



23 September 2014 - The first ever [World Conference on Indigenous Peoples](#) that began yesterday in New York is hosting prominent guests from UN-member states as well as a wide array of representatives from the World's indigenous people, including the [Inuit and Sami](#)

. Moreover, the UN-Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly, the [new](#) High-Commissioner for Human Rights and the chairman of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues ( [UNPFII](#) ) are all taking part in the conference.

Indigenous peoples represent remarkable diversity – more than 5,000 distinct groups in some 90 countries. They make up more than 5 per cent of the world's population, some 370 million people. Yet, they are among the most disadvantaged and vulnerable.



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