

**Advancing meaningful participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the UNFCCC:
A Virtual Training Workshop (Module 3) back-to-back with the Informal Contributors' Briefing**

Session 1: Date: 07th November 2023; 18:00 -20:00 CET (Interpretation available: Spanish)

Session 2: Date: 09th November 2023; 9:00-11:00 CET (Interpretation available: French and Russian)

Virtual (Zoom)

Background

Indigenous Peoples and local communities have distinct values, knowledge systems, worldviews, and traditional practices that can contribute to climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience. The Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC has emphasized the important role of Indigenous Peoples' and local communities' culture and knowledge in effective action on climate change and urges Parties to actively involve them in designing and implementing climate action¹ while considering their respective obligations on human rights including 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. At the same time, Indigenous Peoples and local communities also face disproportionate impacts of climate change due to their direct dependence on ecosystems to meet basic needs (IPCC, 2022). Despite their crucial role, a significant wide gap remains related to the participation and contributions of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the international climate policymaking processes. Therefore, it is important to raise awareness among Indigenous Peoples and local communities, especially youth and women, about the UNFCCC process, the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP), the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and opportunities for their leadership to help transform climate policymaking processes at all levels.

Objectives

- Raise awareness and understanding among Indigenous Peoples and local communities about mitigation, mitigative action, the just transition, and response measures within the UNFCCC process, the LCIPP, and the implementation of the Paris Agreement
- Strengthen capacity of Indigenous Peoples and local communities to actively engage in climate policymaking processes at national and international levels
- Identify concrete ways for values and rights of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems, to inform the UNFCCC process through LCIPP mandated events and Action Spaces at COP28
- Facilitate informed participation in the 10th meeting of the FWG and COP28

Approach

The informal virtual contributors briefing, and training workshop will use interactive and participatory methods to engage Indigenous Peoples and local communities. The workshop will include presentations, interactive activities, and open dialogues. Guidance materials will be shared with participants, relevant to the training ahead of the meeting.

Content

¹ Per decisions 1/CP.26 and 1/CMA.3

Activity 4 and 9 of the LCIPP second three-year workplan
Concept note by Facilitative Working Group

The informal contributors briefing and training workshop will be 120 minutes long and will cover the following topics in three main segments with Q&A sessions:

- Segment 1: Overview of the key components of mitigation, just transition, and response measures
- Segment 2: Preparing for COP 28
- Segment 3: FWG 10 and LCIPP Mandated Events at COP 28

Target Audience

The training workshop is aimed at Indigenous Peoples and local communities, with particular focus on Indigenous youth, women, and youth from local communities.

Languages: Interpretation will be made available in Spanish for session 1 and Russian and French for session 2

Expected Outcomes

- Increased understanding of the COP process
- Increased awareness on how Indigenous youth, women, and local communities can meaningfully engage in climate policymaking and decision-making processes at the international level
- Improved collective understanding on how values and rights of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems can lead to transformative climate actions
- Enhanced understanding of how Indigenous Peoples and local community representatives can engage in FWG 10 and LCIPP-mandated events at COP 28
- Increased awareness on the SBSTA review of the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) taking place in 2024

Draft Agenda

Moderation:

Segment 1 and 2: Daria Egereva (Session 1)/Tiana Carter (Session 2)
Q&A moderated by Donna Lagdameo, Team Lead, UNFCCC Secretariat

Time	Agenda item	Speakers
3 min	Welcome remarks	FWG Co-Chairs
Segment 1: Mitigation, Just Transition, and Response Measures (25 minutes)		
15 min	Climate Change Mitigation Introduction	Kusum Lata, Team Lead, UNFCCC Secretariat
10 min	Moderated Q&A	
Segment 2: How to COP: Planning for COP28 (45 minutes)		
10 min	How to COP and overview of COP 28	Wasim Mir, Director, UNFCCC Secretariat
10 min	Question and Answer Session	
5 min	Engagement opportunities for Indigenous Peoples and local communities at COP 28	Lydia Birtwistle Sawyer, COP 28 Presidency
10 min	Global Climate Action at COP 28	Monique Nardi, Programme Officer, UNFCCC Secretariat
10 min	Moderated Q&A	
Segment 3: FWG10 and LCIPP Mandated Events at COP28 (50 minutes)		
15 min	Preparing for FWG 10 meeting, including the FWG review and formulation of third three-year workplan	FWG Co-Chairs
20 min	LCIPP-mandated events at COP28	UNFCCC Secretariat
15 min	Moderated Q&A	<i>with participation of FWG members</i>
2 min	Closing	FWG Co-Chairs

Annex I: Mandate

The Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC welcomed the second three-year workplan of the LCIPP at its 26th session, through decision 16/CP.26. The second three-year workplan of the LCIPP calls for the organization of training workshops, prioritizing participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, including youth, on the UNFCCC process, the LCIPP, ways to support implementation of the Paris Agreement and opportunities for the involvement of indigenous peoples and local communities.

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