

INUIT CIRCUMPOLAR COUNCIL

15TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Iqaluit, Nunavut · 22 July – 25 July 2026



Inuit Tapiriit Nunarjuarmi

INUIT

TUESDAY — July 21, 2026

ARRIVALS IN IQALUIT

Time	Program
All day	Registration
12:00 – 16:00	Free Time
16:00 – 18:00	Possibility for Caucus Meetings (as directed by Heads of Delegations)
19:00 – 21:00	NTI Welcome Reception
21:00 – 22:00	Closed Meeting – Executive Council Only

WEDNESDAY — July 22, 2026

OPENING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Chair Call to Order: Sara Olsvig, ICC Chair

Assembly Chair: Hjalmar Dahl, ICC Vice Chair, Kalaallit Nunaat

Time	Program
07:00 – 08:30	<i>Delegates Breakfast</i>
08:30 – 08:45	Qulliq Lighting: Tukummeq Qaavigaq and performance by HH Suersaq Poulsen Opening Invocation: Paneeraq S. Munk, Bishop of the Diocese of Greenland
08:45 – 10:30	Opening Plenary <i>Theme: Inuit Tapiriit Nunarjuarmi</i> Chair Call to Order & Welcome Sara Olsvig – Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council Host Greetings Gloria Uluqsi – President, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated Solomon Ava – Mayor of Iqaluit Patron's Address The Right Honourable Mark Carney – Prime Minister of Canada (via Recorded Address) Opening Remarks Government of Nunavut (TBC) Múte Bourup Egede – Vice Premier, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Business, and Mineral Resources; former Premier, Government of Greenland Josiah Patkotak – Mayor, North Slope Borough; former Alaska State Representative Irina Meshcheryakova – President, ICC Chukotka Greetings from other Indigenous Peoples Gunn-Britt Retter – Head of Environmental Unit, Saami Council Honoring the Life and Legacy of Jimmy Stotts Marie Greene – ICC Vice Chair; ICC Alaska President Introduction of Delegations, Elders (given by Heads of Delegations)

10:30 – 11:00	<i>Break</i>
11:00 – 11:30	General Assembly Procedures; Approval of Agenda; Approval of 2022 Proceedings; Approval of Credentials; Confirming Declaration Drafting Committee and the task ahead
11:30 – 13:00	<i>Delegates Lunch (Cultural Performances)</i>
13:00 – 13:20	Chair's Report: Sara Olsvig – Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council Approval of Report of Activities
13:20 – 14:00	Country Reports Alaska: Marie Greene – ICC Alaska President Canada: Herb Nakimayak – ICC Canada President Greenland: Hjalmar Dahl – ICC Greenland President Chukotka: Irina Meshcheryakova – ICC Chukotka President
14:00 – 14:30	<i>Break</i>
14:30 – 15:00	ICC Youth Presentation Gwen Natsiq – Canada Youth Delegate Emma Lennert – Kalaallit Nunaat Youth Delegate Joshua Vo – Alaska Youth Delegate Gulnara Rodionova – Chukotka Youth Delegate
15:00 – 16:00	Closed Meeting – Presentation of ICC Financial Statements (Delegates and ICC Leadership only)
16:00 – 18:00	Caucus Meetings (as directed by Heads of Delegations)
18:00 – 19:00	<i>Delegates Dinner</i>
19:00 – 21:00	<i>Cultural Program</i>

THURSDAY — July 23, 2026

Assembly Chair: Marie Greene, ICC Vice Chair, Alaska

Time	Program
07:00 – 08:30	<i>Delegates Breakfast</i> Caucus Meetings (as directed by Heads of Delegations)
08:30 – 08:45	Qulliq Lighting Opening Invocation: Prayer by Freda Jimmie and song by YK Delta Region
08:45 – 09:15	ICC Delegates Meeting Report: Qulutannuaq Berthelsen – ICC Kalaallit Nunaat Board Member; former Head of Delegation, ICC Kalaallit Nunaat ICC Alaskan Inuit Arctic Strategy: Marie Greene – ICC Vice Chair; ICC Alaska President

