



## News Release

### **Elders meet to discuss Inuit employment in Nunavut's public service**

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 13, 2001)** - Human Resources Minister Kelvin Ng has announced that the Department of Human Resources, in partnership with the Nunavut Social Development Council (NSDC), will be hosting a three-day symposium to facilitate elder's consultations on Inuit employment. Elders from across Nunavut will meet in Iqaluit September 17 to 19, 2001.

Elders will discuss issues that are likely to have an effect on how the Government of Nunavut meets its Inuit Employment target. The information gathered from these consultations will be used to help develop the Government's Inuit Employment Implementation Plan.

"Elders can play an important role in helping us meet *Article 23* obligations to increase Inuit representation in our public service," Minister Ng said. "We look forward to receiving their input on leadership, traditional management styles, work ethics and learning. Perhaps most important will be their advice on how to incorporate traditional values into a modern and unique public service."

Elders scheduled to participate in the consultations have been selected through the Department of Culture, Languages, Elders and Youth and the NSDC. The symposium will be co-chaired by Elisapi Davidee of Iqaluit and Annie Gordon from the Department of Human Resources.

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