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.