

An aerial photograph of a small, colorful village in a snowy, mountainous Arctic region. The houses are built on a steep, snow-covered slope. The sky is overcast and grey. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

# The Role of Inuit Land Claim Organizations in the Northern Social Economy

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# THE PROJECT

- ◆ This project is part of theme 2 :  
Resource regimes and the social economy in the North
- ◆ Focuses on the role of two Inuit Land Claim Organizations (Makivik and NTI) in the development of the Northern social economy
- ◆ Partners: Makivik Corporation, QIA, NTI?

# THE NORTHERN SOCIAL ECONOMY

- ◆ Volunteer organizations, community groups, non-governmental organizations, non-profit groups, and charities.
- ◆ BUT ALSO
- ◆ Hunting and gathering economy and in some regions with the emergence of a strong cooperative sector
- ◆ Traditional relationships in aboriginal communities

# What we want to do

- ◆ Present the state of social economy in Nunavut and Nunavik
- ◆ Compare the strategies and the role in the social economy of two land claim organizations (LCOs): Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and Makivik Corporation.
- ◆ Examine the policies and investment strategies of these two organizations
- ◆ Develop a set of indicators to assess the role of LCOs in the development of the social economy.
- ◆ Identify best practices

# TIMETABLE

- ◆ Summer/Fall 2008: Literature review on Land Claims organization, financial data analysis and preparation of interviews framework
- ◆ Winter 2008: Interviews with Nunavik organizations
- ◆ Spring/Summer 2009: Interviews with Nunavut organizations
- ◆ Summer 2009: Analysis of the Nunavut and Nunavik data
- ◆ Fall 2009: Final report

# PRODUCT AND DISSEMINATION

- ◆ Report, Papers, Presentation
- ◆ Present socially minded alternative to LCOs
- ◆ The report will also be disseminated to Nunavut Sivuniksavut and other public (northern departments of economic development) and non-profit organizations that have an interest in the Northern social economy

# How we are going to do it

- ◆ Collect and analyze the financial reports and official documents of these organizations and compare their strategy.
- ◆ Interviews with officials of Makivik and NTI.
- ◆ Interviews with social economy organizations in Nunavik and Nunavut