



News Release

Premier shares Priorities and Success Stories at Women's Meetings

OTTAWA/GATINEAU (July 5, 2011) – Women's World Summit 2011 and a meeting of federal, provincial, and territorial Ministers for the Status of Women are taking place in Ottawa and Gatineau this week.

"As a woman and as a leader, it is a great honour to participate in the Women's World Summit and connect with women from around the world," said Premier Eva Aariak. "Despite the many differences in our geography, culture, and traditions, we are united by our common challenges and, together, celebrate our joint victories."

Now in its 30th year and with some 2,000 participants, the Women's World Summit brings together researchers, activists, policy-makers, advocates, and allies from around the globe to discuss globalization as it relates to women, strengthen connections, and collaborate on approaches to advancing women's rights, women's empowerment, and gender equality. Premier Eva Aariak was chosen to be a panelist for a discussion on leadership in politics and the corporate and business sectors.

The Women's World Summit 2011 coincides with a meeting of all federal, provincial and territorial Ministers for the Status of Women. Premier Aariak took part in a "Tour a Table," sharing the priorities and success stories of the Government of Nunavut.

"A keystone of the work of the Government of Nunavut is the guiding principle of *Inuuqatigiitsiarniq*: respecting others, relationships and caring for people, and this principle informs many of our priorities and successes. One such priority is to complete a Nunavut Family Violence Strategy by the end of this calendar year, and it is a goal to which the Minister of Health and Social Services and I are fully committed," said Premier Aariak. "The Tour a Table also provided an opportunity to share with other jurisdictions Nunavut's success stories, such as the Spousal Abuse Counseling Program, the work of the Pulaarvik Kablu Friendship Centre (Rankin Inlet) the Victim Assistance Fund, and the very successful Arnait Nipingit: Women's Leadership Summit."

Federal, provincial and territorial Ministers have met regularly since 1981 to discuss efforts to achieve equality for women and to exchange information on issues affecting girls and women in Canada.

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To read the Premier's remarks, please visit the Premier's website at www.premier.gov.nu.ca
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