

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

DALEE SAMBO DOROUGH

Dr. Dalee Sambo Dorough (Inuit-Alaska) is the International Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, a non-governmental organization that represents approximately 180,000 Inuit from the Russian Far East, Alaska, Canada, and Greenland. She holds a Ph.D. from University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law (2002) and a Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy from The Fletcher School at Tufts University (1991). She is also affiliated with the University of Alaska Anchorage where she served as an Assistant Professor of International Relations within the Department of Political Science from 2008-2018. Her present UAA title is Senior Scholar and Special Advisor on Arctic Indigenous Peoples.

Dr. Dorough is presently the Arctic Region representative to the Facilitative Working Group, the newest constitutive body of the UNFCCC. Past UN body membership includes serving as an Expert Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for two consecutive three-year terms, she held the position of Chairperson from 2014-2015. She was also a member and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples. She was the co-Chair of the recently concluded International Law Association (ILA) Committee on Implementation of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Her past service to the ILA includes membership in the former Committee on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Recent publications include a chapter co-authored with S. Wiessner entitled “Indigenous Peoples and Cultural Heritage” in the *Oxford Handbook on International Cultural Heritage Law*, editors F. Francioni and A. Vrdoljak (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020); a commentary entitled "Perspective on Convention 169, its significance to Inuit and some troubling developments", editors P Larsen and J Gilbert, [The International Journal of Human Rights](#) Volume 24, 2020 - [Issue 2-3: ILO Convention 169: Critical Perspectives](#), Taylor and Francis Online, 2019; “A Land Without Borders -- Inuit Cultural Integrity”, a chapter contribution to D. Menezes and H. Nicol (eds) *The North American Arctic: New Trends in Arctic Security* (UCL Press: 2019); and “The Rights, Interests and Role of the Arctic Council Permanent Participants” R. Beckman, T. Henriksen, K. Kraabel, E.J. Molenaar and J.A. Roach (eds) *Governance of Arctic Shipping. Balancing Rights and Interests of Arctic States and User States* (Brill: 2017).

Dr. Dorough has a long history of direct involvement in the discussion, debate, and negotiation of the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP). She was an active participant in this work from 1984 up to adoption of the UNDRIP by the UN General Assembly on September 13, 2007. Dr. Dorough was also a direct participant in the two-year revision process of International Labor Organization (ILO) Convention No. 107, which resulted in the adoption of C169 Concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries on June 27, 1989, by the ILO. She also specializes in Alaska Native self-determination and has experience in the administration, management and coordination of statewide, national, and international organizations as well as estimating and oversight of federal, state, and private construction contracting as the former President of Yellowknife Construction, Inc.