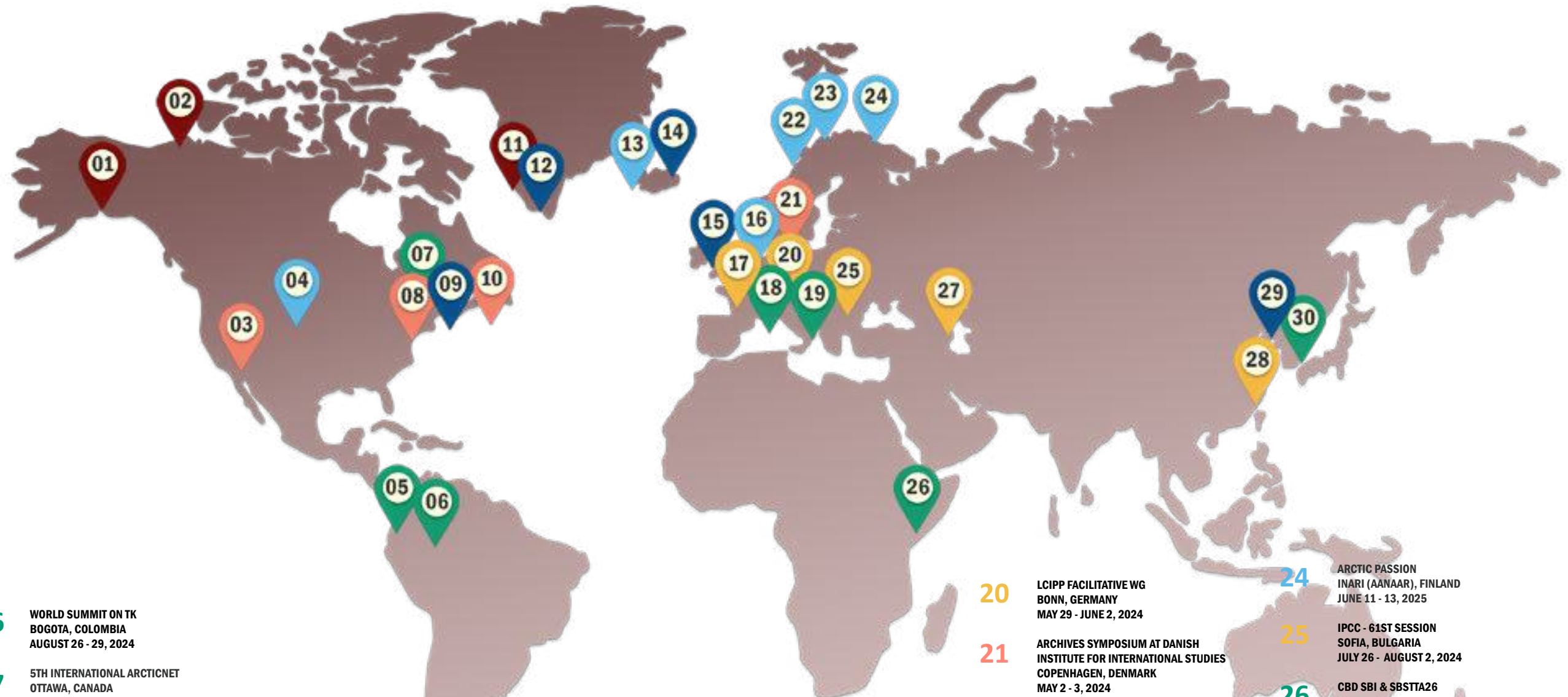


# INUIT PRIORITIES AROUND THE WORLD

The details and outcomes related to each of these meetings are available throughout the report. The colours correspond to the related chapter in this report and each event is a clickable link that brings you to the relevant page in the report.

ICC Canada receives its priorities from our Board of Directors. We also get input from our participation in national committees, and our participation on ICC Committees and Commissions, which always include regional representatives from Canada.

In partnership with our ICC offices in Alaska, Kalaallit Nunaat, and Chukotka, we ensure Inuit voices are heard everywhere our Arctic homeland is discussed, from the largest multilateral international forums to academic conferences. In 2024-2025, ICC Canada leaders, staff, and delegates participated in events in 17 different countries, on 5 continents. Though not represented on this map, ICC Canada participated in national working groups and attended meetings across Inuit Nunangat.



