

Inuit Qaujisarvingat: The Inuit Knowledge Centre – Emerging Opportunities in Knowledge Stewardship from a National Inuit-Specific Lens

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Issues of Arctic sovereignty, resource development, climate change and militarization have magnified interest in northern research. These issues have influence on Arctic science through increasing demands for timely scientific information as well as the engagement of Arctic Indigenous peoples. Much emphasis has been placed on the inclusion of local Inuit knowledge in science, research and policy development in northern Canada. The challenge still remains on how to build sustainable Inuit communities that can fully participate in finding innovative ways to connect Inuit knowledge with science, research and policy development.

This presentation will discuss *Inuit Qaujisarvingat: The Inuit Knowledge Centre (IKC)*, an initiative launched by Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami to work towards addressing these challenges and opportunities. The IKC is in a unique position to provide a National Inuit-specific lens on Arctic science and research. We will explain how the Centre focuses its efforts to ensure an increasingly active role for Inuit in research that leads to the generation of innovative knowledge for improved research, science and policy decision making within a Canadian and global context. Data management and knowledge stewardship are an integral part of IKC's mandate and some of the activities in this area will be discussed.

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