

Agenda Item 4f of the FWG 11

Information Note

Agenda Item 4a	Activity 6
<i>Advancing and enhancing the contributions and participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in relation to the work of constituted bodies under the Convention</i>	
I. Description	<p>The Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) recognized the important role and responsibility it has in facilitating the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities within the UNFCCC process. Accordingly, the FWG dedicated one (i.e. activity 6) of the nine activities in the workplan of the LCIPP for 2022-2024, for consideration by COP 26, specifically advancing and enhancing the contributions and participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in relation to the work of the constituted bodies under the Convention towards achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.</p>
II. Deliverables	<p>COP 26 welcomed the LCIPP workplan for 2022-2024. Activity 6 of the workplan calls for collaboration with constituted bodies, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Inviting the CGE to collaborate on (a) scoping document(s) with a view to engaging Indigenous Peoples and local communities in national reporting frameworks and the enhanced transparency framework○ Inviting the AC to collaborate on (a) scoping document(s) for the contribution of Indigenous Peoples' and local communities' perspectives considerations on actions on the global goal on adaptation○ Inviting the LEG to collaborate on including Indigenous Peoples' and local communities' perspectives in the NAP guidelines and/or NAP training programme, aimed at resilience-building at the national and local level○ Inviting the WIM Executive Committee to collaborate, including by engaging Party loss and damage contact points, with a view to considering the perspectives of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in national policies and actions related to the adverse impacts of climate change, including migration, displacement and planned relocation, loss of cultural values, and finance for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts <p>In addition, the activity also calls for the FWG to develop a synthesis report, contributing to the technical dialogues of the global stocktake, based on the rights-based international standards document</p>

III. Review Progress

The FWG has implemented various measures to advance and enhance the contributions and participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the work of the constituted bodies under the Convention, as outlined in Activity 6 of the LCIPP workplan for 2022-2024. These measures include the following actions by the FWG:

- 1) Having FWG members serve as designated focal points for the constituted bodies.¹

Members of the FWG serve as designated focal points and alternate for constituted bodies under the Convention. This aims to facilitate sustained inter-body collaborations toward advancing the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the work across the UNFCCC process.

- 2) Participating in and contributing to meetings of the constituted bodies.

The FWG has actively participated in the meetings of constituted bodies and consistently engaged with relevant bodies and processes under and outside the Convention during its biannual meetings. These interactions have advanced the efforts of constituted bodies to weave diverse worldviews and expertise of Indigenous Peoples and local communities into their work, consistent with their functions and mandates. In addition, these inter-body collaborations also align closely with the mandate and timeline of the LCIPP workplan for 2022-2024.

Participation in the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM ExCom)

- **18th Meeting of the WIM ExCom** (28 February – 3 March, 2023): Gunn-Britt Retter and Grace Balawag represented the FWG at ExCom 18, where they renewed the invitation initially extended by the FWG Co-Chairs in 2022 to the WIM ExCom. They invited the WIM ExCom to collaborate with the FWG in deepening the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities within the WIM ExCom's strategic workstreams. Specifically, they encouraged the WIM ExCom to involve Indigenous experts and experts from local communities in the works of the WIM ExCom expert groups, such as the NELs expert group. They also recommended incorporating the perspectives and practices of Indigenous Peoples and local communities into the WIM ExCom's compilations and communications of best practices for averting, minimizing, and addressing the impacts of climate change on ecosystems and human livelihoods. Additionally, they called for increased dialogue, coordination, and collaboration between national loss and damage focal points and Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

They have highlighted relevant COP decisions, including 1/CP.26, that recognize the important role of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, in addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse impacts of climate change.

¹ See the table of FWG constituted bodies focal points

Gunn-Britt and Grace have also highlighted synergies between the workplans of the WIM ExCom and the FWG. For example, the second three-year workplan of the LCIPP has a dedicated activity (i.e. activity 6) that aims to “advance and enhance the contributions and participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in relation to the work of constituted bodies under the Convention”, including the work of the WIM Excom. The second five-year rolling workplan of the WIM Excom² also includes activities for engaging with the scientific community, including Indigenous, traditional and local knowledge holders.

- **19th Meeting of the WIM ExCom** (19-22 September 2023): Gunn-Britt Retter, serving as the FWG Co-Chair and the FWG focal point for the WIM ExCom, participated in ExCom 19 and reiterated the FWG’s invitation for the WIM ExCom to weave the diverse values and worldviews of Indigenous Peoples and local communities into the technical products and reports of the WIM ExCom’s strategic workstreams. She also urged the WIM ExCom to include experts from Indigenous Peoples and local communities in its expert groups, beyond the expert group on non-economic losses.
- **20th Meeting of the WIM ExCom** (12 March 2024): Building on FWG’s participation in previous WIM ExCom meetings, as referred to above, the FWG facilitated the engagement of knowledge holders from three of the United Nations Indigenous Sociocultural Regions, including the Pacific, Africa, and the Arctic, to participate in ExCom 20 and shared their expertise and practices related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage.

