

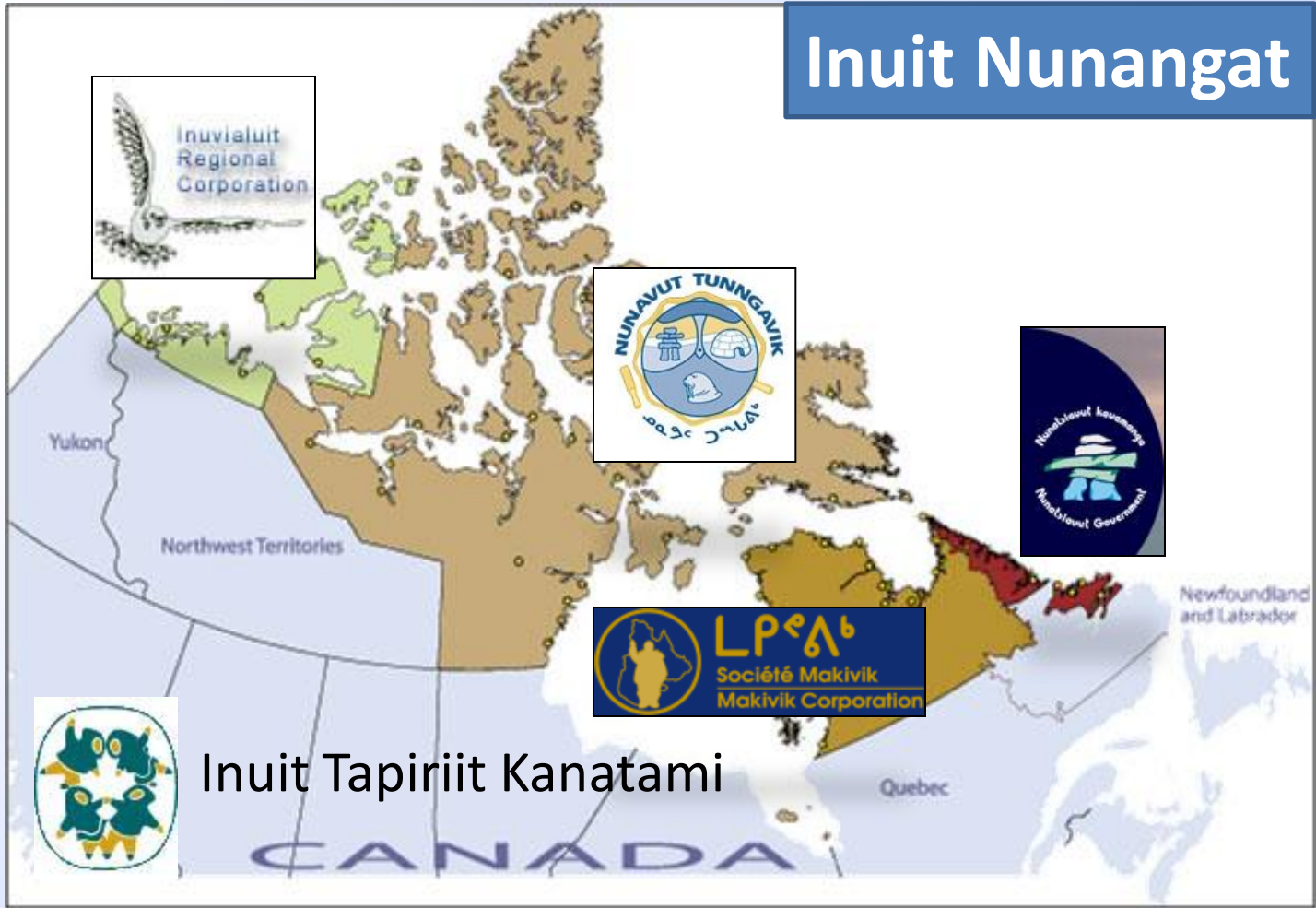
# Inuit Nipingit - National Inuit Committee on Ethics and Research

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# Inuit Nunangat



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National Inuit Youth Council  
Inuit Circumpolar Council



# Purpose of Inuit Nipingit

To discuss, develop and make recommendations on improved research ethics protocols, practices, and standards that pertain to Inuit and Arctic research, while developing and providing robust ethical guidance.

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# Goal of Inuit Nipingit

To be recognized in the academic and government worlds as a formal body to work with Inuit on research ethics issues.



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# Background

## Inuit Nipingit - National Inuit Committee on Ethics and Research

- Created in 2008
- Terms of Reference approved Feb 2009
- 18 members from 4 regional and 5 national Inuit organizations
- 6 Ex-officio members from academia and research licensing organizations



# Why An Inuit Ethics Committee?

- **Increased Research within Inuit Nunangat**

- **Increased interest in Arctic issues:**

Arctic economy, resource extraction, sovereignty, sea bed mapping, climate change, Northern Strategy,

