



2011-2015 REPORT

Since its creation in 2011, the Northern Sustainable Development Research Chair has been committed to promoting knowledge and providing quality research on Northern issues. But the Chair's work goes well beyond research. It has an ongoing commitment to highlight the needs of Inuit and Cree communities, and to advocate for more resources and good practices in Northern territories.

Main Achievements

The Research Chair has established itself as a crucial player in Northern research community by working with and for communities. You will find in this report some of the Chair's achievements over the past four years. Here are the key ones:

- Improving knowledge about Northern issues
- Promoting creation of an Inuit Nunangat University
- Advocating for access to education and training
- Encouraging exchange between Inuit regions
- Supporting Inuit and Cree organizations
- Training Inuit researchers



Working with and for NORTHERN COMMUNITIES

Improving knowledge about Northern issues

Socio-economic impacts of mining

What impact has mining development had on education, employment, and the social fabric? This is what the Chair seeks to understand, especially in the context of the



Clarence Cowboy and Fred Wiskeychan, Waskaganish, 2012.

multiple iterations of Plan Nord. To do this, research has been conducted to gain a better understanding of the impacts and benefits of different mines in northern Canada. In addition to articles and reports, a student has just published his master thesis on this subject.

Land-based economy in Nunavik

The objective of this project is to learn more about hunting and fishing practices and their economic and social importance. This is a project funded by Makivik in conjunction with the Kativik Regional Government. The Chair coordinates the research, trains Inuit researchers, and provides scientific advice. Surveys are ongoing in Salluit and Kuujuarapik, while others have already been completed in Tasiujaq, Quaqtaq, Kangiqsuallujuaq, and Inukjuak.

Relations between mining companies and communities

The Chair is also studying communication between mining companies and Nunavik and Cree communities. A Ph.D. student is studying this issue with respect to mining projects in Aupaluk (Nunavik) and in

Eeyou Istchee. This project is being conducted in partnership with Makivik and the Aupaluk Northern Village.

Qanuippitaa

The Chair is working with other researchers for the new Nunavik Health Survey that will be conducted in 2016.

Impact of mining on social cohesion

The Chair has established a Knowledge Network on Environmental Impact Assessment and the Social Impacts of Mining in the Canadian Eastern Arctic and Subarctic (Nunavik, Nunavut, and Eeyou Istchee). We are currently working to expand this network to the Scandinavian countries, Australia, and New Caledonia.

Success in post-secondary program

The Chair, through the organization of workshops and the realization of a survey, has collected data on the educational and professional success amongst Inuit of Nunavut who have registered in a post-secondary program. This project was conducted in partnership with the Nunavut Arctic College, the Kativik School Board and Nunavut Sivuniksavut.

In education

Advocating for access to education and training

The Chair is advocating for development of research and training facilities in Nunavik. This goal is part of three larger initiatives:

- The Institut nordique du Québec, which may support construction of research and training facilities in the North;
- The Canada Foundation for Innovation project, which provides funds for the creation of a research and training centre in Nunavik and the development of post-secondary courses;
- The G6 55, a group of six town of the Ungava Coast (Kuujuaq, Kangiqsuallujuaq, Quaqtaq, Tasiujaq, Aupaluk and Kangirsuk), working for the economic and social development of their region. The Chair is working with them to prepare a post-secondary program on social and environmental sciences.

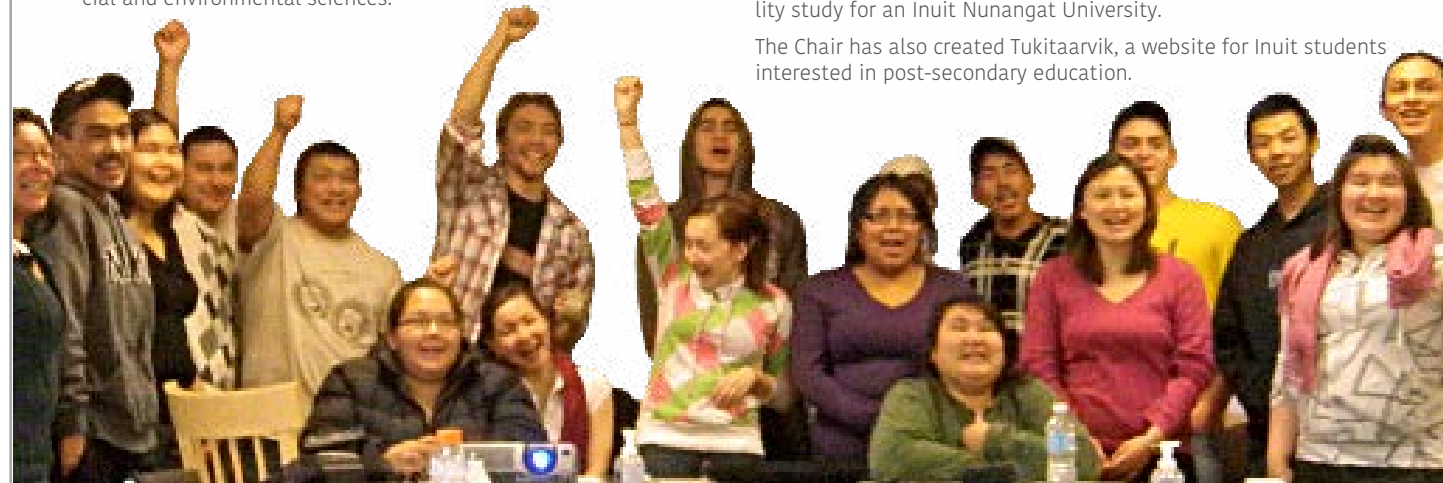
Promoting creation of an Inuit Nunangat University

