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**Local Communities & Indigenous Peoples Platform
PACIFIC REGIONAL GATHERING**

16-20 October 2023

Port Douglas, Queensland, Australia

Agenda prepared by the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP)
with contributions from the Indigenous Peoples' Organization -Australia

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Background

Activity 2, under the second three-year workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP), is mandated to “Organize regional gatherings, with the participation of indigenous peoples and indigenous knowledge holders, focused on identifying and addressing the impacts of climate change and bringing together strategies and techniques to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build climate resilience, in a manner that respects and promotes human rights, consistently with rights-based international safeguards and indigenous peoples’ cultural protocols”

Approach

The regional gathering will feature two parts:

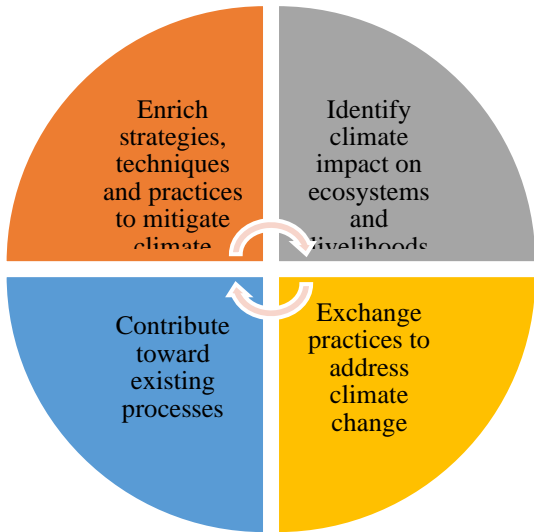
1. 16th – 18th October (Day 1, 2 and 3) Exchange amongst Indigenous Peoples from the Pacific

The first part of the gathering will serve as a meeting amongst Indigenous knowledge holders, including youth, focused on intergenerational and cross-regional knowledge-sharing and development of recommendations based on indigenous knowledge and local knowledge, methods, lived experiences, and practices, and discussion about how and what information and recommendations will be shared in part two;

2. 19th -20th October (Day 2 and 4) Dialogue with Parties and other stakeholders

The second part of the gathering will feature participation by knowledge holders, representatives from local communities, Party representatives, international organizations, constituted bodies under the Convention, and scientific bodies. In this segment of the gathering, the knowledge holders will present knowledge-based observations and recommendations, and proposals for integrating this knowledge into climate action and policies and a forward-looking discussion will be held with the Party representatives

Proposed framework for the LCIPP regional gatherings



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Agenda

Arrival date 15/10/2023

*Participants arrive at the venue
Registration and badges pick up*

Day 1 (16/10/2023) - Monday
Exchange amongst Indigenous Peoples from the Pacific
Facilitated by Ray Minniecon & Phil Duncan

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| 7:30 – 8:00 | Registration and badges pick up |
| <i>Conference room</i> | |
| <i>Session I: Opening Session</i> | |
| 8:00 - 8:30 | <p>Welcome remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tiana Carter, FWG Co-Chair and Party member from Western Europe and Others group (WEOG) ➤ Cathryn Eatock, FWG Vice Co-Chair and member from the UN Indigenous Sociocultural Region of the Pacific ➤ Donna Lagdameo, UNFCCC Secretariat |
| 8:30 – 11:30 | Cultural Immersion 1: Ngadiku Dreamtime – Lived experience to understand the special relationship of Indigenous Peoples with the rain forest at Mossman Gorge |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Lunch Break |
| 12:30 – 16:45 | Cultural Immersion 2: Understanding the practices of KuKu Yalanji Peoples at the Cooya Beach |
| 18:00 – 21:00 | <p>Welcome Reception at Mirage Island <i>(Gather at the conference room at 17:45)</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by Ray Minniecon</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome by Uncle Juan Walker, Local Aboriginal Elder ● Ceremony (Traditional Smoking Ceremony and cultural dances) ● Keynote remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tiana Carter, FWG Co-Chair and Party member from Western Europe and Others group (WEOG) ➤ Cathryn Eatock, FWG Vice Co-Chair and member from the UN Indigenous Sociocultural Region of the Pacific ➤ Erity Teave, Vice President, Rapa Nui Parliament ➤ Indigenous Peoples representative from each country |

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Day 2 (17/10/2023) – Tuesday Morning
Exchange amongst Indigenous Peoples from the Pacific
Facilitated by Ray Minniecon

