



## Recognition of challenges, priorities and tentative solutions

In Kuujjuaq, leaders of the Kativik School Board, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services, the Avataq Cultural Institute, the Nunavik Landholding Corporations Association, the Saputiit Youth Association, the Nunavik Tourism Association, the Nunavik Mineral Exploration Fund, the Kativik Municipal Housing Bureau, Taqramiut Nipingat Inc., the Saturviit Inuit Women's Association, the Nunavik Elders' Association, the Makivik Corporation and the Kativik Regional Government met to discuss follow-up to the 2010 Plan Nunavik. Focused on development in the region, discussions covered the sectors of housing, health, education, access to territory, mining, energy, tourism, bio-food, wildlife, culture and identity, telecommunications, community development and land management.

Meeting participants agreed that the direction and pace of development in Nunavik must be decided by Nunavimmiut and, for this purpose, the Parnasimautik process must continue.

## Taking our place in development

In the spirit of the 2002 Sanarrutik *Partnership Agreement on Economic and Community Development in Nunavik* between Québec, the Makivik Corporation and the Kativik Regional Government, the leaders of the region's organizations wish to partner with Québec to build the Nunavik of tomorrow, where residents benefit from the same level of services and have access to the same employment and business opportunities as other Québecers, with a similar cost of living.

## Consultations

Parnasimautik consultations will be organized to identify a comprehensive vision of regional development according to Inuit culture, identity, language and traditional way of life so as to protect them now and enhance them for the future, and to protect the environment. Parnasimautik consultations will involve presentations to regional organizations over the coming months and community workshops beginning in 2013. The consultations will give elected representatives, local organizations and residents an opportunity to discuss the challenges of development.

Meeting participants agreed to collaborate in the Parnasimautik consultations and to contribute financially, each organization in its own capacity.

