

## **Charles Darwin Symposium Securing Territorians' Rights Statehood and a Bill of Rights?**

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*Indigenous peoples at the United Nations: The process of the draft declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*

The objective of this paper/presentation is to clarify how indigenous peoples, often the most marginalized populations inside states, have been able to gain access the UN, considered to be an exclusive 'club of states,' and how they pushed the UN to initiate and advance a process of standard-setting aimed at the adoption of a Universal Declaration on Indigenous Rights.

While highlighting the main developments of the standard-setting process from a broad perspective, this paper emphasizes the involvement of Aboriginal organisations and the Australian government.