

# introduction

- The mandate:
- Salekhard Declaration

# Human rights instruments for the protection of indigenous languages

- Universal declaration of human rights 1948
- International convention of civil and rights
- International convention of cultural and political rights
- declaration of the rights of indigenous peoples
- Unesco instruments on languages

# Arctic Indigenous languages situation

- Survey of Living Conditions in the Arctic
  - ◆ Inuit language situation and language policy
    - Use of native languages is much more common in Greenland, Canada, and Chukotka than in Northern Alaska. Almost all adults—young and old—in Greenland and Canada report being fluent in their native languages. But in Northern Alaska, only about a third of all adults and just 5% of teenagers are fluent in their native languages

# Elements of Language policies

- Standard usage of language in script – open usage in the spoken language
- Local recognition of Inuit language
- Dialogue across the generations
- Inuit language in working environment
- Changing attitudes of own language situation
- Reflective attitudes towards own language

# Implementation of language policy

- Language as a political issue
- Legislative approaches
- Literacy in own language
- Media and public relations
- Curricula and educational process
- Kindergarten teachers in Inuit language
- Intension work on curricula

# Language Committees - legally empowered

- Language committee dealing with the dynamics of the language
- Committee dealing with indigenous geographical names
- Committee dealing with Indigenous personal names
- Subcommittees on the works on curricula and terminologies
- Computer assisted linguistics

# What is this about?

- Indigenous languages are not limited to express Indigenous culture alone
- Indigenous language is capable of expressing anything if developed as a complete language
- That supports the determination to further develop th language to include all domains of language
- Complete recognition promotes access to and tolerance of other languages still supporting own language

# Identity and globalization

- Indigenous language is one of the identity marks
- Globalization and assertion of own identity

# Quyana

- Quyana cakneq
- Quyanaqpak
- Taikuu
- Qujanamik
- Ma'na
- Nakurmik
- Qujanarhaaq
- Qujanarujuk
- Qujanarsuaq
- Qujanaq
- Qujanakuloog
- qujanartivakajik

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