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Dalee Sambo Dorough is an Alaskan Iñupiaq who has been an international leader in human rights law, Indigenous Peoples' empowerment, and Arctic governance.

Dr Dorough studied Justice and Political Science at the University of Alaska Anchorage, and holds a Master's Degree from Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and a PhD in Law from the University of British Columbia. Even before receiving this formal education, however, she was committed to the struggle for recognition of Indigenous rights, gaining certification as a Tribal Court Advocate while still in high school. From this foundation, she has taken on a range of responsibilities among Inuit, Alaska Natives, and the global Indigenous Peoples community. From 1982-1989 she was Executive Director of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, which represents 180,000 Inuit in Russia, Alaska, Canada, and Kalaallit Nunaat (Greenland). Following this, she held posts as Executive Director of the International Union for Circumpolar Health and the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council. She then served for 11 years as associate professor of International Relations in the Department of Political Science at the University of Alaska Anchorage before returning to the Inuit Circumpolar Council to serve as its elected chair from 2018 through 2022. She presently is Senior Scholar and Special Advisor on Arctic Indigenous Peoples at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

While holding these positions, Dr Dorough has published numerous articles and books on Arctic Indigenous Peoples' rights and governance. Her work has been widely cited and has influenced policy-making at the international level.