- **Increasing interest to expand research opportunities in the Arctic**

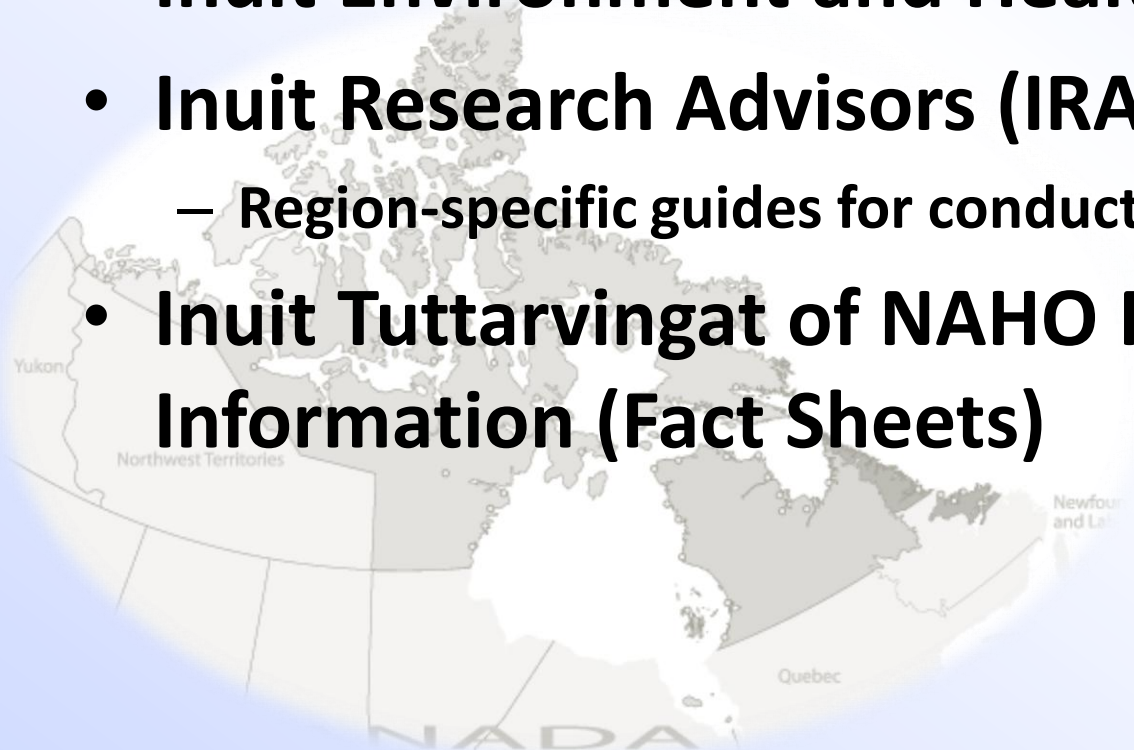
- High Arctic Research Station (Canadian Gov)
- Inuit Knowledge Centre (ITK)

- **Improve existing ethical guidelines**



# Documented Inuit-Specific Interests

- **Negotiating Research Relationships Guides**
  - one for communities, one for researchers
- **Inuit Action Plan (2006)**
- **Inuit Environment and Health Forum (2008)**
- **Inuit Research Advisors (IRAs)**
  - Region-specific guides for conducting research
- **Inuit Tuttarvingat of NAHO Research Ethics Information (Fact Sheets)**



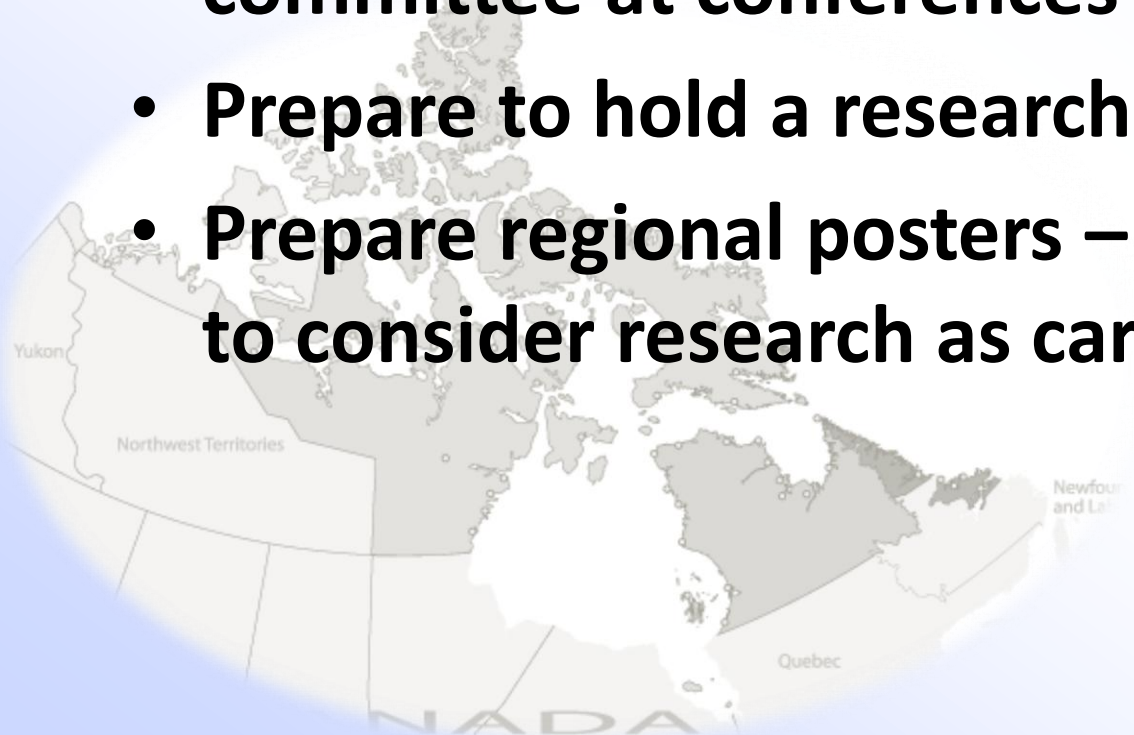
# Roles and Responsibilities

- Advise in production of research ethics materials for Inuit communities: national poster, fact sheets, Regional posters
- Draft an Inuit-specific research ethics discussion paper



# Next Steps

- Engage with other arctic and indigenous research activities
- Committee members to present on the committee at conferences
- Prepare to hold a research forum
- Prepare regional posters – encourage youth to consider research as career option



# Thank You Questions?

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