



United Nations
Climate Change

Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform



DECISION BOOKLET

Decision 1/CP.21

The Conference of the Parties,

Agreeing to uphold and promote regional and international cooperation in order to mobilize stronger and more ambitious climate action by all Parties and non-Party stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, financial institutions, cities and other subnational authorities, local communities and indigenous peoples,

135. *Recognizes* the need to strengthen knowledge, technologies, practices and efforts of local communities and indigenous peoples related to addressing and responding to climate change, and *establishes* a platform for the exchange of experiences and sharing of best practices on mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner;

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165. At the 3rd meeting, at the request of two Parties, the President agreed to conduct informal consultations on the local communities and indigenous peoples platform referred to in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 135.

166. At the resumed 10th meeting, the President thanked Mr. Tber for conducting informal consultations on his behalf.

167. At the same meeting, on a proposal by the President, the COP:

(a) Agreed to adopt an incremental approach to developing the local communities and indigenous peoples platform with a view to ensuring its effective operationalization;

(b) Requested the Chair of the SBSTA to initiate the process to develop the local communities and indigenous peoples platform, which will include convening an open multi-stakeholder dialogue on the operationalization of the platform in conjunction with SBSTA 46 and SBI 46 to be co-moderated by the Chair of the SBSTA and a representative of indigenous peoples organizations;

(c) Invited Parties and other stakeholders to submit, by 31 March 2017, their views on the purpose, content and structure of the platform in order to inform the multi-stakeholder dialogue and request the secretariat to prepare a report on the dialogue, which should also draw on the submissions;

(d) Requested the SBSTA to consider the report in conjunction with SBSTA 47 and SBI 47 under a new agenda item, “Local communities and indigenous peoples platform”, and conclude its consideration at SBSTA 47 by forwarding recommendations for operationalization of the platform to COP 23.

168. At the same meeting, the President requested developed country Parties and other Parties and non-Party stakeholders in a position to do so to provide financial resources for operationalizing the platform, in particular to enable representatives of indigenous peoples organizations to participate in the above-mentioned dialogue.

169. At the same meeting, representatives of four Parties made statements.

Decision 2/CP.23

2017
Fiji (Bonn)

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, decision 1/CP.21 and the Paris Agreement,

Acknowledging that Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities,

Emphasizing the role of local communities and indigenous peoples in achieving the targets and goals set out in the Convention, the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and recognizing their vulnerability to climate change,

Reaffirming the need to strengthen the knowledge, technologies, practices and efforts of local communities and indigenous peoples related to addressing and responding to climate change, and the importance of the platform established for the exchange of experience and sharing of best practices related to mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the submissions from Parties, indigenous peoples organizations and other relevant organizations on the purpose, content and structure of the local communities and indigenous peoples platform (hereinafter referred to as the platform);

2. *Acknowledges* the fruitful exchange of views that took place during the open multi-stakeholder dialogue that was convened by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and co-moderated with a representative of indigenous peoples organizations during the forty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, on 16 and 17 May 2017;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the support provided by Belgium and New Zealand for the participation of representatives of indigenous peoples organizations in the multi-stakeholder dialogue referred to in paragraph 2 above;

4. *Welcomes* the report on the proposals on the operationalization of the platform based on the open multi-stakeholder dialogue referred to in paragraph 2 above and the submissions received;

5. *Decides* that the overall purposes of the platform will be to strengthen the knowledge, technologies, practices and efforts of local communities and indigenous peoples related to addressing and responding to climate change, to facilitate the exchange of experience and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned related to mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner and to enhance the engagement of local communities and indigenous peoples in the UNFCCC process;

6. *Also decides* that the platform will perform the following functions:

(a) Knowledge: the platform should promote the exchange of experience and best practices with a view to applying, strengthening, protecting and preserving traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems, as well as technologies, practices and efforts of local communities and indigenous peoples related to addressing and responding to climate change, taking into account the free, prior and informed consent of the holders of such knowledge, innovations and practices;

¹ Available at <http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/SitePages/sessions.aspx?showOnlyCurrentCalls=1&themes=Adaptation&expectedsubmissionfrom=Parties&focalBodies=SBSTA>.

