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Sustainable Development in the Circumpolar North

From Tana, Norway to Oktemtsy, Yakutia, Russia

The Gargia Conferences for Local and Regional Development (2004-14)

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About the eBook

Focusing on the development of a sustainable future for rural and northern regions, this eBook touches on the themes of governance, community, economic, and social development, as well as development in indigenous communities and regions. At its core, it confronts critical issues and ways to facilitate positive change for communities that are experiencing economic and social transformation.

The book presents and illustrates elements of a more holistic and integrated approach to local and regional development gained from examples in Canada, Russia and the Nordic countries. It aims to provide practical strategies and tools for successfully dealing with the challenges and opportunities presented by the social and economic transformation being experienced in rural northern communities.

Topics covered include the role of municipal and regional authorities in supporting and leading change and development in rural communities; building capacity for sustainable business and community development; the interface between different sections of the economy, such as resource extraction and tourism; control over natural resources as a pre-requisite for social and economic development in Indigenous communities and regions; and, coping strategies for small communities as they respond to restructuring challenges associated with the global economy. The book provides the opportunity to learn from different jurisdictions as it presents approaches in dealing with the opportunities and challenges in these areas.



This publication will be of interest to community and non-profit organizations, government representatives, policy makers, and academics interested in matters critical to northern community and economic development. Published on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Gargia Conferences for Local and Regional Development, hosted by the University of the Arctic's Thematic Network on Local and Regional Development, the book represents a decade of international collaboration.

The book is being co-published by the Community Development Institute at the University of Northern British Columbia and the University of the Arctic's Thematic Network on Local and Regional Development in the North. It has been released as an eBook in order to maximize and enhance the accessibility of the information.

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