

newsletter during 2012.

My name is Andres Ibanez. I have recently joined the team at the Nunavut Anti-Poverty Secretariat. I had the opportunity to meet many of you at the poverty summit, and look forward to meeting and working with everyone in this network.

We at the secretariat are going through some changes. Two people are leaving and two are joining. Tim Stiles, well-known to many of you, is taking time away to complete his graduate studies. Anna Ziegler, a principal collaborator in the public engagement process, has completed her stay with the secretariat. And we have two new team members, Farid Charles, and myself. You can see/meet all four of us on the side panel of this newsletter.

A bit about how I will contribute to the work now underway. My responsibilities involve, among other communication tasks, coordinating this newsletter. So, I take this opportunity to encourage you to submit reflections and information. I will also be working with communities and their allies to promote capacity development opportunities, which, between you and me, is the real reason I applied for the job of "manager, communication and collaboration"!

In a nutshell, I am here to do what I can to help coordinate the collaborative process as it moves into its next phases - implementation, monitoring and evaluation of *The Makimaniq Plan*.

I very much look forward to many interesting opportunities to meet and work with the members of this network. As we know, great potential exists for community-led innovation, for community-self reliance. Our job, as the people who make up our organizations, is to support local initiatives in the ways that we can, as these are the bases for individual pride and healthy communities. I am very happy to be here at this stage in the process.

That said, let me say Welcome to the Nunavut Roundtable for Poverty Reduction's newsletter, No. 10. We hope you enjoy.

Andres.

Nunavut's First Poverty Summit Produces Broad Agreement

engagement process. He will now be dedicating his time to his graduate studies. We are grateful to Tim for his tireless contribution of almost two years to the work of the Nunavut Anti-Poverty Secretariat. Tim, best of luck! We look forward to working with you in the future.



We cannot overemphasize the role that Anna Ziegler has played in this process as well. Anna, we thank you for your past work with the Secretariat and for returning to us from the Nunavut Literacy Council to help with the third stage of the public engagement process. We have had the pleasure of working with you throughout the entire process, and hope to do so again as it continues.



We welcome Farid Charles to the Nunavut Anti-Poverty Secretariat! Even as a new member of the team, Farid was instrumental in the logistical coordination of the Poverty Summit. He brings experience in the



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Collaboration, cooperation, mutual understanding. These may seem like utopian notions in many contexts. Yet, this year we in Nunavut, in one capacity or another, were part of a broad public engagement effort that led to an unprecedented agreement on an urgent issue.

This broad agreement, which was made in Iqaluit during the poverty summit, November 28-30, 2011, is called *The Makimaniq Plan: A Shared Approach to Poverty Reduction*. Its goal is to promote holistic approaches to poverty reduction, which have been organized within six "action themes." These themes will help us to define poverty in Nunavut, and provide a lens through which we can view our policies and programs to assess their effectiveness in reducing poverty.

The plan focuses on collaboration and healing, and calls on every sector of society to work together to find ways in which to support initiatives that promote community and individual self-reliance.

The Makimaniq Plan was reviewed by participants during the final session on Wednesday morning (November 30). The plan has been corrected, translated, formatted and re-distributed to all participants.

Now we can move to the next step in this process, which, as stated on page # 1 of the plan, is to prepare our own organizations for action:

"We recognize that this must be a plan for all of us, and we pledge to review this plan within our respective organizations to confirm our commitment to these priorities."

In the New Year, the Nunavut Roundtable for Poverty Reduction will meet to adjust its structure to reflect the organizational needs presented by *The Makimaniq Plan*. A transition team will draft a new terms of reference that will guide the roundtable's new role to provide leadership and oversight in the implementation of the plan.

management of social media, marketing and event planning. He also has a passion for teamwork, and in fact coaches sports teams in Iqaluit. Farid, welcome!



Andres Ibanez is the new Manager of Communication and Collaboration for the Nunavut Anti-Poverty Secretariat. Andres has spent the last four years developing a community-NGO alliance for capacity building (strategic use of community-owned media) with indigenous communities in his native Chile. In his new position, he hopes to engage in alliance building for community capacity development. We welcome Andres to the team!

FEATURED ARTICLES



Don Lenihan

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Attawapiskat vs.
Nunavut**

This reorganization will build on the momentum generated through the public engagement process and the poverty summit, and on the commitments to action made by participants, including representatives from government, Inuit organizations, municipalities, NGOs, the business community and individuals.

A law to support poverty reduction.

The poverty summit was co-chaired by Premier Aariak and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. Vice-President Jack Anawak. In the media conference that followed the summit, Premier Aariak announced that the government will introduce legislation "for the implementation of the long-term Poverty Reduction Action Plan with the collaboration of our partners." Nunavut will be the fifth provincial/territorial jurisdiction in Canada to address poverty reduction in this way.

The government's announcement also made commitments to revise the public housing rent scale, establish a culturally-relevant pilot program for addictions treatment, and convene and participate in a Nunavut Food Security Coalition

With this broad agreement on a plan for action, we have taken a big first step towards understanding that organizations and individuals in our society, if we are to succeed in resolving complex challenges such as poverty, must learn from each and act together.

Let's make of the fight against poverty an opportunity to work closely with each other to support our communities in their own initiatives, and to nourish the great potentials our society possesses.

Happy Holidays, and until the New Year.



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