

# Nunavut Climate Change Youth Advisory Committee

## Fall Workshop

*September 24-25, 2022*



# Nunavut Climate Change Youth Advisory Committee



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# SUMMARY

The GN's Climate Change Secretariat, with support from NVision Insight Group, hosted the second annual in-person meeting of the Nunavut Climate Change Youth Advisory Committee (NuCCYAC) September 24-25, 2022. Members met to reconnect and create short and long term objectives for the committee.

The workshop revisited some of the goals and structure of the NuCCYAC from past working sessions to further inform the work of the committee. This included reviewing the Terms of Reference and creating a purpose statement for the committee. The committee also spent time grouping potential action items (Community, Territory, Government) and then mapping them by their impact and difficulty in implementation. These action items will guide the committee in their work until at least March 31, 2023.

The committee will continue to meet virtually to take action on outlined objectives and to determine future impacts the committee wishes to have in Nunavut.



## NuCCYAC Draft Statement of Purpose

We acknowledge the climate in the North is changing and commit ourselves to raising awareness, empowering youth, and building youth capacity. With a focus on knowledge sharing, we take action on climate adaptation, emission reduction and energy efficiency through an Inuit perspective.

# Elder Solomon Awa

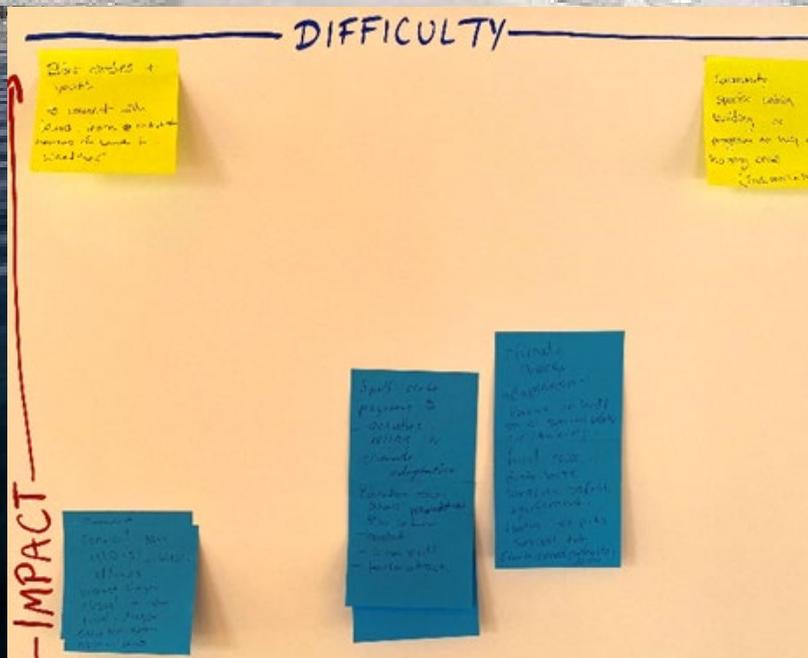
Solomon Awa provided a session to start the day where he shared his experience and knowledge of how climate change is impacting the land, communities and way of life in Nunavut. He introduced knowledge around weather patterns and events and their impacts on the snow layer, blizzard conditions and animal behaviour.

Solomon expressed optimism that traditional practices would help Inuit adapt as changes in weather and difficult harvesting years have always been something that communities prepared for and could anticipate by knowing what signs to look for (ie. red skies leading into winter mean that it will be a warmer winter and harder to travel on the ice, so preparations would need to be made before winter).

Solomon left the group to consider how the north will need to adapt to climate change. The impacts of climate change are felt the greatest across much of the arctic even though the north has very little impact on global climate change overall. As a result, a focus on climate adaptation may be needed more greatly in Nunavut than a focus on reducing climate change impacts.



# Action Plan Summaries



## COMMUNITY

### *High Impact / Low Difficulty*

- Elder & Youth circles to connect and learn (land, Inuktitut names, weather patterns, etc.)

### *Medium Impact / Medium Difficulty*

- Connect with HTOs and wildlife offices to build relationships and learn
- Create small scale programs and activities – focus on education / schools (film, handouts, presentations / school visits, teacher outreach – Education Conference Winter 2023)
- Climate change adaptation programs – provide land and ice survival training through partners, distribute equipment (safety equipment, ice picks, survival kits)

### *High Impact / High Difficulty*

- Community specific cabin building program to combat Inuit specific housing crisis



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## GOVERNMENT

### *High Impact / Low Difficulty*

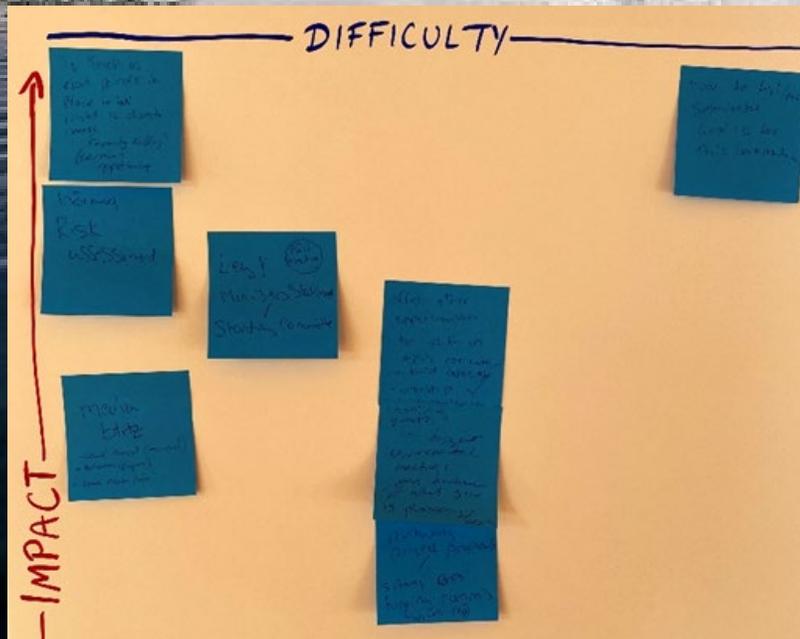
- Learn about the policies, platform, and actions that the GN has in place related to climate change
- Provide input into the GN's Climate Change Risk and Resiliency Assessment (Nov 28-Dec 2 workshop sessions)
- Support CCS in developing ministerial briefing material around the committee

### *Medium Impact / Medium Difficulty*

- Media blitz (share information within GN about the committee, its actions, purpose, and successes)
- Determine opportunities for committee members to sit on other advisory groups and/or participate in larger environmental groups within the GN to learn and understand the work of the GN.

### *High Impact / High Difficulty*

- Find sustainable long term funding for the youth committee



# NEXT STEPS

Priority areas for the committee for fall of 2022 include:

- Recruitment of new members
- Creation of communication tools (website, social media, etc.)
- Training & Development opportunities
- Creating a work plan informed by the Action Plan Summaries
- Finalizing Terms of Reference & Purpose Statement

NVision Insight Group will support the NuCCYAC to take action on its priorities and will assist with meeting facilitation, communications, and resources for the remainder of the 22-23 fiscal year.