Participation in the meetings of the Adaptation Committee (AC)

- **24th Meeting of the Adaptation Committee** (11 – 13 October 2023):
The FWG participated in AC 24 and expressed appreciation for the inter-body collaborations between the AC and the FWG, including the 2019 joint event,³ the inclusion of Indigenous experts in the technical workshop on Adaptation Communications, and regular participation in each other’s meetings. The FWG welcomed the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Taskforce’s plan to develop a “policy brief on progress, good practices, lessons learned, challenges, and opportunities in the application of Indigenous knowledge and local knowledge in climate adaptation.” The FWG saw this effort as a direct continuation of the thematic focus from the 2019 joint event and represents a significant advancement in our collaborative efforts to enhance the engagement of the knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems.
- **25th Meeting of the Adaptation Committee** (13-15 March 2024):
Grace Balawag, participated in AC25, on behalf of FWG and contributed to discussions of the work of the NAP Task Force. During the meeting, the AC considered the outline of the policy brief on progress, good practices and

² See https://cop23.unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Second_5yrRWP_edited.pdf

³ See <https://lcipp.unfccc.int/joint-event-integrating-indigenous-and-local-knowledge-adaptation-action>

lessons learned, challenges and opportunities in the application of traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems in adaptation. FWG also expressed interest in collaborating with the AC to weave diverse values, worldviews, and knowledge systems of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems, into the collective effort to address climate and build resilience, aligned with the GST1 outcomes toward the common goal of long-term transformational adaptation.

- **6th Workshop under the Glasgow-Sharm El-Sheikh Work Programme on the Global Goal on Adaptation** (June 2023): Natasha participated in the workshop. The FWG invited Parties and the global community to:
 - Put the values of Indigenous Peoples, particularly their reciprocal approach to nature and intergenerational considerations at the heart of the GGA.
 - Engage the leadership of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and their knowledge systems in the conceptualization of the GGA. IPCC reports have highlighted the critical role of Indigenous knowledge systems and local knowledge play in enriching adaptation policy and practice. Indigenous communities have been adapting to environmental changes for centuries, demonstrating resilience and innovation. Their wisdom can help us diversify and strengthen our adaptation strategies.
 - Develop universal adaptation metrics that incorporate non-monetary values and capture the true value of ecosystem services and human wellbeing.
 - Pursue an ecosystems-thinking approach, acknowledging the interconnectedness of our world.
 - Engage Indigenous Peoples and local communities. Their involvement in the GGA's implementation will enrich the collective understanding of the earth's ecosystems and contribute to the ultimate success of our global goal.

Collaboration with Technology Executive Committee (TEC)

- **27th meeting of the Technology Executive Committee** (19–21 September 2023): FWG was invited to take part in TEC 27.

- 1) Having members serve on thematic expert and advisory groups.

To enhance the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the work of various bodies under the Convention, representatives of the FWG serve as members of expert and advisory groups. These include the Non-economic Losses Expert Group of the WIM Executive Committee, the NAP Task Force of the Adaptation Committee, and the Advisory Group of the LEG.

- 2) Dedicating modular capacity building training workshops, under activity 4 of the LCIPP workplan for 2022-2024, to focus on thematic areas of relevant bodies, including GGA, loss and damage, and National Adaptation Plans.

In addition, the FWG facilitated contributions from Indigenous Peoples and local communities to the relevant work of various constituted bodies, including inputs to technical workshops and papers, and responses to calls for submissions. The FWG also submitted a synthesis report, serving as its input to the technical assessment of the global stocktake.⁴

IV. Look Ahead, plans for the Implementation of Activity 6 for the Second Half of 2024

- Inviting the CGE to collaborate on (a) scoping document(s) with a view to engaging Indigenous Peoples and local communities in national reporting frameworks and the enhanced transparency framework
- Inviting the LEG to collaborate on including Indigenous Peoples' and local communities' perspectives in the NAP guidelines and/or NAP training programme, aimed at resilience-building at the national and local level

V. Discussions at FWG 11

- What are lessons learned from collaborations with constituted bodies and work programs in advancing the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities within the UNFCCC process?
- Could you share examples of experiences and expertise from Indigenous Peoples and local communities that would help enrich the work of constituted bodies and work programs within the UNFCCC process?
- What insights and practices would you like to share to strengthen national adaptation plans, and contribute toward building resilience at the national and local levels?

VI. Possible Contributors

To promote inclusivity, the FWG has identified potential contributors for each of the workplan activities. These are not meant to be definitive lists but are designed to facilitate the engagement of LCIPP contributors in collaboratively implementing the workplan activities.

In this regard, the FWG has outlined the following potential contributors in the LCIPP workplan:

- IIPFCC
- Relevant bodies and processes under and outside the Convention, including constituted bodies such as the AC, the CGE, the LEG, and the WIM Executive Committee
- IPOs and Indigenous youth, women and persons of different genders as identified by IPOs
- Local communities, including youth, women and persons of different genders

⁴ See https://lcipp.unfccc.int/sites/default/files/2023-06/Updated%20FWG%20input%20to%20the%20GST%20process_31%20May%2023.pdf