² Available at http://unfccc.int/documentation/submissions_from_non-party_stakeholders/items/7482.php.

³ See <http://unfccc.int/10151>.

(b) Capacity for engagement: the platform should build the capacity of indigenous peoples and local communities to enable their engagement in the UNFCCC process and the capacity of Parties and other relevant stakeholders to engage with the platform and with local communities and indigenous peoples, including in the context of the implementation of the Paris Agreement and other climate change related processes;

(c) Climate change policies and actions: the platform should facilitate 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 should also facilitate the undertaking of stronger and more ambitious climate action by indigenous peoples and local communities that could contribute to the achievement of the nationally determined contributions of the Parties concerned;

7. *Further decides* to continue to work towards the full operationalization of the platform;

8. *Recommends* that the processes under the platform, including its operationalization, take into account, inter alia, the interests and views of local communities and indigenous peoples, as well as the following principles proposed by indigenous peoples organizations: full and effective participation of indigenous peoples; equal status of indigenous peoples and Parties, including in leadership roles; self-selection of indigenous peoples representatives in accordance with indigenous peoples' own procedures; and adequate funding from the secretariat and voluntary contributions to enable the functions referred to in paragraph 6 above;

9. *Decides* that the first activity of the platform will be a multi-stakeholder workshop on implementing the functions referred to in paragraph 6 above, to be co-moderated by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and a representative of local communities and indigenous peoples organizations, who will each make an equal contribution to the design of the workshop;

⁴ FCCC/SBSTA/2017/6.

10. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to consider at its forty-eighth session (April–May 2018) the further operationalization of the platform, including the establishment of a facilitative working group, which would not be a negotiating body under the Convention, and the modalities for the development of a workplan for the full implementation of the functions referred to in paragraph 6 above, with balanced representation of local communities and indigenous peoples and Parties, and to conclude its considerations by making recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session (December 2018);

11. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 9 above;

12. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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Decision 2/CP.24

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the Charter of the United Nations and United Nations General Assembly resolution 66/288,

Also recalling the Paris Agreement, decision 1/CP.21 and decision 2/CP.23,

Emphasizing that the purpose and functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and its Facilitative Working Group will be carried out consistent with international law,

Also emphasizing, in its entirety, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the context of the implementation of the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform involving indigenous peoples,

⁴ FCCC/SBSTA/2017/6.

Further emphasizing that in the context of the implementation of the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform involving local communities, none of the activities should authorize or encourage any action, which will dismember or impair, totally or in part, the territorial integrity or political unity of sovereign and independent States,

1. Decides to establish the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform Facilitative Working Group;
2. Affirms that the Facilitative Working Group is established with the objective of further operationalizing the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and facilitating the implementation of its functions;
3. Decides that the Facilitative Working Group shall comprise 14 representatives, as follows:
 - (a) One representative of a Party from each of the five United Nations regional groups;
 - (b) One representative of a Party from a small island developing State;
 - (c) One representative of a least developed country Party; Seven representatives from indigenous peoples organizations, one from each of the seven United Nations indigenous sociocultural regions;
 - (d) Seven representatives from indigenous peoples organizations, one from each of the seven United Nations indigenous sociocultural regions;
4. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to consider, in the context of the review referred to in paragraph 27 below, and taking into account progress related to the representation of local communities, the addition of at least three additional representatives to represent local communities, as well as a process for the appointment of such representatives, and an equal number of Party representatives, with a view to recommending a draft decision on the representation of local communities on the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-seventh session (November 2021);
5. *Decides* that Party representatives shall be appointed by their respective regional groups and constituencies, and that the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice shall be notified of these appointments;

