

9 AUGUST

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

"We are not myths of the past, ruins in the jungle, or zoos.
We are people and we want to be respected,
not to be victims of intolerance and racism."
- Rigoberta Menchu -

WHY DO WE MARK THIS DAY?



Every year, the International Day of the World's Indigenous People is observed on August 9. The main purpose of observing this day is to advocate the rights of indigenous people and their protection. The achievements and contributions of the indigenous people are recognized and celebrated on this day.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- ✓ What kind of actions can countries take to honour the rights of indigenous people according to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples?

- ✓ Why is there a need for special sets of rights, like the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Rights of the Child when there is a universal declaration for the protection of the rights of all humans?

MEET TODAY'S GLOBAL CITIZEN



NANAIA MAHUTA

Minister for Foreign Affairs, New Zealand

She was the first woman to display a moko kauae (sacred facial tattoo) in parliament.

Mahuta vows to carve a path for women, Māori, and the country.

Mahuta is an experienced politician who comes from a long line of tribal leaders. Steeped in the traditions of Te Ao Māori (Māori worldview), she leads with values that include manaakitanga (looking after people) and kaitiakitanga (guardianship of the environment).