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Registration and badges pick up |
| 9:00 – 9:05 | Housekeeping by Donna Lagdameo (UNFCCC Secretariat) |
| 9:05 – 9:15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous invocation • Invite participants to provide reflections on Day 1 cultural immersion <p>by Pastor Ray Minniecon</p> |
| <i>Session II: Organizational matters</i> | |
| 9:15 – 9:30 | Overview, objectives and expected outcomes from the Regional Gathering by Cathryn Eatock (FWG member) |
| <i>Session III: Indigeneity and Indigenous values</i> | |
| 9:30– 10:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Indigeneity, Indigenous values and drawing on international Rights Framework • Open Talanoa <p>by Cathryn Eatock (FWG member from the UN Indigenous Sociocultural Region of the Pacific)</p> |
| <i>Session IV: UNFCCC and the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform</i> | |
| 10:00-11:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including the Global Stocktake and Global Goal on Adaptation by Donna Lagdameo (UNFCCC Secretariat) • The Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) and its workplan activities by Tiana Carter (FWG Co-Chair) • Open Talanoa |
| 11:00 -11:30 | <i>Tea/Coffee Break</i> |
| <i>Session V: Climate change impacts on ecosystems & livelihoods of Indigenous Peoples & local communities</i> | |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | <p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific Community led initiatives by Alfred Ralifo • National First Peoples Platform (Australia) by Samarla Deshong • KIWA (SPC) by Filomena Vuetaki, IUCN |
| 12:30 – 13:20 | <i>Lunch Break</i> |

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Day 2 (17/10/2023) – Tuesday Afternoon

Exchange amongst Indigenous Peoples from the Pacific

Facilitated by Phil Duncan

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| 13:20 -13:30 | Keynote Remarks by Justin Mohamed , Ambassador for First Nations People |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | <p>Roundtable Talanoa Themes (20 mins per theme):</p> <p>Theme I: Impact on livelihoods (e.g. agricultural practices, food systems and food security) facilitated by Kathy Jetñ il-Kijiner, rapporteur: Julie Amoroso-Garbin</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How is climate change affecting your food production and food security? Are there short and or longer terms solutions you can identify? <p>Theme 2: Impact on biodiversity and ecosystems facilitated by Tiana Carter, rapporteur: Narelle Hill</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How does climate change and its causes impact on the plants, animals, biodiversity and environmental systems in your region? What solutions, short term and longer term can you identify? <p>Theme 3: Impact on culture and knowledge systems facilitated by Alicia Limitiaco, rapporteur: Donna Lagdameo</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How does climate change and its effects and causes impact on your culture and knowledge systems and ongoing cultural security? What solutions can you propose, considering national, regional and global contexts? |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Report back by Rapporteurs |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | <i>Tea/Coffee Break</i> |
| <i>Session VI: Thematic Area discussions under the UNFCCC process</i> | |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | <p>Topic #1: Loss and Damage Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of Loss and Damage, Satiago Network & transitional Committee by member of WIM Excom (TBC) Sharing experience on Non-Economic Losses by Sina Lui (SPREP) |
| 17:00 -18:00 | <p>Topic #2: Adapting to Climate Change Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of National Adaptation Plans by Jamie Ovia (LEG member from Small Island Developing States (SIDS)) Consultative NAP process by Kathy Jetñ il-Kijiner (FWG member from UN Regional Group of SIDS) Global Goal on Adaptation & Nature Based Solutions by Dr Michael Ha’apio |

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| Day 3 (18/10/2023) – Wednesday Exchange amongst Indigenous Peoples from the Pacific <i>Facilitated by Ray Minniecon, Phil Duncan</i> | |
| 8:00 – 9:00 | Registration and badges pick up |
| 9:00 – 9:05 | Housekeeping by Donna Lagdameo (UNFCCC Secretariat) |
| <i>Session VI: Specific practices of Indigenous peoples and local initiatives to address climate change</i> | |
| 9:05 – 10:15 | Pacific Solutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations Clean Energy Network by Karrina Nolan (Virtual) including a short film on the Clean Energy Network • Community led climate adaptation & disaster risk reduction by Ratu Ovini Bokini • Māori determined climate strategies and priorities by Mike Smith • Cokonaki Cigea community led relocation project Usaia Moli • Aboriginal Carbon Foundation: Barry Hunter (Virtual) |
| <i>Session VI: Thematic Area discussions under the UNFCCC process</i> | |
| 10:15 -10:40 | Topic #3: Mitigation and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Mitigation and NDCs by UNFCCC Secretariat |
| 10:40 – 11:15 | Panel on NDCs : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Science Informing NDCs by Ariane Wilkinson • Pacific NDC hub by George Carter • Indigenous NDCs Analysis by Graeme Reed (Virtual) |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| <i>Session VI: Thematic Area discussions under the UNFCCC process</i> | |
| 11:30 -12:30 | Topic #4 : Just Transition Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples from energy transition in the Pacific including the Marshall Islands Energy Road Map by Kathy Jetñ il-Kijiner (FWG member) • Sharing case studies from the community by Lavenia Yaaikula |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | <i>Lunch Break</i> |

