

J. OKALIK EEGEESIAK



Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council

(Josie) Okalik Egeesiak was elected Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) in July 2014. ICC holds a General Assembly every four years at which delegates from across the circumpolar region elect a new Chair and an executive council, develop policies, and adopt resolutions that will guide the activities of the organization for the coming term. ICC represents the international interests of Inuit in Canada, Greenland, Chukotka (Russia) and Alaska (USA).

Ms. Egeesiak was President of Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) from 2008-2014. QIA represents approximately 14,000 Inuit in 13 communities of the Qikiqtani Region. QIA's mandate includes to protect, preserve, and promote Inuit rights, interests, and aspirations.

Prior to taking over the presidency of the QIA, Egeesiak was self-employed focussing on human resource and community development. Her background includes representing Inuit communities in various capacities through government and non-government organizations at the international, national, territorial and community level through boards and committees.