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**ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE**

The International Day of the World's Indigenous People is observed by the International community every year on 9 August.

The Day provides an opportunity to raise awareness of indigenous peoples' cultures and the great diversity that they represent. It is also an occasion to redouble efforts to address issues of exclusion, discrimination and poverty that are still the daily reality for many of these peoples.

This year, the Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights together with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people, calls upon States to demonstrate political commitment and implement practical programmes in consultation with indigenous peoples.

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