09:15 – 10:45

Session #1

Topic: Indigenous Peoples' Rights

(15 minute keynotes with 45 minute plenary discussion)

Keynote: Dalee Sambo Dorrough on Human Rights – Arctic Member of the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP); former ICC Chair

Keynote: Albert Barume on Human Rights – United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Keynote: Natan Obed – ICC Executive Council Member; President, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Plenary Discussion (on Session #1)

10:45 – 11:00

Break

11:00 – 12:30

Session #2

Topic: Peace, Security, and Cooperation Across Inuit Nunaat

(15 minute keynotes with 45 minute plenary discussion)

Joint Keynote: Gloria Uluqsi – President, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated; (TBC), Government of Nunavut on Nunavut Arctic Sovereignty and Security Strategy

Keynote: Kenneth Høegh on The Kingdom of Denmark's Arctic Council Chairship – Arctic Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark; Chair, Arctic Council Senior Arctic Officials (SAO)

Keynote: Megan Onders on Peace and Cooperation in the Bering Strait – Chief, King Island Native Community; Chair, Bering Strait Development Council

Plenary Discussion (on Session #2)

12:30 – 14:00

Delegates Lunch (Cultural Performances)

14:00 – 15:00

Plenary Discussion (on Sessions #1–2)

15:00 – 15:30

Presentation of ICC Awards

15:30 – 16:00

Break

16:00 – 17:00

Caucus Meetings (as directed by Heads of Delegations)

17:00 – 18:00

Reception, Sponsored by ICC Alaska (By Invitation Only)

18:00 – 19:00

Delegates Dinner

19:00 – 22:00

Cultural Program

FRIDAY — July 24, 2026

OFFICIAL SESSIONS CONTINUE

Assembly Chair: Irina Meshcheryakova, ICC Vice Chair, Chukotka

Time

Program

07:00 – 08:30

Delegates Breakfast

Caucus Meetings (as directed by Heads of Delegations)

08:30 – 08:45	Qulliq Lighting: Lida Volovik – Delegate, ICC Chukotka
08:45 – 09:15	Opening Invocation : ICC Chukotka ICC Alaska Report: Advancing Indigenous Knowledge from Theory to Practice: Cyrus Harris – Indigenous Knowledge Holder, Maniilaq Association ICC Kalaallit Nunaat Report: Oceans & Inuit Knowledge: Victoria Qutuuq Buschman – Advisor, ICC Kalaallit Nunaat
09:15 – 11:00	Session #3 Topic: Inuit Hunting and Food Security - Protection of Inuit Lands, Waters, Species, and Ice <i>(15 minute keynotes with 45 minute plenary discussion)</i> Keynote: Kim Kielsen on (TBC) – Speaker of Parliament, Greenland Keynote Herb Nakimayak on the Agreement to Prevent Unregulated High Seas Fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean (CAOFA) – ICC Vice Chair; ICC Canada President Keynote: Sara Olsvig on Protecting our Waters from Pikialasorsuaq to the Central Arctic Ocean – Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council Keynote: Liz Cravalho on Advancing Food Security, Protecting Our Way of Life – Vice President of Lands, NANA Regional Corporation Plenary Discussion (on Session #3)
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	Country Case Studies — Protection of Inuit Lands, Waters, Species, and Ice <i>(10 minute presentations)</i> Country Case on Polar Bear Management: Egor Vereshagin and Maria Karnaukhova – ICC Chukotka Delegates Country Case on Sarvarjuaq: Olayuk Akesuk – President, Qikiqtani Inuit Association Country Case on Alaska's Salmon Crash: Roy Ashenfelter – Vice Chair, Bering Straits Native Corporation
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Delegates Lunch (Cultural Performances)</i>
14:00 – 14:10	ICC Update: Progress on Mapping and Eliminating Barriers to Further Inuit-to-Inuit Business Cooperation Aviaaja Isaksen, Projects and Human Rights Coordinator, ICC Kalaallit Nunaat
14:10 – 15:30	Session #4 Topic: Inuit-Centered Business and Economic Development <i>(15 minute keynotes with 45 minute plenary discussion)</i> Keynote: Rex Rock on Advancing Inuit Economic Freedom – President & CEO, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation Keynote: Simigaaq Heilmann on Tourism in Kalaallit Nunaat – Mayor of the Qeqertalik Municipality Keynote: (TBC), Canada Plenary Discussion (on Session #4)

