

Arctic Indigenous Film Fund Launches with Five Partners

International partners from across the Arctic – in Greenland, Sapmi (also known as Lapland), Canada, and Russia – established the Arctic Indigenous Film Fund, which was officially launched at the Indigenous Film Conference in Kautokeino, northern Norway, on March 8, 2018. The fund will support the development and production of indigenous film projects in the Arctic, encourage co-productions, and strengthen collaboration between film institutions, companies, producers, and universities.

The fund was established under the International Sami Film Institute in Norway. The four other partners are Greenland Film Makers, Canada Media Fund, Nunavut Film Development Corporation in Canada, and Archy Film Association based in Yakutia, Russia. The ISFI hopes to also add a partner in Alaska later this year.

The aim of the fund is to support film projects that “enhance indigenous peoples’ culture, languages and societies.” Activities will focus on capacity building, climate, environment, indigenous land rights, and indigenous knowledge.