6. *Also decides* that indigenous peoples representatives shall be appointed by the indigenous peoples, through their focal points, and that the Chair of the Subsidiary Body of Scientific Technological Advice shall be notified of these appointments;
7. *Further decides* that, along with each representative, one alternate may be designated, in accordance with the appointment process referred to in paragraphs 3–6 above; the alternate representative will participate in meetings when the representative is unable to attend, and will replace the representative for the remainder of the term if the representative cannot complete the functions of the assigned office;
8. *Decides* that representatives of the Facilitative Working Group shall serve for a term of three years and shall not be eligible to serve two consecutive terms, and that the representatives shall remain in office until their successors have been elected;
9. *Also decides* that the Facilitative Working Group shall elect annually two co-chairs and two vice co-chairs from among its representatives to serve for a term of one year each, with one co-chair and one vice co-chair being a representative from a Party and the other co-chair and vice co-chair being a representative from indigenous peoples and, as appropriate, local communities;
10. *Further decides* that the election and rotation of the co-chairs and vice co-chairs will take into account regional geographic balance, and strive for gender balance;
11. *Decides* that if one of the co-chairs is temporarily unable to fulfil the obligations of the office, the respective vice co-chair shall serve as the co-chair;
12. *Also decides* that if one of the co-chairs or vice co-chairs is unable to complete the term of office, the Facilitative Working Group shall elect a replacement to complete that term of office, in accordance with paragraphs 9 and 10 above;
13. *Invites* Parties to promote the engagement of local communities in the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform with a view to enhancing their participation in the Facilitative Working Group and the Platform;
14. *Stresses* the importance of striving for gender balance in the appointment processes of representatives in accordance with decisions 36/CP.7, 23/CP.18 and 3/CP.23;

15. *Decides* that the Facilitative Working Group shall operate on the basis of consensus;
16. *Invites* Parties, local communities and indigenous peoples to take into consideration the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and its functions at the local, national and regional level in order to enhance the engagement and inclusion of indigenous peoples and local communities to facilitate the exchange of experience and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned on mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner;
17. *Decides* that the Facilitative Working Group shall meet twice per year in conjunction with the sessions of the subsidiary bodies and the session of the Conference of the Parties;
18. *Also decides* that the Facilitative Working Group, under the incremental approach, will propose an initial two-year workplan for the period 2020–2021 for implementing the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its fifty-first session (November 2019);
19. *Further decides* that the workplan referred to in paragraph 18 above should take into account experiences from any activities that have already taken place under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, and that the workplan may include annual in-session events in conjunction with the Conference of the Parties and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, on which summary reports, which could be of a technical nature, would be prepared by the Facilitative Working Group;
20. *Encourages* the Facilitative Working Group to collaborate with other bodies under and outside the Convention, as appropriate, aiming at enhancing the coherence of the actions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform under the Convention;
21. *Requests* the secretariat, with the support of the Facilitative Working Group, to make the work of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform widely accessible, including through the development of a dedicated web portal on the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform on the UNFCCC website;

22. *Also requests* the secretariat to organize a thematic in-session workshop, in conjunction with the fiftieth session (June 2019) of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, on enhancing the participation of local communities, in addition to indigenous peoples, in the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;
23. *Further requests* the secretariat to develop, under the incremental approach for the operationalization of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, activities related to the implementation of all three functions of the Platform,¹ at each session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice until the workplan is adopted, and invites Parties, observers and other stakeholders to submit their views on possible activities via the submission portal² by 28 February 2019;
24. *Requests* the Facilitative Working Group to report on its outcomes, including a draft second three-year workplan, and on the activities of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-seventh session through the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its fifty-fourth session (May to June 2021);
25. *Decides* to endorse the draft workplan referred to in paragraph 24 above at its twenty-seventh session;
26. *Requests* the secretariat to make the reports referred to in paragraph 24 above publicly available on the UNFCCC website;
27. *Decides* that the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice will review the outcomes and activities of the Facilitative Working Group, taking into account the report referred to in paragraph 24 above, at its fifty-fourth session and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-seventh session with a view to adopting a decision on the outcome of this review;
28. *Also decides* that the initial mandate for the Facilitative Working Group will span three years, to be extended as determined by the review referred to in paragraph 27 above;
29. *Further decides* that the meetings of the Facilitative Working Group shall be open to Parties and observers under the Convention;
30. *Requests* the secretariat to support and facilitate the work of the Facilitative Working Group;

31. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 30 above;
32. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources;
33. *Invites* interested Parties and organizations to provide financial and technical support, as appropriate, for the implementation of the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform.

