

INFORMAL AND NON-MANDATORY GUIDANCE DEVELOPED BY THE FWG

In line with the SBSTA review of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform in SB60

Under Decision 2/CP.24, paragraph 4, the Conference of the Parties (COP) requested the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform “to invite Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and other stakeholders to make submissions” by the 10th meeting of the FWG on the review of the FWG in 2024.¹

To this end, the FWG put together this informal (and non-mandatory) guidance to help Parties, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and other stakeholders in providing inputs to the SBSTA review of the Facilitative Working Group. Submissions do not need to follow this format.

Please select one or more of the following options that best describe your affiliation in the context of this submission:

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| | Representative of Indigenous Peoples |
| | Representative of local communities |
| | Representative of a Party or Party group |
| | Others (please specify) _____ |

Kindly provide additional information

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| Country | |
| Region/Group name | |
| Please describe your experience engaging with the FWG | |

ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FWG

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 (Decision 2/CP.24)

1. In your view, has the FWG achieved its mandate?
 - If yes, how?
 - If no, why?
2. How can the FWG better facilitate the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the UNFCCC process?

¹ Decision 16/CP.26, see https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cp2021_12_add2_adv.pdf

IMPLEMENTING THE LCIPP FUNCTIONS (as per Decision 2/CP.23)

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;

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;

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.

3. In your view, how can the FWG better facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences in the context of addressing climate change in a holistic way?
4. In your view, how can the FWG better facilitate the capacity building of Parties, constituted bodies and other stakeholders to engage with Indigenous Peoples and local communities?
5. In your view, how can the FWG better facilitate the capacity building of Indigenous Peoples and local communities?

REALIZING THE VISION OF FWG (adopted during its 9th regular meeting)

FWG, in implementing the three functions of the Platform, strives to elevate the leadership role of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the collective effort toward transformative climate policies and actions by:

- *upholding a rights-based approach*
- *ethically and equitably engaging Indigenous values and worldviews, (such as stewardship of and living in harmony with Mother Earth to ensure its enduring integrity for all life forms today and in the future), and perspectives from local communities*
- *fostering full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in achieving the objectives of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement.*

6. In your view, what role does the FWG play in elevating the leadership role of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the collective effort toward transformative climate policies and actions?
7. In your view, how can the FWG better uphold a rights-based approach and facilitate the engagement of diverse values and knowledge systems, including the knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge, in the design and implementation of climate policies and actions?

ANY OTHER REFLECTIONS