On Day 3 (18/10), two cultural activities are planned for the Party representatives arriving on Wednesday

8:30 – 13:00
 Cultural Activity 1: Ngadiku Dreamtime – Lived experience to understand the special relationship of Indigenous Peoples with the rain forest at Mossman Gorge

14:00 – 17:00
 Cultural Activity 2: Understanding the practices of KuKu Yalanji Peoples at the Cooya Beach

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| 13:30 -14:30 | <p>Topic #5: Climate Finance Strategies</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview of Climate Finance by Dr Michael Ha’apio ● Loss and Damage Finance by representative from Transitional Committee (Virtual) ● UNDP GEF Small Grants Program by Ms Akisi Bolabola - National Coordinator GEF Small Grants Programme Fiji (Virtual) ● Addressing funding reporting challenges by Rachel James, WWF | <p>On Day 3 (18/10), two cultural activities are planned for the Party representatives arriving on Wednesday</p> <p>9:00 – 13:00 Cultural Activity 1: Ngadiku Dreamtime – Lived experience to understand the special relationship of Indigenous Peoples with the rain forest at Mossman Gorge</p> <p>14:00 – 17:00 Cultural Activity 2: Understanding the practices of KuKu Yalanji Peoples at the Cooya Beach</p> |
| 14:30 -15:30 | <p>Roundtable Talanoa</p> <p>Theme 1: Sharing current or potential solutions Facilitated by Tiana Carter</p> <p>Theme 2: Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) Facilitated by Kathy Jetn̄ il-Kijiner</p> <p>Theme 3: Just Transition Facilitated by Alicia Limtiaco</p> <p>Theme 4: Climate Finance Facilitated by Cathryn Eatock</p> | |
| 15:30 -16:00 | Report back from the roundtables in plenary | |
| 16:00: -16:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> | |
| 16:30 -17:30 | <p>Topic #6 : Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indigenous Analysis of AR 6 report by Graeme Reed (Virtual) ● Contributions to IPCC report by Sina Lui | |
| <p><i>Session VII: Human rights and climate change – a rights-based approach</i></p> | | |
| 17:30 -18:30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overarching remarks by Ian Fry, Special Rapporteur on Climate Change (Pre-recorded) ● Case studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ U.N. Human Rights Committee on adverse impacts of climate change by Daniel Billy ➤ Woodside Gas Development in WA by Raelene Cooper ➤ Holding corporations to account by Mike Smith | |

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Day 4 (19/10/2023) – Thursday Morning
Dialogue with Parties and other stakeholders
Facilitated by Phil Duncan

Session VIII: Opening of Dialogue between Indigenous Peoples, Parties & other stakeholders

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Opening Smoking Ceremony followed by a group photo (Gather at Mirage Ballroom foyer at 8:30 am) |
| 9:00 - 9:05 | Welcome remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Donna Lagdameo, UNFCCC Secretariat ▪ Tiana Carter, Co-Chair, FWG |
| 9.05 – 9:45 | Opening remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kristin Tilley, Ambassador for Climate Change, Australia ▪ Kathy Jetñ il-Kijiner, FWG member from UN Regional Group of SIDS ▪ Kay Harrison, Ambassador for Climate Change, New Zealand ▪ Sina Lui, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) |
| 9:45-10:00 | Interactive introduction session |
| 10:00-10:15 | Reflections from the participants from each table |
| 10:15 -10:30 | Indigeneity and the LCIPP Pacific Regional Gathering by Cathryn Eatock , FWG member from the UN Indigenous Sociocultural Region of the Pacific |
| 10:30 -11:00 | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| <i>Session IX</i> | <i>The Paris Agreement-Levels of Implementation & Opportunities</i> |
| 11:00 -12:00 | Regional Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Importance of Regional Collaborations by Sally Box, Head of Delegation of Australia to the UNFCCC ➤ Priorities for SIDS by Kathy Jetñ il-Kijiner, FWG member from UN Regional Group of SIDS ➤ Pacific priorities at COP 28 and beyond by George Carter, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) (Virtual) ➤ UNFCCC- IGES Regional Collaboration Center for Asia and the Pacific by Julie Amoroso-Garbin |
| 12:00-12:40 | Regional Challenges and Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pacific challenges by Alfred Ralifo (WWF) ▪ Oceans conference & Draft Oceans Declaration by Sina Lui (SPREP) ▪ Great Barrier Reef & FPIC by Bob Muir (Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS)) |
| 12:40 – 13:30 | National Challenges & Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Adaptation Actions by Jo Evans, Deputy Secretary, Department of Climate Change Environment and Energy |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rapa Nui experiences by Erity Teave, Vice President Rapa Nui Parliament ▪ National Adaptation Plan & lessons learnt by Mike Smith ▪ What are the challenges & opportunities for women towards implementation of the Paris Agreement by Talei Silibaravi |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | <i>Lunch Break</i> |
| Day 4 (19/10/2023) – Thursday Afternoon <i>Dialogue with Parties and other stakeholders</i> <i>Facilitated by Ray Minniecon</i> | |
| <i>Session X: Dialogue between Indigenous Peoples and Parties</i> | |
| 14:30-15:00 | Scene Setting by Jo Evans , Deputy Secretary DCCEEW & Erity Teave , Vice President of Rapa Nui Parliament |
| 15:00 -17:30 | Talanoa Roundtables : Identifying challenges and collaborative opportunities at the regional level Themes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adaptation ● Mitigation & Just Transition ● Loss and Damage ● Climate Finance ● IPCC and Indigenous knowledge systems |
| | Working coffee break (16:00-16:30) |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | Report back on roundtable discussions |

