

## **Arctic Leaders Summit**

Arctic Leaders Summit (ALS) is a Forum of Arctic Indigenous Peoples' organizations (Permanent Participants) working jointly at the international arena and within the Arctic Council.

The key goal and objectives of the ALS are

- To discuss common issues, concerns and new challenges in the Arctic related to indigenous peoples
- To share knowledge and best practices
- To develop a joint strategy, position, recommendations
- To strengthen cooperation and partnership with governments and other stakeholders
- To increase Permanent Participants voice in policy development and making decision process in the Arctic

The first ALS was held in 1991 in Denmark hosted by ICC. The main theme was strengthening cooperation and partnership between indigenous peoples and governments.

The second Summit was hosted by Saami Council in 1993 in Norway. The main theme discussed was the role of traditional knowledge and making decision process in the Arctic.

The third meeting took place in Moscow in 1999 arranged by RAIPON. The key focus of ALS was indigenous health issue.

AAC was the hosting organization of the fourth Summit held in 2005 in Canada. The main agenda of the meeting were environmental challenges, contaminants, oil and gas impacts and participation in the International Polar Year events.

The PP leaders met in Tromso (Norway) in April 2009 and supported RAIPON initiative to host the fifth ALS in Moscow in April 2010.

The key topic will be the industrial development in the Arctic under the new climate change conditions.

The participants of the Summit meetings are the Permanent Participants delegations, Arctic Council officials and Working Groups representatives, UN agencies, academia, Arctic states governments and Parliaments.