



# Sámediggi/Sámi Parliament

*Governance and work on climate change and traditional knowledge/Árbediehtu*

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# Sápmi



- **We are one people, living across the borders of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia**
- **Estimated 80 -100 000 individuals**
- **The Sámi people is united through common history, culture and sámi languages**
- **as well as through our use of resources, lands, fjords and coastal areas.**
- **We have the right to self-determination**

# Sámi languages





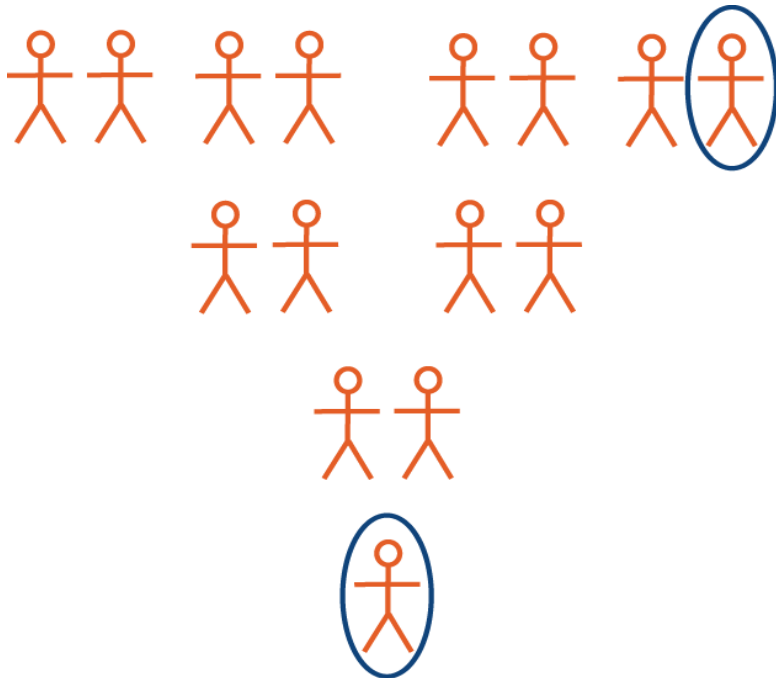
# Sámi Parliament 2017-2021



## The Constitution of Norway § 108:

The authorities of the state shall create conditions enabling the Sámi people to preserve and develop its language, culture and way of life.

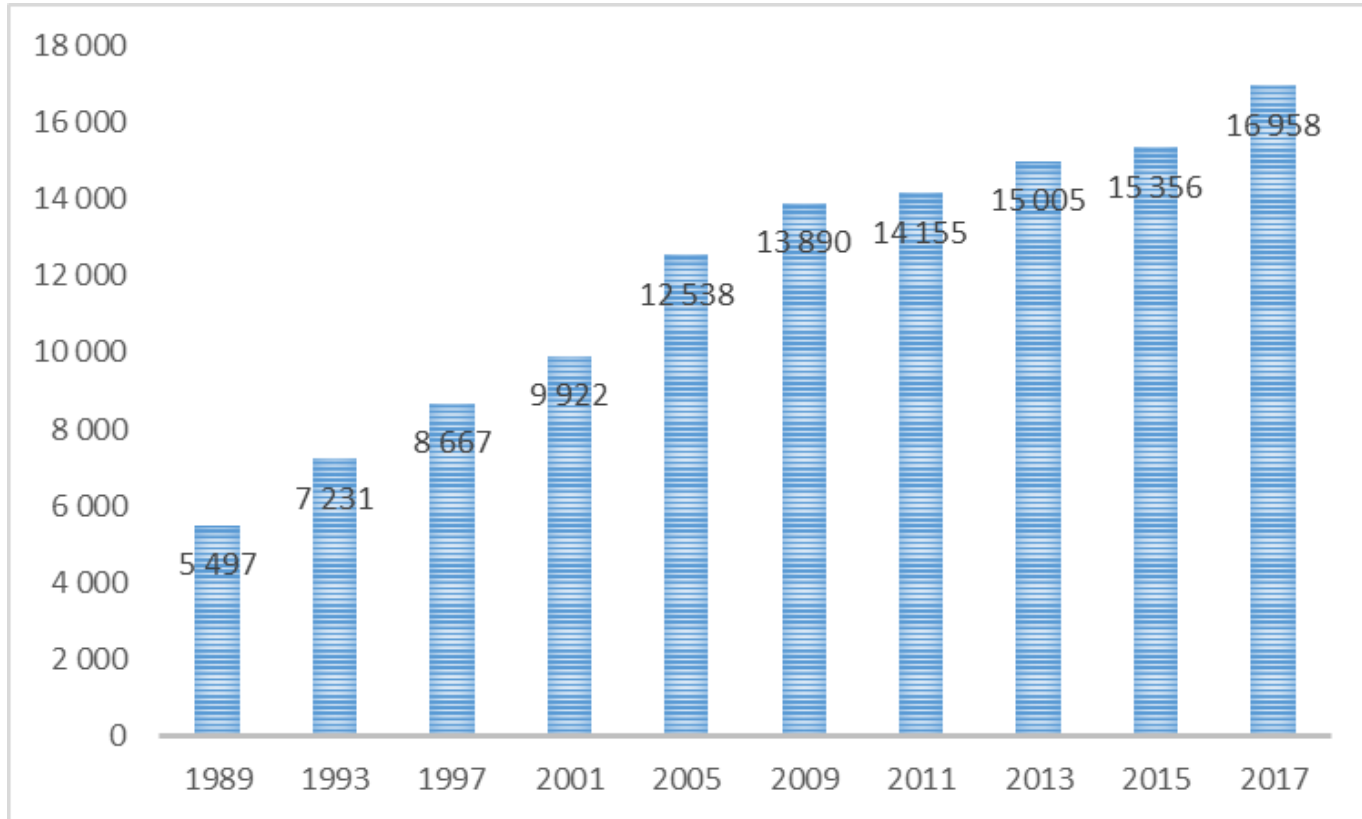
# The Sámi Parliament electoral register



