

## **Global Indigenous Preparatory Conference for the World Conference 2014**

**Alta, Norway, 10 - 12 June 2013**

### **Presentation of the Nuuk Arctic Declaration:**

Thank you Mr. Chair for giving me the opportunity to present the Arctic Declaration on the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, known as the Nuuk Arctic Declaration. I was appointed to do the presentation by the Arctic Caucus session held here in Alta yesterday.

In the Arctic region, two indigenous preparatory conferences have been held, with the objective of preparing the Arctic regions' indigenous peoples' contribution to the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in 2014.

A pan-Sami preparatory conference was held in Inari, Finland, from 27 - 28 June 2012, where Sami representatives from Finland, Norway, Sweden and Russia adopted a comprehensive set of recommendations, as contained in an outcome document called the Inari Declaration.

Moreover, an Arctic Indigenous Peoples' Regional Preparatory Conference for the United Nations' World Conference on Indigenous Peoples was held in Nuuk, Greenland, 23 – 24 October 2012, attended by Sami and Inuit representatives. This conference, which I along with James Stotts, Alaska President of the Inuit Circumpolar Council co-chaired, adopted an Arctic Declaration on the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, known as the Nuuk Arctic Declaration.

The Nuuk Arctic Declaration contains specific and concrete recommendations for inclusion in the final outcome document of the World Conference, structured under the following eight overarching themes, which represent the most pressing and urgent matters for the Arctic indigenous peoples.

### **Theme 1: Indigenous Peoples' Right to Self-determination;**

First of all, this theme recognizes the urgent need to take decisive and concrete measures to ensure full and effective implementation of indigenous peoples' rights, including the rights recognized in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of

and/or their right to self-determination has been violated.