





## **Backgrounder**

Mr. Simon Awa recently celebrated his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a deputy minister with the government. In 2010, he was appointed deputy head for the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, now the Department of Culture and Heritage. He has also served as deputy head for Environment and for Intergovernmental Affairs. Since 2000, Mr. Awa has worked in various senior management positions for the Government of Nunavut.

Mr. Joe Adla Kunuk was appointed Associate Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs in 2013. He has held a number of senior positions within the government, including deputy minister of the former Department of Human Resources, and principal secretary in the last government. He brings over 30 years of experience in government, Inuit organizations and the private sector.

Ms. Aluki Rojas has been instrumental in establishing the Department of Family Services. She has also served as deputy head for the departments of Environment, Human Resources, and Intergovernmental Affairs. She holds a master's degree in Canadian and Indigenous studies.