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This book is a result of a collaboration between the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law (SAIFAC) and the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria. Most of the chapters of the book are based on the workshop that the two institutions jointly organised, with the funding from the Conflict and Governance Facility (CAGE). The workshop was held on 13 and 14 April 2007 at the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria. The chapter by Kristin Henrard and Dwight Newman were subsequently added as they were not present at the workshop. The book combines contributions from emerging African and internationally recognised scholars in the filed. The chapters in the book have been peer-reviewed and reworked by the authors. All efforts have also been made to incorporate a major development subsequent to the conference, namely the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in September 2007. However, developments after December 2009, including the African Commission's finding in the Endorois case against Kenya, has not been incorporated. The peerreview process and updating of the chapters account for the unfortunate delay in the publication of this book. The patient cooperation of the contributors and the generous funding of CAGE are much appreciated. The book aims primarily to develop African

perspectives regarding the international discourse on minority and indigenous peoples' rights. The major contributions of the book are its

articulation and analysis of the particularities of the African context and its critique and (re)conceptualisation of minority and indigenous peoples rights to cater for these particularities. It should be of great interest to scholars, students, government officials and indigenous peoples' organisations in Africa and elsewhere in the world.