The Chair has actively worked to promote a university in Inuit Nunangat by organizing various workshops and by writing up reports and briefing notes for Northern institutions.

- Kuujuaq Workshop on Inuit Post-secondary Education (2011) with the Kativik School Board and the Kativik Regional Government;
- Ottawa session of the Arctic Change 2014 Conference with Paul Quassa, Mary Simon, Lars Kullerud, and Keith Chaulk;
- Iqaluit Workshop on the Inuit Nunangat University (2015) with Nunavut Arctic College, FCNQ, Ilitturvik University Society, Qauji-giartiit Health Research Centre, and the Amaujaq Centre.

The last workshop led the Government of Nunavut to approve a feasibility study for an Inuit Nunangat University.

The Chair has also created Tukitaarvik, a website for Inuit students interested in post-secondary education.



Leadership workshop, Kangiqsuallujuaq, 2011

Supporting Inuit and Cree organizations

The Chair provides different initiatives and organizations with expertise. Here are some of them:

- Saputiit, Nunavik Youth association: the Chair organized a leadership workshop and a study trip to Iqaluit and Nuuk in 2011;



Nain Harbour

Encouraging exchange between Inuit regions

We believe it is important to share knowledge and experiences between Inuit regions in order to learn from each other. The Chair has organized different events to foster these exchanges:

- Nuuk and Iqaluit study trip with Saputiit, the Youth association in Nunavik, in 2011;
- Project on mining economies with Makivik and the Government of Nunatsiavut (2015-17);
- Kuujuaq (2011) and Iqaluit (2015) Post-Secondary Education Workshop;
- Iqaluit University Workshop in 2015.

The research team who worked on the project «Monitoring educational and professional success amongst Inuit of Nunavut who have registered in a post-secondary program» (from left to right): Francis Lévesque, Maatalii Okalik, Thierry Rodon, and Pamela Gross.

- Unaaq Men's Association: the Chair participated in the Inukjuak outdoor training program (2013) and is working with Unaaq to develop a project for the Arctic Inspiration Prize in 2015;
- Innalik project: the Chair has helped document the project which consist of the construction of a small hydroelectric generating station on the Inukjuak River;
- G6 55: the Chair is working with this group representing the six communities in the Ungava Bay to develop a vision and action plan on Inuit training for environmental and social impact studies.
- Qikiqtani Inuit Association: Since 2013, Thierry Rodon is the scientific advisor for the project Understanding Community Change in the Qikiqtaaluk: Examining social cohesion in communities affected by the Mary River Project through community based research.
- Grand Council of the Crees: one of our PhD student works with the organization to target the environmental priorities of the Crees of Wemindji in the Eleonore mining project and find ways to increase their participation during the development of the project.

Advocating for more responsible research practices

- Ensuring that Inuit are employed as co-researchers in research projects. Between 2011 and 2015, the Chair employed 23 Inuit researchers. (See Training Inuit researchers section);
- Promoting a research permit system to avoid research fatigue and duplication;
- Ensuring that research findings are presented to communities appropriately.



Training Inuit researchers

The Northern Sustainable Development Chair is engaged in training young Inuit researchers. We make it a priority. We believe that research in the North has everything to gain from the contribution of researchers who have roots in their environment.

Since the beginning, the Chair has employed Inuit researchers for various research projects in Inuit Nunangat. The following table presents data on the participation of Inuit researchers in some of the Chair's research projects.

Region	Research	Inuit Researchers
Nunavik	The social impacts of the Raglan Mine on the Inuit communities of Salluit and Kangiqsuajuaq	Louisa Pauyungie Élaysia Uqittuq
	Nunavik land-based study	Kym Tukkiapik Alacie Angnatuk Maggie Annahatak Nancy Oovaut Louisa Etok Tooma Etok John Mina Tommy Palliser Peter Papyarluk Elena Maggie Berthe Mary Cain Susie Okituk Audrey Fleming Rita Kanayuk Charlie Naluyuk
Nunavut	Improving access to university for Inuit students from Nunavut	Lori Tagoona Pamela Gross Maatalii Okalik Elizabeth Ryan Kevin Qamanik-Mason Jena Merkosook Stephanie Kootoo-Chiarelo
	Monitoring educational and professional success amongst Inuit of Nunavut who have registered in a post-secondary program	Teevi Mackay James Kuptana

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