

LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PLATFORM

Concept note: LCIPP workplan activity 9

Mapping existing policies, actions and communications, including NDCs, NAPs and other relevant policies and communications under the Convention, with respect to whether and how they incorporate consideration and engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities

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1. Introduction

As part of the two-year workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP), the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) is tasked with leading a mapping exercise of existing policies, actions and communications, including Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and other relevant policies and communications under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), with respect to whether and how they incorporate consideration and engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities.

This activity falls under the LCIPP's function of "Climate change policies and actions" whereby the platform facilitates the integration of diverse knowledge systems, practices and innovations in designing and implementing international and national actions, programmes and policies in a manner that respects and promotes the rights and interests of local communities and indigenous peoples. The platform also facilitates the undertaking of stronger and more ambitious climate action by indigenous peoples and local communities that could contribute to the achievement of the NDCs.

The establishment of the LCIPP at COP 21 and the welcoming of the workplan of the platform by SBSTA 51 in Madrid created a momentous opportunity for the further engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities under the Convention. Many activities in the LCIPP work plan can lead to incremental progress in this regard, as per the incremental approach mandated of the platform.

Indigenous peoples actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change have gained recognition since the Paris Agreement. The recent IPCC reports on land and oceans recall that indigenous peoples all over the planet have a significant role to play both in adaptation and mitigation of climate change by protecting and restoring ecosystems with their unique traditional knowledge. In the context of the needed acceleration of mitigation and adaptation actions to achieve an emissions-trajectory compatible with the objective of maintaining global warming below 1.5°C compared to pre-industrial levels, and towards the full protection of the people impacted by climate change, the FWG will undertake a mapping of existing policies, actions and communications under the UNFCCC that already incorporate consideration and engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities.

2. Objectives

The purpose of this mapping exercise is to identify existing policies, actions and communications under the Convention, in terms of whether/how they incorporate consideration and engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities. This includes a mapping of NDCs and NAPs, amongst others.

This mapping aims to:

1. Develop a comprehensive inventory that enable indigenous peoples and local communities to further actively contribute to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

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2. Give an opportunity to Parties and non-Party stakeholders to learn from best practices and to enhance collaborative action and support to indigenous peoples and local communities, in particular in the context of the year 2020. It is an important year with the revision of NDCs and the expected synergies between climate action and the new framework for biodiversity, an expected outcome of COP15 under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity. It is an important year to acknowledge the role and contribution of indigenous peoples in relation to the sustainable management of natural resources, ecosystems and biodiversity.
3. Encourage the integration of indigenous peoples and local communities' traditional knowledge, skills and cultural practices, governed by their customary institutions with unique positive values for climate change resilience, and indigenous peoples' rights in all relevant policies, actions and communications under the Convention.

Approach/methodologies for planning and implementing this activity.

- A call for submissions: “Views from Parties, indigenous peoples organizations, observers and other stakeholders on existing policies, actions and communications including NDCs, NAPs, and other relevant policies and communications under the UNFCCC, with respect to whether and how they incorporate consideration and engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities.”
- List the policies, actions and communications to be mapped (this is included in the **annex**).
- Review all documentation available as per the list above. As 2020 is a year for potential revision of NDCs, elements included in revised NDCs and NAPs should be included in the review.
- Disseminate a digital survey aimed at collecting information from UNFCCC National Focal Points and UNFCCC observer organizations. The survey would be composed of 10-15 questions to solicit information related to indigenous peoples and local communities' engagement in the preparation of the relevant policies, actions and communications under the Convention. It should not take more than ten minutes to complete. This information would complement the information received through submissions. Survey Monkey will be used. FWG members from Parties will reach out within their regional groups to encourage UNFCCC National Focal Points to fill in the survey.
- Encourage local communities and indigenous peoples on the ground, in all the indigenous regions, to submit examples of best practices associated with indigenous peoples and local communities' engagement in the preparation of the relevant policies, actions and communications under the Convention in the 7 socio-cultural regions.

4. Deliverables and Results

- A call for submissions;
- A digital survey.
- A technical paper mandated to analyze gaps in terms of the consideration and engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities under the Convention. It will inform FWG 4.
- The information submitted, including the best practices received from indigenous peoples and local communities, to be included in the new LCIPP web portal.
- A set of recommendations at FWG 4, based on the technical paper, and on the submissions received.

5. Timeline and milestones

Please note: Activity 9 is mandated for FWG 4. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, the dates of the FWG meetings are still to be confirmed, and the timeline will remain flexible to take this into account.

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Month	Deliverable
March	Finalize concept note Launch the call for submissions Finalize list of policies, actions and communications under the UNFCCC to analyze. FWG members to outreach to networks to promote call for submissions. Indigenous FWG members to engage in the seven regions with indigenous networks, to encourage timely submissions.
Dates to be confirmed	Finalize digital survey and disseminate. FWG member outreach on survey. Secretariat will draft the technical paper on the basis of the submissions and other information received, under the guidance of the Activity 9 co-leads and FWG co-chairs Publish the draft technical paper online. FWG considers the draft technical paper at FWG 4, makes recommendations for consideration by Parties at SBSTA 54.

6. Partners

Parties, indigenous peoples organizations, observers and other stakeholders.

7. Linkages with other activities

This activity is linked to the other activities under the function of “Climate change policies and actions”. It relates directly to another mapping, activity 7 “*Map existing policies and practices for the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in climate change related bodies and processes under and outside the Convention*”. Furthermore, activity 10 submissions can also feed in to this activity. It is also linked to the mapping under activity 11: “Map and report on existing funding within the United Nations system, and identify additional funding opportunities for the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities from all regions related to climate change”. Once published, this technical paper can feed into the recommendations to be developed under Activity 6: “Develop recommendations for consideration at SBSTA 54 on the engagement and input of indigenous peoples and local communities across the UNFCCC process”.

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Annex:

List of policies, actions and communications under the Convention to be mapped¹

1. Nationally determined contributions (NDCs);
2. National adaptation plans (NAPs);
3. Adaptation communications;
4. Biennial reports of developed countries;
5. Biennial transparency reports;
6. Biennial update reports of developing countries;
7. National adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs);
8. Long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies;
9. National communications (Nat comms).

¹ Not all countries have submitted the documents listed.