

Climate Change Training Course

Climate Change Adaptation for Northern Decision-Makers Course

CONTEXT

Nunavut is experiencing impacts from climate change that can have both negative and positive impacts on Nunavummiut. We must understand these changes and find ways to better prepare and adapt in all areas of our lives and work. If people understand how climate change is affecting their daily lives and the work they do, they can take action to make sure they are prepared to deal with and take advantage of these changes.



Photo: The Government of Nunavut

OBJECTIVE

The Government of Nunavut has developed a training course for Nunavut decision-makers to help them understand how climate change impacts their work, and how they can include measures in their daily decisions to adapt.

The course includes two main components. The first is a two-day in-class session on a variety of climate change topics, including climate change science, impacts of climate change on Nunavut, Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit

and climate change, and how to include climate change considerations into decision-making.

The second component is the development of sector specific resource guides. These guides provide additional information to specific sectors and help northerners apply climate change adaptation measures to their specific areas of work.

APPROACH

The course was offered as a pilot in Iqaluit in November 2014. Course participants included representatives from different sectors including: health, environment, emergency services, built infrastructure, energy, tourism, and resource development.

The course was developed as part of a series of territorial climate change training courses with the Government of Yukon. It was also developed with feedback from an advisory committee made up of Government of Nunavut staff from various departments.

RESULTS

The pilot is being evaluated by team members and course participants, and revisions are being made to improve the course. The course will continue to be offered in the future to ensure that more Nunavut decision-makers can benefit from understanding climate change impacts and adaptation options. Materials from the course are available at:

www.climatechangenunavut.ca.

Significance

This course informs government staff of climate change impacts and how to incorporate climate change into decision-making across all government sectors.

Partners

- Yukon Government
- Government of Nunavut Departments and Crown Corporations
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
- Northern Climate ExChange

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