The Nunavut Climate Change Centre (NC^3)

Creating the Nunavut Climate Change Centre (NC^3) online resource centre as a tool for centralizing climate change resources in Nunavut

CONTEXT

The Government of Nunavut's Department of Environment established the NC^3 website (**www.climatechangenunavut.ca**) in 2012 to create a larger climate change resource site with a more interactive layout. There are many groups developing tools and community resources for climate change adaptation and research in Nunavut. Incorporating these resources into one, centralized location will help share and spread climate change knowledge in Nunavut.

Photo: Nunavut Climate Change Centre

OBJECTIVE

The NC^3 website provides a broad overview of climate change in Nunavut including: current climate change projects, news and activities happening in Nunavut, educational resources, adaptation toolkits, research tools, and an Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (traditional knowledge). On a broader scale, the NC^3 serves to increase national and global awareness of climate change and its impacts on Nunavut.

APPROACH

The NC^3 website is designed around individual Nunavut communities, so that information relevant to specific communities can be easily accessed and understood in both plain language and the four official languages of Nunavut. It provides a venue for researchers to report on relevant climate change projects and to share their findings with the general public. It also aims to connect communities with researchers and allows information (i.e. research results) to be shared back to communities that participated in these research activities.

Aside from receiving information from the NC^3 website, community members can also interact by posting questions, photos, and stories related to climate change in their communities. This lets people shape the content of the website and contribute to reducing the impacts of climate change on Nunavut.

EXPECTED RESULTS

It is expected that communities will use the NC^3 website to participate in climate change initiatives across the territory and initiate more adaptation awareness activities in their own communities.

There is a lot of potential for the development and promotion of community-based and youth engagement initiatives in Nunavut. The NC^3 site can be the central meeting place for these interactions to happen. By working together, we can help our communities adapt and prepare for the environmental changes Nunavummiut (people of Nunavut) are experiencing, and will continue to experience. Together, we can promote happier and healthier communities.

Significance

The NC^3 website serves as a portal to SHARE information on how Nunavut is affected by climate change, what our elders are saying, and how individuals can TAKE ACTION to adapt to our changing climate.

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