

# Activity 6 of the LCIPP initial two-year workplan

Recommendations from the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform  
on the engagement and input of indigenous peoples and local communities across  
the UNFCCC process

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# Context

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The FWG put forward a draft set of recommendations on how to strengthen the engagement and input of indigenous peoples and local communities across the UNFCCC process.

This guidance document complements the draft recommendations by making them more accessible and setting the context as why the engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities matters in addressing and responding to climate change.

It also includes concrete ways for relevant entities to engage with indigenous peoples and local communities, through the work under the LCIPP.



## The role of indigenous peoples and local communities in addressing and responding to climate change

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*“Indigenous peoples must be part of the solution to climate change. This is because you have the traditional knowledge of your ancestors. The important value of that knowledge simply cannot—and must not—be understated. You are also essential in finding solutions today and in the future. The Paris Climate Change Agreement recognizes this. It recognizes your role in building a world that is resilient in the face of climate impacts.”*

-Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC



**The role of indigenous  
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*“Agricultural practices that include indigenous and local knowledge can contribute to overcoming the combined challenges of climate change, food security, biodiversity conservation, and combating desertification and land degradation.”*

- IPCC, 2019



**The role of indigenous peoples and local communities in addressing and responding to climate change**

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“Nature managed by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities is under increasing pressure but is generally declining less rapidly than in other lands.”

- IPBES, 2019



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*“Acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind, Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity”*

- Paris Agreement, 2015



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Upholding and promoting the principles of *free, prior and informed consent as enshrined in the articles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, when engaging with traditional knowledge, knowledge and values of indigenous peoples, and local knowledge systems.





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Recognizing the knowledge and ways of knowing of indigenous peoples are collective, experiential, time tested and inter-generational, bridging both what is sometimes termed “tangible” and “intangible” cultural heritage, and is thus distinct in many ways from other knowledge systems.

*- For more information, please see the compilations on existing rights and protocols related to indigenous knowledge (Activity 1 of the initial two-year workplan of the LCIPP), and the capacity building training webinar series (Activity 4 of the initial two-year workplan of the LCIPP).*



# Recommendations

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## The FWG of the LCIPP

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### *Recommends Parties to:*

- Increase engagement and collaboration with indigenous peoples and local communities at the national level including through formal, ongoing participation in the development and implementation of the NDCs, NAPs and all types of climate actions, programs, and policies;
- Strengthen the engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities in the design and implementation of climate policies, actions and communications under the Convention, such as NDCs, NAPs and other communications;



## The FWG of the LCIPP

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### *Recommends Parties to:*

- Identify and promote good practices for the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in national climate policymaking;
- Build capacity of Parties to strengthen effective, respectful, and consistent collaboration with indigenous peoples and local communities in the development and implementation of national policies, programs, and climate actions;



## The FWG of the LCIPP

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*Recommends Parties to:*

- Include representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities as members of Party delegations and enhance their capacity to effectively participate as full members of these delegations without prejudicing the recognition and standing of indigenous peoples or local communities who are participating independently within the UNFCCC process;



## The FWG of the LCIPP

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*Recommends relevant bodies and processes under the convention to:*

- Consider how activities and decisions may affect the rights, knowledge systems, practices and ways of life of indigenous peoples and the practices and interests of local communities;
- Indigenous peoples make up over 6 per cent of the world's population and have distinct world views, languages, traditions, customs, practices, institutions, and cultural values.
- As such, relevant bodies and processes may consider increasing time allocation for the participation of indigenous peoples during UNFCCC proceedings, including by providing opportunities for representatives of the seven UN indigenous socio-cultural regions to speak.



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*Recommends relevant bodies and processes under the convention to:*

- Provide opportunities for consistent and ongoing participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, including by providing translation of materials and interpretation during meetings in the six official languages of the UN as necessary and appropriate;
- Promote and enhance these opportunities across all levels through providing mechanisms for funding and meaningful participation, including the individual, regional and institutional mechanisms for participation.
- Promote the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities at all levels.



## The FWG of the LCIPP

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*Recommends relevant bodies and processes under the convention to:*

- Increase time allocation for the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities during UNFCCC sessions, including by providing opportunities for distinct indigenous peoples sociocultural regions to speak;
- Build on efforts have been made in other United Nations forums to distinguish indigenous peoples, who are rights holders, from stakeholders.
- Implement measures to recognize and respect the status, role and rights of indigenous peoples and local communities to participate in the UNFCCC process.





## The FWG of the LCIPP

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*Recommends relevant bodies and processes outside the convention to:*

- Collaborate with the FWG in order to, among other things, exchange experiences and good practices pertaining to the engagement and input of indigenous peoples and local communities in climate change-related policies, actions and activities .



## The FWG of the LCIPP

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### *Recommends financial entities to:*

- Enhance financial support for the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in climate change related bodies and processes under and outside of the Convention;
- Provide support for projects led by indigenous peoples and local communities to protect the knowledge systems and cultural practices of indigenous peoples and the practices and knowledge of local communities which contribute to climate mitigation and adaptation;



## The FWG of the LCIPP

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*Recommends financial entities to:*

- Engage representatives of the FWG and indigenous experts in their events and proceedings and disseminate relevant financial information, including calls for proposals and project templates via the LCIPP's dedicated web portal;
- Provide targeted training sessions, including e-learning opportunities and in-person workshops, to facilitate and enhance indigenous peoples and local communities' access to existing funding opportunities.



