

Advancing meaningful participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the UNFCCC Process:

A Virtual Training Workshop (Module 5) back-to-back with the Informal Contributors' Briefing

Session 1: 15 October 2024; 16:00 -18:00 CEST

Session 2: 17 October 2024; 09:00 -11:00 CEST

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 Parties to the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement have emphasized the important roles of Indigenous Peoples' and of local communities' cultures and knowledge systems 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, 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 needs². Drawing on diverse knowledges and cultural values, meaningful participation and inclusive engagement processes—including Indigenous Knowledge, local knowledge, and scientific knowledge also facilitates climate-resilient development, builds capacity and allows locally appropriate and socially acceptable solutions³. Despite their crucial roles, a significant wide gap remains related to the participation and contributions of Indigenous Peoples and of local communities in the international climate policymaking processes. Therefore, it is important to raise awareness and build capacity among Indigenous Peoples and among 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 among local communities about the UNFCCC process, the 29th session of the Conference of Parties (COP 29) and nationally determined contributions (NDCs)
- Strengthen capacity of Indigenous Peoples and of local communities to actively engage in climate policymaking processes at national and international levels
- Facilitate informed participation in the 12th meeting of the FWG (FWG 12) and the mandated LCIPP events at COP 29

Approach

The informal virtual contributors briefing, and training workshop will be held for 2 hours and use interactive and participatory methods to engage Indigenous Peoples and local communities. The workshop will include presentations, interactive activities, and open dialogues.

¹ Per decisions 1/CP.26 and 1/CMA.3

² See <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/>

³ See <https://www.ipcc.ch/assessment-report/ar6/>

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:

- Session 1 - Interpretation: English, Spanish
- Session 2 - Interpretation: English, French, Russian

Expected Outcomes

- Increased understanding of the UNFCCC process, including negotiation and non-negotiation spaces
- Increased awareness on how Indigenous Peoples, including Indigenous youth and women, and local communities can meaningfully engage in climate policymaking and decision-making processes at the international level
- Enhanced understanding of how Indigenous Peoples and local community representatives can engage in FWG 12 and mandated LCIPP mandated events at COP 29

Draft Agenda

Moderation: *Emily Vallée Watt (Session 1); Daria Egereva (Session 2)*

Time	Agenda item
5 mins	Welcome remarks and overview of ongoing activities of the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP)
Segment 1: Understanding the UNFCCC Process and the LCIPP (35 minutes)	
10 mins	<p>An overview of the UNFCCC process and a brief on LCIPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demystifying acronyms: COP, CMP, CMA, SBI, SBSTA, constituted bodies, financial mechanism and workstreams Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the process: LCIPP, FWG and the Indigenous Peoples Organization (IPO) constituency How to participate as an observer in UN Climate Change meetings and as a contributor in LCIPP <p><i>By Donna Lagdameo (UNFCCC Secretariat)</i></p>
15 mins	<p>'How to COP': Planning for the 29th session of the Conference of Parties (COP 29)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of logistical arrangements for the conference in Baku, Azerbaijan Overall Programme (Negotiation agendas and Presidency programme) Engagement opportunities for Indigenous Peoples and local communities <p><i>By Shahla Abbakirova and Ismayil Isayev (Incoming COP 29 Presidency) and Franklin Odhiambo (UNFCCC secretariat)</i></p>
10 mins	<p>Moderated Q&A</p> <p><i>Participants may provide questions in advance to lcipp@unfccc.int or through zoom registration system, time allowing, raise questions on Zoom</i></p>
Segment 2: Informal Contributors' Briefing - 12th meeting of the FWG and mandated LCIPP events at COP 29 (30 minutes)	
10 mins	<p>Preparing for FWG 12 meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting format and mode of work Agenda: opportunities for contributions (topics of small group discussions, poster gallery, etc.) <p><i>by LCIPP Unit (UNFCCC Secretariat)</i></p>
10 mins	<p>Mandated LCIPP events at COP 29</p> <p><i>by LCIPP Unit (UNFCCC Secretariat)</i></p>
10 mins	Moderated Q&A
Segment 3: nationally determined contributions (NDCs): country's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change (40 minutes)	
10 mins	Overview of nationally determined contributions

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obligations on Parties under the Paris Agreement• Current NDCs (2030 targets) and timeframe for next NDCs (2035 targets) <p><i>By Bernd Hackmann (UNFCCC Secretariat)</i></p>
15 mins	<p>Good practices and examples of inclusive NDCs from different UN Indigenous sociocultural regions</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Session 1 panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Cozier Frederick (Dominica)• NDC- Partnership facilitated panelists: Angélica Ponce and Hugo Chambilla (Bolivia)• Johnson Hugo Cerda Shiguango (Conservation International) <p>Session 2 panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leif John Fosse (Norway)• Lakpa Nuri Sherpa (Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP))• NDC- Partnership facilitated panelists (TBC)
15 mins	Moderated Q&A
10 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upcoming opportunities to engage and contribute including how to make submissions to the UNFCCC portal and the LCIPP resource hub <p><i>By UNFCCC Secretariat</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing remarks

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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