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Day 5 (20/10/2023) - Friday
Dialogue with Parties and other stakeholders
Facilitated by Ray Minniecon, Phil Duncan

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| 9:00 – 9:15 | Interactive session |
| <i>Session XI: Looking Forward - Recommendations from the Pacific Regional Gathering</i> | |
| 9:15 – 9:30 | Existing and proposed ideas (Indigenous decision-making workshop and regional platform) by Cathryn Eatock |
| 9:30 – 11:00 | Open Talanoa roundtables: Outcomes/recommendations from LCIPP Pacific Regional Gathering |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11:30 -12:30 | <i>Report back</i> and consolidation of outcomes/recommendations |
| 12:30 -12:50 | Ministerial session Minister for Climate Change and Energy, the Hon Chris Bowen MP (10 mins) Readout of recommendations by Mike Smith and Talei Silbaravi (5 mins each) -tbc |
| 12:50– 14:00 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| <i>Session XII: Contributing to the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP)</i> | |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | Overview of FWG, its review and the LCIPP third three-year workplan by Cathryn Eatock & Tiana Carter (FWG members) |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | Roundtable Talanoa – Inputs to the review and third three-year workplan |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 16:00 -16:30 | Summarizing discussions on regional inputs to third three-year work plan followed by report back |
| 16:30 -17:00 | Closing remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kristin Tilley, Australian Ambassador for Climate Change - Cathryn Eatock, Tiana Carter & Kathy Jitnil-Kijiner (FWG Members) |
| 18:15 -22:30 | Closing dinner at Flames of the Forest (<i>Gather at the reception at 18:15</i>) |

Departure date: 21/10/2023
Participants department from the venue

Annex I: Rights safeguards and protocols¹

The FWG has provided the following guidance on the dedicated web portal:

Important information regarding rights safeguards and protocols for the LCIPP portal

1. The Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP), including through this web portal, “promote[s] 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” (decision 2/CP.23).
2. The LCIPP web portal is designed to make the work of the LCIPP widely accessible. It will provide parties, indigenous peoples, and local communities with the opportunity to share and exchange relevant information.
3. It will share projects, programs, statements, event outcomes, and good practices to promote ethical engagement with the knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities and avoid misuse of that knowledge, in accordance with the functions of the LCIPP. It is not intended to act as a repository of the knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities or post information that is protected or intended to remain internal.
4. Submissions from indigenous peoples or local community representatives will be posted only at the direct request of the indigenous peoples and local communities concerned.
5. The FWG requests that third parties provide confirmation of the free, prior, and informed consent of the indigenous peoples concerned, or the expressed agreement of the relevant local communities.
6. The preamble of the Paris Agreement acknowledges that Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on, inter alia, “human rights ... the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities...”. In this context, reference is made to paragraph 135 of decision 1/CP.21, which established the LCIPP; decision 2/CP.23, which decided the overall purposes and functions of the LCIPP; and decision 2/CP.24, which established the Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP (FWG).
7. This web portal was developed in consultation with the FWG and its nominated representatives of indigenous peoples, taking into account the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, decision 1/CP.21, the Paris Agreement, and the other decisions listed above.

¹ See <https://lcipp.unfccc.int/rights-safeguards-and-protocols>



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Annex II: Organizations represented at the LCIPP Pacific Regional Gathering

| Abbreviation | Full name of the organization | Relevant Resources |
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Annex III: Parties represented at the LCIPP Pacific Regional Gathering

| Party | Representative | Relevant resources |
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Annex IV: Indigenous Peoples represented at the LCIPP Pacific Regional Gathering

| Representative | Traditional People | Organisation | Nation |
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