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IQALUIT, MARCH 30, 2017 /PRESS RELEASE/ – This year - the second in the CRTC's Three Year Plan (2016-2019) - the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission plans to review the Native Broadcasting Policy (CRTC 1990-89). The gatherings entitled "The Future of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Broadcasting: Conversation and Convergence" aim to bring practitioners, policy makers and academics together as allies and to prepare a context for respectful and meaningful consultations. Regional events will be held from February to May culminating in a national conference hosted in Ottawa from June 15-17.

The second event will take place in Iqaluit, Nunavut - 12 April 2017, in the Astro Theater and Conference Center.

Presenters in Iqaluit will include:

- Madeleine d'Argencourt (Inuit Broadcasting Corporation, President)
- Claude Grenier (Taqramiut Nipingat Inc., Executive Director)
- Fanny He (CFRT 107.3 FM, Station Coordinator)

Plus remarks by Mayor Madeleine Redfern and contributions from Isuma TV's Zacharias Kunuk and Jonathan Frantz.

Sessions will also focus on the CRTC Native Broadcasting Policy¹ and the process for the upcoming policy review. Participants are invited to comment on the following questions:

- How would you like the CRTC consultation process to be conducted?
- How should the review process itself be changed?
- What should the policy entail?
- What are the elements to include or exclude?
- What changes would be required to the *Broadcasting Act, 1991*, to ensure the policy is upheld?

The regional events are free and open to the public. Participants are invited to register online at www.IndigenousRadio.ca.

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/686273914893274/>

Poster: http://indigenoustradio.ca/resources/EN_poster_Iqaluit.pdf

Program: <http://indigenoustradio.ca/resources/FliersManitobaEN.pdf>

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¹ <http://crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/1990/PB90-89.htm>