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International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is on 9th August. This day is observed to raise awareness about protecting the rights of the world's Indigenous populations as well as to recognise the achievements and contributions that Indigenous Peoples make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.

This year the theme is: "The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge".

Every small progress for Indigenous Women is significant, and progress is being made with women leaders looking to take decision-making roles in their own and the wider community. However, while they continue as strong protectors of culture, land and community, it remains the case that indigenous women are widely under-represented, disproportionately negatively affected by decisions made on their behalf, and are too frequently the victims of multiple expressions of discrimination and violence.

The World Bank has reported in 2022 that while Indigenous Peoples own, occupy, or use a quarter of the world's land, they safeguard 80% of the world's remaining biodiversity. They hold vital ancestral knowledge and expertise on how to adapt, mitigate, and reduce climate and disaster risks.

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) is organizing a virtual commemoration of the International Day from 9 am to 11am (New York time) on Tuesday, 9 August 2022, focusing on this year's theme mentioned above. Indigenous Peoples, Member States, UN entities, civil society, and the public are all invited.

The panel for this discussion includes Dr Hannah McGlade, a Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. She is a Noongar woman, and an eminent legal practitioner active in indigenous human rights.

For further information about the event view the [DESA](#) website.

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Twitter activated an emoji for the 2022 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. It features the UN branding for indigenous issues and is live from 9 August through 13 September.

The following ten hashtags will trigger the emoji – please use them!

*#WeAreIndigenous | #IndigenousDay | #IndigenousPeoplesDay | #UNDRIP |
#SomosIndígenas | #PueblosIndígenas | #DíaPueblosIndígenas | #SoyIndígena |
#autochtones |*