



## **INUIT CIRCUMPOLAR COUNCIL**

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#### **IQALUIT TO HOST INUIT CIRCUMPOLAR COUNCIL'S 2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

September 30, 2025—The Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI) are pleased to announce that NTI has graciously accepted to host ICC's 15<sup>th</sup> General Assembly next summer from July 22-25, 2026, in Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada.

"We are excited to return to Iqaluit for ICC's 15th General Assembly at such a pivotal time for Inuit," said Sara Olsvig, Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council. "This General Assembly will not only mark the transition of ICC leadership from Greenland to Canada but also serve as a moment of reflection and a renewal of our shared goals as we approach ICC's 50th anniversary."

ICC's 3rd General Assembly was also held in Iqaluit (formerly Frobisher Bay) in 1983. As ICC approaches its 50th anniversary in 2027, returning to Iqaluit symbolizes a meaningful renewal of our mission to serve as the united voice on issues of common concern, towards protecting and promoting our people, identity and ways of life.

ICC holds a General Assembly every four years, bringing together the 66 Inuit delegates from Kalaallit Nunaat (Greenland), Chukotka, Alaska, and Canada, and hundreds of participants and observers, to share experiences from across Inuit Nunaat and discuss strategies to address issues impacting all Inuit. Assemblies also provide the opportunity to celebrate our vibrant traditions, arts, and culture.

"Today, more than ever, it is vital for Inuit to unite in celebrating our shared heritage and culture, and to shape a collective vision for our future, as the Arctic and our Inuit homeland continue to play a central role in global discussions", says ICC Chair Sara Olsvig.

"NTI is excited for the opportunity to host the ICC General Assembly in Iqaluit, as the ICC elects a new chair from Canada," said NTI President Jeremy Tunraluk. "Inuit culture and Inuit rights are not restricted by national or international borders. Nunavut Inuit need to be defining the future for our land and people, and the same goes for all Inuit around the circumpolar world. ICC is an important

venue to share our knowledge and methods, and to work together to improve the lives of all Inuit around the world.”

At the General Assembly a new declaration will be approved by delegates to guide the next four years of work for ICC. The chairship will also rotate from Kalaallit Nunaat to Canada, with the election of a new chair. ICC looks forward to working closely with NTI in planning this gathering of Inuit from across Inuit Nunaat next year.

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*ICC is an international Indigenous Peoples' Organization, founded in 1977 to strengthen unity among Inuit of Alaska, Canada, Greenland, and Chukotka. ICC promotes Inuit rights and interests at the international level, develops and encourages long term policies that safeguard the Arctic environment, and seeks full and effective participation and meaningful engagement 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 co-founder and Permanent Participant at the Arctic Council, an Observer at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and holds Permanent Status at the International Maritime Organization alongside other advisory and consultative roles across numerous international fora.*