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Nancy Karetak-Lindell Named Acting Chair of Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC)

October 1, 2017 – ICC Chair Okalik Egeesiak declared her candidacy for election to the Nunavut legislature on Friday, September 29, 2017 and will be on an unpaid leave of absence from ICC until October 30, 2017.

At the ICC meetings held in Nain, Nunatsiavut last week, it was decided that Nancy Karetak-Lindell will be Acting ICC Chair for the duration of the campaign cycle. Ms. Karetak-Lindell will take on the Chair's responsibilities for coordinating the work of the ICC offices in Greenland, Alaska and Chukotka while continuing to serve as ICC Canada President, which has been a part-time position while Canada holds the chairmanship of ICC.

"We have just held very productive meetings in Nain where we laid plans for a very busy year ahead leading up to next summer's general assembly in Alaska. I am honoured that the ICC Executive Council and the ICC Canada Board of Directors have entrusted me to keep our important international work moving forward during the Chair's leave of absence", said Karetak-Lindell.

In addition to discussions surrounding ICC's 13th General Assembly, other agenda items included engagement in Arctic Council, upcoming ICC summits on Wildlife Management (Canada) and Education (Greenland), release of the Pikialasorsuaq Commission Report and ICC involvement with United Nations agencies.

A video commemorating the 40th anniversary of the first ICC meeting, held in Barrow, Alaska in 1977 was also shown to delegates and can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/hxgDyuUxvsM>

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