15:30 – 16:00	<i>Break</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Plenary Discussion (on Sessions #3-4)
17:00 – 18:00	Caucus Meetings (as directed by Heads of Delegations)
18:00 – 19:00	<i>Delegates Dinner</i>
20:00 – 22:00	<i>Cultural Program</i>

SATURDAY — July 25, 2026

CLOSING DAY

Assembly Chair: Herb Nakimayak, ICC Vice Chair, Canada

Time	Program
07:00 – 08:30	<i>Delegates Breakfast</i>
08:00 – 08:30	Final Caucus Meetings (as directed by Heads of Delegations)
08:30 – 08:45	Qulliq Lighting Opening Invocation
08:45 – 09:15	ICC Inuit Women's Summit Report Emma Lennert – Board Member, ICC Kalaallit Nunaat; incoming President, ICC Kalaallit Nunaat
	Circumpolar Inuit Health Steering Committee Report: Arnârak Patricia Bloch – Chair, Circumpolar Inuit Health Steering Committee
09:15 – 10:45	Session #5 Topic: Inuit Identity, Physical, Spiritual, and Mental Health and Wellbeing (15 minute Keynotes with 45 minute plenary discussion) Keynote: Anna Wangenheim on Health in body, soul, and spirit – Minister for Health and Persons with Disabilities, Government of Greenland Keynote: Vivian Korthuis on Arctic Typhoons – CEO, Association of Village Council Presidents Keynote: Aloupa Kulula on Traditional Medicine Plenary Discussion (on Session #5)
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Break</i>

11:00 – 12:30

Session #6

Topic: Inuit Language and Intergenerational Knowledge

(10 minute keynotes with 50 minute plenary discussion)

Keynote: Leena Evic on Creating Inuit Content for the Next Generation of Inuktitut Speakers – President, Pirurvik Centre

Keynote: Terri Walker on Northwest Arctic Inupiat Immersion – Superintendent, Northwest Arctic School District

Keynote: Gulnara Rodionova on Inuit Language and Knowledge Preservation in Chukotka - ICC Chukotka Delegate

Keynote: Elna Thomsen Heilmann on the Preservation, Maintenance, and Development of the Greenlandic Language – President, IMAK, Teachers Union of Greenland

Plenary Discussion (on Session #6)

12:30 – 14:00

Delegates Lunch (Cultural Performances)

14:00 – 14:45

Plenary Discussion (on Sessions #5-6)

14:45 – 15:30

Review of Final Draft ICC 2026 General Assembly Declaration

CLOSING CEREMONY & CULTURAL CELEBRATION

15:30 – 15:35

Amendments to ICC Charter

15:35 – 15:40

Amendments to ICC By-Laws

15:40 – 15:45

Adoption of the 2026 Declaration

15:45 – 15:55

Signing of the 2026 Declaration

15:55 – 16:00

Nomination and Election of new ICC Chair

16:00 – 16:15

New Chair's Remark

16:15 – 16:30

Presentation of the new ICC Executive Council

16:30 – 17:00

Closing Remarks

17:00 – 17:30

Presentation of Gifts

17:30 – 18:00

Closing Invocation

18:00 – 19:00

Delegates Dinner

20:00 – 22:00

Cultural Program

Farewell & departures begin.

SUNDAY — July 26, 2026

TRAVEL AND DEPARTURE DAY

Time

Program

07:00 – 08:30

Delegates Breakfast

Farewell & departures continue.



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