

Violet Ford
ICC Executive Council Member for Canada



Violet Ford was born and raised in Makkovik, Labrador but now resides in Ottawa, Ontario.

Violet has represented ICC and Inuit interests at many international forums and in particular the World Intellectual Property Organization for the purposes of raising the importance of protecting Inuit traditional knowledge from misuse and misappropriation. Violet has also represented Inuit at the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Violet has also been a member of the official Canadian government delegation in the negotiations of this Convention at the 1998, 2000 and 2002 Conference of the Parties. During these sessions the successful negotiations of the Work Programme occurred for the implementation of the articles of the Convention pertaining to the role of Indigenous communities and the application of their traditional knowledge in sustainable development.

Violet was appointed to the Nunavut Arbitration Board in 1994 and was re-appointed in 1999.

Violet is presently a doctor of laws candidate with a focus on international law at the University of Lapland (Province of Finland). Violet has received a research grant from the Academy of Finland to conduct legal research on government international law obligations for the successful implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity as it relates to arctic indigenous peoples. Violet expects to receive her doctor of laws (LL.D) degree in 1994.

Violet was elected to the ICC Executive Council at ICC's ninth general assembly held in Kuujuaq, in August 2002.