

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

A QUICK FACT SHEET



Today, there are over **476 million** Indigenous and Tribal Peoples living across 90 countries. This accounts for 6.2% of the total global population.

Adopted by the General Assembly in 2007, the goal of the **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples** is to address the human rights of Indigenous People and to emphasize their right to live in dignity and strengthen their own cultures and traditions.



2,680 languages spoken by Indigenous Peoples are currently endangered, which is a considerable portion of the 7,000+ known languages spoken worldwide.

Asia (mainly China, South Asia, and Southeast Asia) is home to the **largest population** of self-identified Indigenous People. Latin America is home to an estimated 50 million Indigenous People spanning 642 groups (mainly Bolivia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, and Peru).



While numerous Indigenous Peoples worldwide are self-governing and some have been successful in establishing autonomy in different forms, many Indigenous Peoples are **still under the authority of central governments who exercise control over their lands, territories and resources.**