

Information Note

Agenda Item 4a

Activity 1

Annual meetings in conjunction with COP

Description:

Under the function of "knowledge": Organize annual meetings in conjunction with the sessions of the COP, with the participation of Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous knowledge holders, to expand and enhance inclusion of traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems in addressing and responding to climate change, consistently with rights-based international safeguards and Indigenous Peoples cultural protocols.

The aim of the annual meetings will be to build the engagement of Indigenous youth, women, children, persons with disabilities and youth from local communities in all levels and aspects of climate action and bring together strategies and technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build climate resilience.

Deliverables:

1. One gathering per year in conjunction with the session of the COP, to take place in round-table discussion format, divided into two parts: one for Indigenous Peoples including Indigenous youth and persons of different genders, and a focus on intergenerational knowledge-sharing; and one that includes Indigenous Peoples, local communities, constituted bodies under the Convention and scientific bodies focused on integrating diverse knowledge systems;
2. Compilations of recommendations/best practices for including diverse knowledge systems, advancing climate action and implementing effective safeguards for traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems under the UNFCCC;
3. Informal summaries of the annual meetings, which could include information on good practices, challenges and proposed ways forward in addressing and responding to climate change;
4. Sharing of relevant resources via the LCIPP web portal in accordance with the substantive and procedural elements of the right to free, prior and informed consent;

Possible Contributors:

- International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC);
- Indigenous regional organizations and networks, knowledge holders, Indigenous youth, women, persons of different genders and persons with disabilities as identified by IPOs;
- Local communities, including youth, women, persons with different genders and persons with disabilities;
- Relevant constituted bodies and workstreams under the Convention, including the AC, the PCCB and the WIM Executive Committee.

Review Progress:

Under this activity, the FWG has organized two annual gatherings of knowledge holders, in conjunction with the 27th session of the Conference of Parties (COP 27) and the 28th session of the Conference of Parties (COP 28).

1. The **LCIPP Second Annual gathering of knowledge holders**, held in conjunction with COP27, in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt took place in two parts
 - a. On 7 November 2022, over 100 Indigenous knowledge holders and practitioners, including 32 regionally nominated knowledge holders by FWG Indigenous Peoples representatives from all seven UN-socio-cultural regions, gathered in part I of the gathering to share their perspectives in four roundtable discussions:
 - i. Indigenous perspectives on climate change and potential solutions
 - ii. Health and well-being in relationship to culture, language and spirituality
 - iii. Understanding how Indigenous knowledge systems and biocultural diversity stewardship have helped mitigate and adapt to climate change
 - iv. Perspectives of Indigenous youthFurther information can be found on event page [here](#).

- b. On 10 November 2022, the Indigenous knowledge holders communicated the outcomes and recommendations from Part I of the gathering to participating Party representatives, international organizations, and constituted bodies under the Convention. Interventions were made by several Party representatives and representatives from constituted bodies, including Australia, Bolivia, Canada, Columbia, Finland, Norway, and representatives from the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage, as well as the Adaptation Committee. Further information can be found on the event page [here](#).

A co-leads summary which served as an informal summary of the annual gathering, included good practices, challenges and compilations of recommendations/best practices and was published on the event page on the LCIPP webportal [here](#).

2. The **LCIPP Third Annual gathering of knowledge holders** in conjunction with COP28, in Dubai, UAE took place in two parts
 - a. On 1 December 01, 2023, the first part of the gathering brought together over 100 Indigenous knowledge holders and practitioners, including 35 regionally nominated knowledge holders by FWG Indigenous Peoples representatives from all seven UN-socio-cultural regions to discuss the interconnection between Water, Energy and Food and climate change. Knowledge holders engaged in four roundtables :
 - i. Water – the lifeblood of our planet
 - ii. Enabling energy transition strategies that intertwine environmental, social, economic and cultural benefits
 - iii. Seeds of Reciprocity: Indigenous approach to nourishing lands and people
 - iv. Weaving the Threads of Life: Indigenous youth insights into the interconnection between Water-Energy-Food

Further information can be found on the event page [here](#).

- b. On 5 December 2023, at the second part of the gathering, knowledge holders presented their key messages and recommendations to representatives from Parties, international organizations, constituted bodies under the Convention, and scientific bodies. Several Parties, including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Colombia, and Spain, on behalf of the European Union, United States of

America, Finland, Mexico and other representatives from constituencies such as RINGO, presented their reflections on the rich and holistic outcomes from the first part of the gathering. Further information can be found on the event page [here](#).

The co-leads are working on an informal summary that includes information on good practices, challenges, and proposed ways forward, as well as a policy brief that provides recommendations/best practices for including diverse knowledge systems.

Strategic implementation of the deliverables under the second three-year workplan

In the second half of 2024,

- The FWG will publish an informal summary and policy brief as an outcome of the LCIPP Third Annual gathering of knowledge holders, held in conjunction with COP 28
- The FWG will host the fourth annual gathering of knowledge holders in conjunction with the 29th session of COP (COP 29) and publish an informal summary as an outcome of the gathering

Discussions at FWG 11

To plan for the implementation of deliverables, the FWG will

- Share lessons from the gathering convened at COP 27 and COP 28
- Share information on the regionally nominated knowledge holders from the different United Nations Indigenous sociocultural regions at COP 27 and COP 28
 - Africa: <https://lcipp.unfccc.int/about-lcipp/un-indigenous-sociocultural-regions/africa>
 - Asia: <https://lcipp.unfccc.int/about-lcipp/un-indigenous-sociocultural-regions/asia>
 - Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia, and Transcaucasia: <https://lcipp.unfccc.int/about-lcipp/un-indigenous-sociocultural-regions/eastern-europe-russian-federation-central-asia-and-transcaucasia>
 - Central and South America and the Caribbean: <https://lcipp.unfccc.int/about-lcipp/un-indigenous-sociocultural-regions/central-and-south-america-and-caribbean>
 - North America: <https://lcipp.unfccc.int/about-lcipp/un-indigenous-sociocultural-regions/north-america>
 - The Arctic: <https://lcipp.unfccc.int/about-lcipp/un-indigenous-sociocultural-regions/arctic>
 - The Pacific: <https://lcipp.unfccc.int/about-lcipp/un-indigenous-sociocultural-regions/pacific>
- Discuss and decide on the thematic focus of the annual gathering in 2024
- Decide on a timeline for nominating knowledge holders from the different regions to ensure adequate time for necessary preparations, which will be subject to the availability of resources.

FWG invites contributors, through the small group discussions, to provide their inputs on the following questions:

1. What lessons have we learned from the 2022 and 2023 annual gatherings related to:
 - a. Topic/theme of the gatherings
 - b. Key messages and recommendations
 - c. Design of gatherings
 - d. Any other reflections
2. What should be the theme of the fourth annual gathering of knowledge holders taking place in conjunction with COP 29?

Topics covered at the annual gathering at COP 27	Topics covered at the annual gathering at COP 28	Topics covered at the gathering at COP 29
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Indigenous perspectives on climate change and potential solutions ii. Health and well-being in relationship to culture, language and spirituality iii. Understanding how Indigenous knowledge systems, and biocultural diversity stewardship has helped mitigate and adapt to climate change iv. Perspectives of Indigenous youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Water – the lifeblood of our planet ii. Enabling energy transition strategies that intertwine environmental, social, economic and cultural benefits iii. Seeds of Reciprocity: Indigenous approach to nourishing lands and people iv. Weaving the Threads of life: Indigenous youth insights into the interconnection between Water-Energy-Food 	<p><i>To be discussed at FWG 11</i></p>