

Speaker: Okalik Eegeesiak

Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council

In July 2014, (Josie) Okalik Eegeesiak was elected Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC), which represents the international interests of Inuit in Canada, Greenland, Chukotka (Russia) and Alaska (USA). This Chairmanship role builds on Ms. Eegeesiak's six years as President of the regional Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA), representing approximately 14,000 Inuit across 13 communities of the Qikiqtani Region of Nunavut.

Her background includes representing the Inuit community in various capacities through government and non-government organizations at the international, national, territorial and community level through boards and committees.

Ms. Eegeesiak is fluent in written and oral Inuktitut, and was born, raised, and schooled in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

