

THE 2022-2032 INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES PROCLAIMED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On 17 December 2019, the [International Year of Indigenous Languages \(IYIL2019\)](#) was closed by the President of the UN General Assembly at a high-level event organized in New York in collaboration with UNESCO and UNDESA. During the year about 900 events were held in 77 countries to alert society on the importance of these languages and their revitalization.

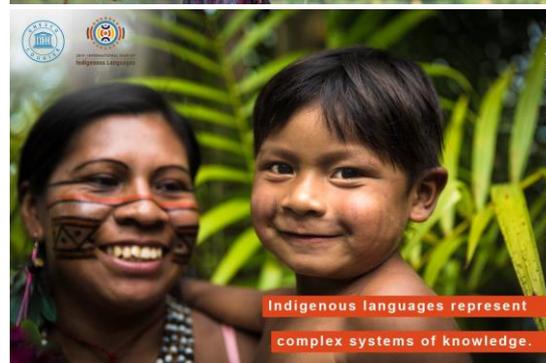
Since the beginning of the International Year, a group of 20 countries from different regions of the world, claimed the need to extend the International Year to a decade, to promote alliances and broader actions to stop the progressive disappearance of 6,700 indigenous languages in the world. After months of negotiations, this group of countries achieved that on the 18th of December 2019 the [General Assembly proclaimed the International Decade of Indigenous Languages](#).

During the IYIL2019 event, the new resolution entitled [Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#), adopted by the UN General Assembly has been presented to the international community. The resolution, among other issues, includes the proclamation of 2022-2032 as the International Decade of Indigenous Languages.

In particular, the new resolution:

- *Proclaims the period 2022–2032 as the International Decade of Indigenous Languages, to draw attention to the critical loss and the urgent need to preserve, revitalize and promote indigenous languages taking urgent steps at the national and international levels, and invites UNESCO to serve as the lead agency for the International Decade, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) of the Secretariat, and other relevant agencies, within existing resources;*
- *Invites Member States to consider establishing national mechanisms with adequate funding for the successful implementation of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages in partnership with indigenous peoples, and invites indigenous peoples, as custodians of their own languages, to initiate and develop appropriate measures for the implementation of the International Decade.*

The International Decade of Indigenous Languages will include two years of preliminary planning work. Within this framework, the 27 and 28 of February 2020, [Mexico will host the High-Level event](#) where the international community will define the goals and actions to be developed during this Decade.



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