- 01** EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING  
ANCHORAGE, USA  
OCTOBER 20 - 22, 2024
- 01** IK FOCUS GROUP  
ANCHORAGE, USA  
FEBRUARY 19 - 21, 2025
- 02** ICC CANADA AGM  
INUUVIK, CANADA  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
- 03** INDIGENOUS ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES,  
AND MUSEUMS CONFERENCE  
PALM SPRINGS, USA  
NOVEMBER 12 - 14, 2024
- 04** SAON BOARD MEETING  
BOULDER, USA  
MARCH 23, 2025
- 04** 4TH ICARP  
BOULDER, USA  
MARCH 25 - 28, 2025
- 05** CBD COP16 (ATTENDED VIRTUALLY)  
CALI, COLOMBIA  
OCTOBER 21 - NOVEMBER 1, 2024

- 06** WORLD SUMMIT ON TK  
BOGOTA, COLOMBIA  
AUGUST 26 - 29, 2024
- 07** 5TH INTERNATIONAL ARCTICNET  
OTTAWA, CANADA  
DECEMBER 9 - 12, 2024
- 07** INC-4 NEGOTIATIONS  
OTTAWA, CANADA  
APRIL 21 - 30, 2024
- 08** UNPFII  
NEW YORK, USA  
APRIL 15 - 26, 2024
- 09** CAOFA SCG  
BOSTON, USA  
APRIL 8 - 11, 2024
- 10** 18TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON  
CIRCUMPOLAR HEALTH  
HALIFAX, CANADA  
NOVEMBER 3 - 5, 2024
- 11** EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING  
NUUK, KALAALLIT NUNAAT  
MAY 11 - 13, 2024

- 11** YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM  
NUUK, KALAALLIT NUNAAT  
FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 5, 2025
- 12** PIKIALASORSUAQ MEETING OF PARTIES  
NUUK, KALAALLIT NUNAAT  
SEPTEMBER 11 - 12, 2024
- 13** ARCTIC CIRCLE ASSEMBLY  
REYKJAVIK, ICELAND  
OCTOBER 17 - 19, 2024
- 14** CAOFA SCG  
HAFNARFJÖRÐUR, ICELAND  
MARCH 4 - 7, 2025
- 15** IMO PPR COMMITTEE  
LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM  
JANUARY 23 - 31, 2025
- 15** IMO MEPC 82  
LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM  
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 04, 2024

- 16** EU ARCTIC FORUM AND INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLES DIALOGUE  
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM  
MAY 14 - 15, 2024
- 17** INDIGENOUS PEOPLES SUMMIT ON  
GREEN ECONOMY AND JUST TRANSITION  
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND  
OCTOBER 8 - 10, 2024
- 18** CITES ANIMAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND  
JULY 12 - 19, 2024
- 19** POPS REVIEW COMMITTEE  
ROME, ITALY  
SEPTEMBER 23 - 28, 2024
- 20** UNFCCC SB MEETING  
BONN, GERMANY  
JUNE 3 - 13, 2024

- 20** LCIPP FACILITATIVE WG  
BONN, GERMANY  
MAY 29 - JUNE 2, 2024
- 21** ARCHIVES SYMPOSIUM AT DANISH  
INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
COPENHAGEN, DENMARK  
MAY 2 - 3, 2024
- 22** EPPR ARCTIC EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE  
BODØ, NORWAY  
MARCH 18 - 20, 2025
- 22** SAOC - PP MEETING  
BODØ, NORWAY  
MAY 28 - 29, 2024
- 23** SAOC - PP MEETING  
TROMSØ, NORWAY  
JANUARY 27, 2025
- 23** ARCTIC FRONTIERS  
TROMSØ, NORWAY  
JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 2, 2025
- 23** PAME 3RD ECOSYSTEM APPROACH  
CONFERENCE  
TROMSØ, NORWAY  
APRIL 16 - 18, 2024

- 24** ARCTIC PASSION  
INARI (AANAAR), FINLAND  
JUNE 11 - 13, 2025
- 25** IPCC - 61ST SESSION  
SOFIA, BULGARIA  
JULY 26 - AUGUST 2, 2024
- 26** CBD SBI & SBSTTA26  
NAIROBI, KENYA  
MAY 13 - 29, 2024
- 27** LCIPP  
BAKU, AZERBAIJAN  
NOVEMBER 5 - 10, 2024
- 27** UNFCCC COP29  
BAKU, AZERBAIJAN  
NOVEMBER 11 - 2, 2024
- 28** IPCC - 62ND SESSION  
HANGZHOU, CHINA  
FEBRUARY 24 - 28, 2025
- 29** CAOFA COP3  
INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA  
JUNE 10 - 12, 2024
- 30** INC-5 NEGOTIATIONS  
BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA  
NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 23, 2024