SBSTA 51 Conclusion

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) recalled decisions 1/CP.21, 2/CP.23 and 2/CP.24.
2. The SBSTA welcomed the report on the 1st meeting of the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP).1
3. The SBSTA also welcomed the initial two-year workplan for the period 2020–2021 for implementing the functions of the LCIPP.2
4. The SBSTA expressed its appreciation for the work of the FWG as part of the transparent, inclusive and participatory process to develop the initial two-year workplan referred to in paragraph 3 above.
5. The SBSTA noted that the 2n meeting of the FWG was successfully held in conjunction with this session.3
6. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the active participation of Parties, indigenous peoples, local communities and other relevant stakeholders in both meetings of the FWG.
7. The SBSTA expressed its appreciation to the Governments of Australia, Canada, Finland, Luxembourg, Norway and Sweden for providing financial support in relation to the work of the LCIPP.

8. The SBSTA reaffirmed the importance of enhancing the coherence between the FWG and relevant bodies under and outside the Convention consistently with their relevant mandates.
9. The SBSTA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 3 above.
10. The SBSTA requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

Decision 16/CP.26

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.21 and 2/CP.24,

Also recalling decision 2/CP.23, in particular paragraph 8, in which it recommended that the processes under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, including its operationalization, take into account, inter alia, the interests and views of local communities and indigenous peoples as well as the following principles proposed by indigenous peoples organizations: full and effective participation of indigenous peoples; equal status of indigenous peoples and Parties, including in leadership roles; self-selection of representatives of indigenous peoples in accordance with their own procedures; and adequate funding from the secretariat and voluntary contributions to enable the functions of the Platform,

Acknowledging that 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,

Noting the importance of ensuring the integrity of all ecosystems, including oceans, and the protection of biodiversity, recognized by some cultures as Mother Earth, and the importance for some of the concept of 'climate justice' when taking action to address climate change,

Also recognizing the important role of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform in bringing together Parties and indigenous peoples and local communities to work towards achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement,

Recalling decision 2/CP.24, paragraph 27, in which it decided to adopt, at its session in November 2021, a decision on the outcome of the review of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice,

1. *Welcomes* the report on the 5th meeting of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;
2. *Invites* relevant bodies under the Convention to take into account the recommendations of the Facilitative Working Group to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on the engagement and input of indigenous peoples and local communities across the UNFCCC process;
3. *Welcomes* the progress in implementing the three functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, including implementation of the initial two-year workplan;
4. *Recognizes* the role of the Facilitative Working Group in fostering full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in achieving the objective of the Paris Agreement;
5. *Decides* to continue the mandate of the Facilitative Working Group;
6. *Welcomes* the second three-year workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform for 2022–2024;
7. *Recommends* that the activities under the second three-year workplan facilitate exchange of experience between indigenous peoples and local communities and Parties of approaches to managing all ecosystems, which are key to achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, in order to enhance national climate policy, including nationally determined contributions;
8. *Requests*, in the context of implementation of the second three-year workplan, the Facilitative Working Group to take into account additional inputs from Parties via submissions through the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform web portal, as appropriate;

9. *Recognizes* that the second three-year workplan facilitates continued collaboration among Parties and indigenous peoples and local communities on addressing and responding to climate change;
10. *Invites* Parties and stakeholders to enhance engagement of indigenous peoples and representatives of local communities in diverse and innovative ways in addressing and responding to climate change;
11. *Requests* the Facilitative Working Group to report on its outcomes, including a draft third three-year workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, and on the activities under the Platform for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session (November 2024) through the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its sixtieth session (June 2024);
12. *Decides* that the next review of the Facilitative Working Group will be held in 2024, including consideration of the request in decision 2/CP.24, paragraph 4, with a view to the Conference of the Parties adopting a decision on the review at its twenty-ninth session;
13. *Requests* the Facilitative Working Group to invite Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and other stakeholders to make submissions by the 10th meeting of the Facilitative Working Group (November–December 2023) on the review referred to in paragraph 12 above;
14. *Notes* with appreciation the support provided by Canada, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, the Russian Federation and Sweden for implementing the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, including as part of the initial two-year workplan;
15. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to support and facilitate the work of the Facilitative Working Group;
16. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in this decision;
17. *Invites* interested Parties and organizations to provide financial support for implementation of the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;
18. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.