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## Press Release

Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC)  
Celebrates International Day  
Of the World's Indigenous Peoples

**August 9, 2017 – Iqaluit, Nunavut** - Okalik Eegeesiak, ICC Chair, invites everyone to join the 370 million indigenous peoples worldwide including 160,000 Inuit, to celebrate *International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples*. It is a day to celebrate indigenous peoples' incredible diversity, knowledge and unique place in the world. The diversity that indigenous peoples bring to the global community has value and needs to be recognized, our rights respected and protected.

This theme for 2017 is the 10th Anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is commemorated annually on 9 August, in recognition of the first meeting of the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations, held in Geneva in 1982. The International Day was established by the General Assembly in December 1994.

The Inuit Circumpolar Council commits to our continued work with indigenous peoples, governments, NGOs, and others to realize the value of our place and for the rights of all indigenous peoples. Together we make the world a better place.

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