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Year ended March 31, 2025

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<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current		
Cash	\$ 4,251,462	\$ 4,548,737
Trade and other receivables	449,602	630,698
Prepaid expenses	30,684	36,932
	<b>4,731,748</b>	<b>5,216,367</b>
Long-term		
Tangible capital assets	8,860	3,252
	<b>\$ 4,740,608</b>	<b>\$ 5,219,619</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Current		
Trade payables and other operating liabilities	762,261	744,120
Deferred contributions	3,838,359	4,346,759
Current portion of obligation under a capital lease	1,772	0
	<b>4,602,392</b>	<b>5,090,879</b>
Obligation under a capital lease	6,527	0
	<b>\$ 4,608,919</b>	<b>\$ 5,090,879</b>
Net Assets		
Invested in tangible capital assets	561	3,252
Unrestricted	131,128	125,488
	<b>131,689</b>	<b>128,740</b>
	<b>\$ 4,740,608</b>	<b>\$ 5,219,619</b>

	2025	2024
<b>CONTRIBUTION REVENUE</b>		
Canada Council for the Arts	\$ 131,000	\$ 200,834
Canadian Council of Archives	28,071	-
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada	551,050	584,164
Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada	93,964	8,770
Environment & Climate Change Canada	291,836	52,938
Global Affairs Canada	681,831	991,900
Government of Nunavut	150,000	175,000
I.C.C. Foundation	180,195	411,427
ICC Greenland	35,921	53,413
Indigenous Services Canada (FNIHB)	58,825	40,175
Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami	413,602	312,337
Inuvialuit Regional Corporation	109,154	106,605
Université Laval	61,299	64,341
Library and Archives Canada	66,998	83,448
Makivvik	107,773	0
Makivvik (in-kind)	26,780	32,136
Memorial University (CFREF)	663,941	1,403,769
Miscellaneous	31,618	60,581
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	228,494	144,598
Nunatsiavut Government	79,858	75,000
Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.	203,485	238,505
University of Manitoba	53,900	-
University of Saskatchewan	25,311	-
Donation	-	16,650
Canadian Heritage	-	217,383
Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment	-	5,691
	<b>\$ 4,274,906</b>	<b>\$ 5,279,665</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries and employee benefits	2,257,327	1,663,179
Travel	693,094	824,764
Professional fees	850,408	1,149,243
Administration fees on projects	268,257	292,321
Communications	192,257	352,009
Rent, equipment and facilities	145,458	148,178
Operating costs	129,479	118,863
Recovery of administrative fees on projects	(268,257)	(288,926)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	3,934	5,580
Contributions to regions	-	1,000,000
	<b>\$ 4,271,957</b>	<b>\$ 5,265,211</b>
Excess of revenue over expenses	2,949	14,454



# NOTES TO NON-CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended March 31, 2025

**1. Governing statutes and purpose of the council**

The Council is a not-for-profit organization incorporated with Letters Patent under the provisions of Part 2 of the Canada Corporations Act on November 5, 1984, which started its operations on April 1, 1985. Effective November 1, 2013, the Corporation continued its articles of incorporation from the Canada Corporations Act to the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act. The Council is exempt from income tax. The object of the Council is to promote Inuit culture in Canada and the circumpolar region and increase knowledge of its members in the areas of social, economic and cultural studies about and for Inuit.

**2. Non-Consolidated Summary financial statements**

The non-consolidated summary financial statements are derived from the complete audited non-consolidated financial statements, prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations in Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook – Accounting as at and for the year ended March 31, 2024.

The preparation of these non-consolidated summary financial statements requires management to determine the information that needs to be reflected in the non-consolidated summary financial statements so that they are consistent, in all material respects, with or represent a fair summary of the audited non-consolidated financial statements.

These non-consolidated summarized financial statements have been prepared by management using the following criteria:

(a) whether information in the non-consolidated summarized financial statements is in agreement with the related information in the complete audited non-consolidated financial statements; and

(b) whether, in all material respects, the non-consolidated summarized financial statements contain the information necessary to avoid distorting or obscuring matters disclosed in the related complete audited non-consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto.

Management determined that the non-consolidated statement of changes in net assets and the non-consolidated statement of cash flows do not provide additional useful information and as such has not included them as part of the non-consolidated summary financial statements.

The complete audited non-consolidated financial statements of Inuit Circumpolar Council (Canada) Inc. are available upon request by contacting the Council.

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