

**Information Note**

**Agenda Item 4 h**

**Activity 8**

**Annual youth round table**

**Description:**

Host an annual round table, in collaboration with Indigenous youth and youth from local communities, as well as with broad and gender-balanced youth representation from each of the United Nations Indigenous sociocultural regions, to explore gender-responsive ways and means to strengthen the engagement of youth, and participation in intergenerational knowledge-sharing and continuing/strengthening practices on the ground, as well to contribute to climate policies and actions at the national and international level.

**Deliverables:**

1. Knowledge-gathering devoted to intergenerational knowledge-sharing, intergenerational equity, strengthening relevant practices on the ground, and enhancing youth engagement in climate policy development and implementation at all levels with a view to developing recommendations on how to enhance the leadership of Indigenous youth and youth from local communities
2. Recommendations from Indigenous youth participants and youth participants from local communities, ensuring gender and sociocultural balance, on the promotion of their participation in the activities of the FWG, as well as opportunities to enhance knowledge-sharing, capacity-building and policy for integration under the UNFCCC process

**Possible Contributors:**

- Indigenous youth and organizations as identified by IPOs, ensuring sociocultural and gender balance
- Youth from local communities, ensuring sociocultural and gender balance
- Relevant bodies and processes under and outside the Convention

## Review Progress:

Under this activity, the FWG has organized two annual youth round tables in conjunction with the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> sessions of the Conference of Parties (COP 27 and COP 28). Additionally, Informal Virtual Youth Consultations were organized before both the roundtables to inform the design of the respective roundtables

1. The **LCIPP Annual Youth Round Table in conjunction with COP27**, in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt took place in two parts
  - a. On 8 November 2022, over 100 Indigenous youth gathered for Part I of the round table, including regionally nominated Indigenous youth representatives by FWG Indigenous Peoples representatives from all seven UN socio-cultural regions and youth from local communities. They shared their perspectives on enhancing the leadership roles of Indigenous youth and youth from local communities on climate policy and action. This part of the roundtable also served as a platform to build the capacity of Indigenous youth and youth from local communities for their informed participation at COP27. Further information can be found on the event page [here](#).
  - b. On 11 November 2022, in the second part of the roundtable, the Indigenous youth and youth from local communities communicated the outcomes and recommendations from Part I of the roundtable to participating Party representatives such as Bolivia, Canada, and Egypt (the COP 27 Presidency), constituted bodies such as the Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB) and the Katowice Committee on Experts on the Impacts of Climate Change (KCI) and representatives from international organizations.  
Further information can be found on the event page [here](#).

The co-leads summary from the roundtable can be found [here](#).

To design the roundtable, FWG hosted two Informal Virtual Youth Consultations on 30 August 2022 (see [here](#)) and 2 September 2022 (see [here](#)). The summary report of these consultations can be found on the event webpage.

2. The **LCIPP Annual Youth Round Table in conjunction with COP28**, in Dubai, UAE took place in two parts.
  - a. On 2 December 2023, over 100 Indigenous youth, including regionally nominated Indigenous youth representatives by FWG Indigenous Peoples representatives from all seven UN socio-cultural regions, and youth from local communities gathered in part I of the roundtable to share what they are doing in their region to take climate action, including reducing emissions or adapting to impacts. The youth representatives also engaged in a dialogue to provide their recommendations on
    - i. enhancing their leadership on climate policy development and implementation at all levels
    - ii. processes/mechanisms that can be supported (or created) for their sustained engagement in areas of work under the UNFCCC; and
    - iii. how FWG can enhance their engagement in the activities of the LCIPP

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

- b. On 6 December 2023, at the second part of the roundtable, the Indigenous youth and youth from local communities communicated the outcomes and recommendations from Part I of the roundtable to participating Party representatives such as New Zealand, Tanzania, Colombia, and international organizations.

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

The co-leads are currently working on an informal summary based on recommendations from Indigenous youth participants and youth participants from local communities.

To design the roundtable, FWG hosted two Informal Virtual Youth Consultations on 27 September 2023 (see [here](#)) and 29 September 2023 (see [here](#)). The summary report of these consultations can be found [here](#).

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

In the second half of 2024,

- The FWG will publish an informal summary as an outcome of the LCIPP Annual Youth Round Table, held in conjunction with COP 28.
- The FWG will host LCIPP Annual Youth Round Table in conjunction with the 29<sup>th</sup> session of COP (COP 29) and publish an informal summary report.

#### Discussions at FWG 11

To plan for the implementation of deliverables, the FWG will

- Share lessons from the youth roundtables convened at COP 27 and COP 28
- Discuss and decide on the thematic focus of the youth roundtables in 2024
- Discuss and decide on the modalities and timeline of the informal virtual youth consultations.

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

1. What were some lessons learned from the roundtables at COP 27 and COP 28, related to:
  - a. Topic/theme
  - b. Key messages / recommendations
  - c. Design and methodology
  - d. Others
2. What should be the thematic focus of the LCIPP Annual Youth Round Table to be held in conjunction with COP 29?