To be included in the electoral register, potential voters must:

- Consider themselves to be Sámi, and
- Have Sámi as their domestic language, or have or have had a parent, grandparent or great-grandparent with Sámi as his or her domestic language, or
- Be the child of a person who is or has been registered in the electoral register

# Development in the electoral register



# Consultations Agreement



- Agreement on consultation procedures between state authorities and the Sámi Parliament
- The rules of procedure were established by Royal Decree on 1 July 2005 [Act on consultations 2020?]
- Applies in cases that may directly affect the Sámi people.
- Conducted in good faith, and with the objective of achieving an agreement.
- Intended to secure the development of a partnership perspective, and
- A common understanding of the needs of Sámi communities



# Other Sámi interests

- Point of departure: The Sámi Parliament safeguards the interests of different local Sámi groups
- In certain cases, it might be relevant to consult the Sámi community through representative spokespersons.
- This is most appropriate when the group in question has a strong desire to speak for themselves

# Reindeer husbandry



# International work



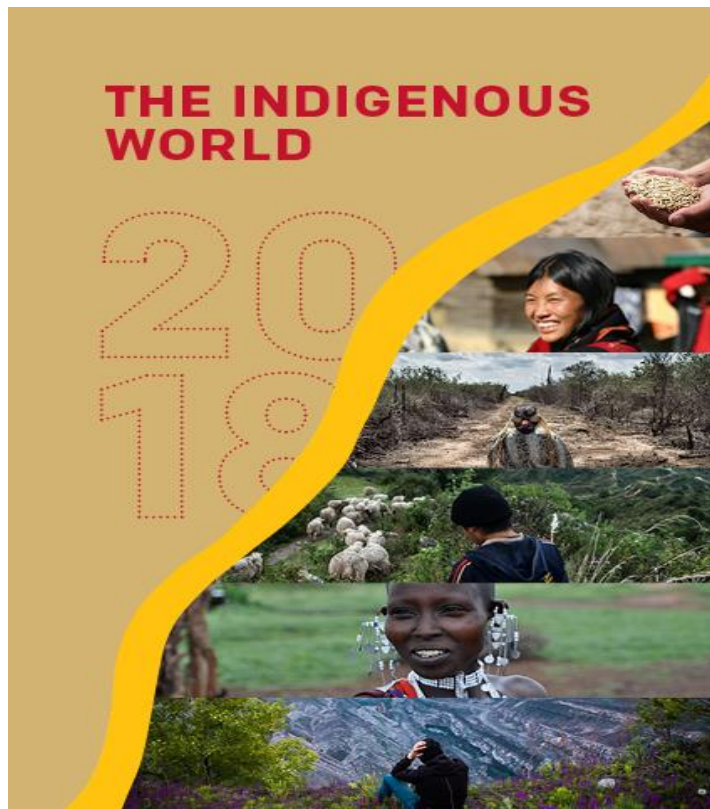
- Human rights bodies in the UN
- Convention on Climate Change
- Convention on Biological Diversity
- Arctic Council
- Barents Cooperation
- The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

# Climate Change



- Warming more than twice as fast in the Arctic
- The Paris Agreement, 2015
- Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform
- Functions; Knowledge, Capacity, Policies

# IWGIA Yearbook



- “First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win”
- - Mahatma Gandhi