

## Inuit Circumpolar Council Alaska

## STRATEGIC PLAN 2022 - 2026

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## Organizational Overview

#### ICC Alaska

Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) Alaska exists as the unified voice and collective spirit of Alaskan Inuit to promote, protect, and advance Inuit culture and society. ICC Alaska membership includes regional organizations that represent Iñupiat, Central Yup'ik, Cup'ik, and Saint Lawrence Island Yupik in the North Slope, Northwest Arctic, Bering Straits, and Yukon Kuskokwim Delta regions of Alaska.

#### ICC

Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) is an international Indigenous nongovernmental organization, founded in 1977 by the late Eben Hopson of Utqiagvik, Alaska to strengthen unity among Inuit of Alaska, Canada, Greenland and Chukotka; promote Inuit rights and interests at the international level; develop and encourage long term policies that safeguard the Arctic environment; and seek full and active partnership in the political, economic and social development of the Arctic region. ICC holds Consultative Status II at the United Nations Economic and Social Council, is a Permanent Participant at the Arctic Council, an Observer at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and holds Provisional Consultative Status at the International Maritime Organization.

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#### ICC Alaska Vision

ICC Alaska's vision of the future is what gives it hope and energy to persevere in the work that it does to advocate for and represent Inuit of Alaska. ICC was founded on the vision that Inuit around the globe would join together in unity to give a powerful voice to Inuit concerns, protect Inuit rights, and ensure that Inuit everywhere could enjoy their cultural rights freely. ICC Alaska's vision is that of a world where Inuit Leadership is making a positive impact globally and at home as well as leading the way in setting government policy. It is a vision where the Inuit youth of Alaska are actively engaged in the mission of ICC Alaska and all Inuit from youth to elders work together to uphold language, culture, community and way of life to keep them thriving. This vision encompasses leadership in overall Inuit health and well-being, and Inuit business and economic strength. A place where Inuit hold full sovereignty, are equitably part of management of wildlife and hold food security. Lastly, where Indigenous Knowledge and laws are commonly used and documented. ICC Alaska's vision is one of a world where Inuit are leading the way in every facet to create and sustain a future we can be proud to be a part of.

#### ICC Alaska Mission

ICC Alaska exists as the unified voice and collective spirit of Alaskan Inuit, to promote, protect and advance Inuit culture and society.

#### ICC Alaska Values

ICC Alaska's core value is our Inuit identity and worldview. This identity is the driving force behind the values and work of ICC Alaska. It is also what makes the organization unique and different from other organizations and allows it to be the only one of its kind to represent the Inuit of Alaska on the global stage. Inuit culture, languages, and way of life are at the heart of ICC Alaska's beliefs and values. These beliefs and values serve as the foundation for everything ICC Alaska does and stands for from its day to day tasks to its engagement at the international level, these values are our guide.

## 2022 ICC Declaration

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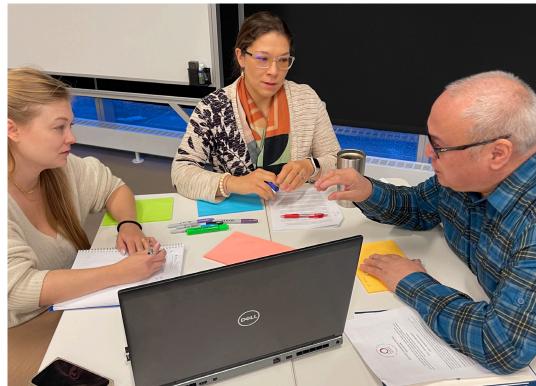
ICC holds a General Assembly every four years at which delegates from across the circumpolar region elect the Chair and Executive Council and adopt a Declaration that will guide the activities of the organization for the coming term. The General Assembly is the heart of the organization, providing an opportunity for sharing information, discussing common concerns, debating issues, and strengthening the bonds between all Inuit. In 2022, the 14th General Assembly of ICC was held July 19-21 as a hybrid gathering due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

The ICC Declaration provides the foundation, direction, and boundaries for the ICC Alaska Strategic Plan.









## Planning Participants

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# Strategic Direction

## ICC Alaska's Strategic Vision

#### In 2026, as a result of ICC Alaska's work:

- · Our way of life is understood and respected.
- Our leaders sit in places of influence.
- We have the resources and engagement needed.
- Our work is elevated and implemented.
- Our communication is effective and impactful.

For the next four years, ICC Alaska will focus on the following Strategic Priorities to meet the Strategic Vision.

ICC Alaska Strategic Priorities and Objectives

### PRIORITY ONE INFLUENCE SYSTEMATIC CHANGE Objectives:

- Build a common understanding of our culture and people.
- Elevate and implement our current work.
- Influence government policy and practices through engagement.



Objectives:

- Build our leaders for succession and sustainability.
- Diversify funding to build sustainability.





### 3 PRIORITY THREE AMPLIFY ICC ALASKA'S WORK Objectives:

- · Increase access and sharing of ICC information.
- Leverage members and partners to amplify ICC Alaska's work.

## PRIORITY FOUR

## LEVERAGE ICC INTERNATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE FULLEST

Objectives:

- Promote cross-team collaborations within the ICC Alaska office and other ICC offices.
- Increase ICC unification and collaboration.

## PRIORITY FIVE ROOT ICC ALASKA IN HISTORY AND PLACE

Objectives:

- Capture and leverage ICC history
- Continue to ensure we are rooted at the community level