# Ways indigenous peoples and local communities can engage

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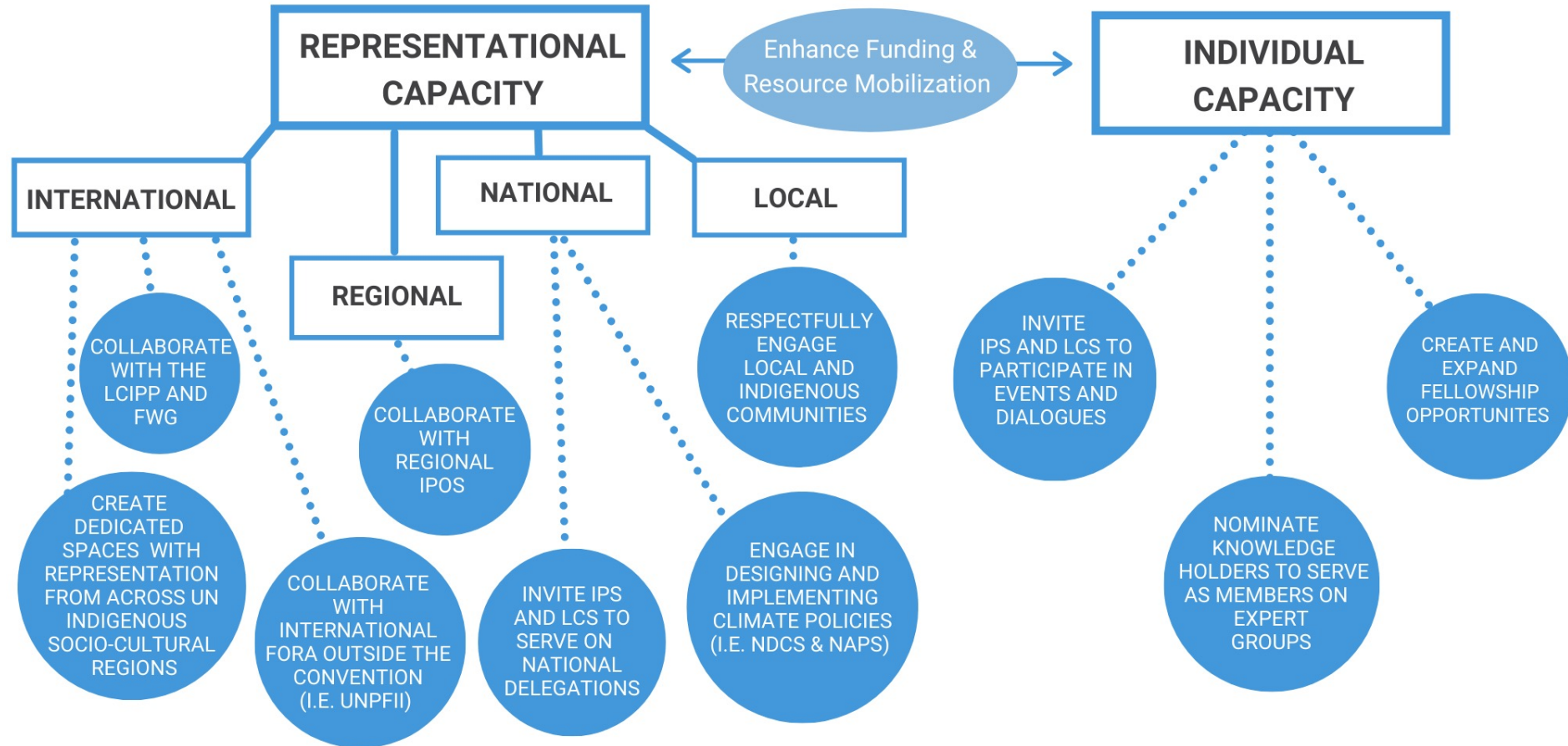
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# OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES PARTICIPATION IN BODIES AND PROCESSES ACROSS THE CONVENTION



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## Ways to engage

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*for reference*

Strengthen financial support and access to existing funding opportunities for the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the UNFCCC process, through:

- Developing and implementing **dedicated policies** for engagement with indigenous peoples and local communities;
- Appointing **designated policy and programme specialists** to support indigenous peoples and local communities in their effort to access existing funding opportunities;
- Creating **taskforces and advisory groups** to facilitate the engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities;
- Disseminating relevant information, including calls for proposals, training materials and templates, through the [LCIPP web portal](#).



## Ways to engage

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- Stay up-to-date by visiting <https://lcipp.unfccc.int/resource-hub>
- Participate in the meetings of the FWG and LCIPP events (visit [here](#));
- Review the LCIPP training webinar series on ethical engagement with indigenous knowledge (see [here](#));
- Exchange experiences and good practices (see [here](#));
- Contribute to the implementation of the second three-year workplan of the LCIPP, including evaluating the implementation of the FWG recommendations contained in this document;
- Invite FWG representatives and indigenous experts nominated by IPOs to serve on relevant expert groups;
- Collaborate with regional indigenous peoples organizations, including during regional climate weeks;



# Thank you!

For more information or further clarification, email the team at [lcipp@unfccc.int](mailto:lcipp@unfccc.int) or visit the LCIPP web portal at [www.lcipp.unfccc.int](http://www.lcipp.unfccc.int)

