

Annex I

Draft workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform for 2025–2027

1. The FWG has prepared a draft workplan of the LCIPP for 2025–2027, on the basis of consensus.¹
2. The workplan will be implemented in the context of the Paris Agreement, decisions 1/CP.21, 2/CP.23, 2/CP.24 and 16/CP.26, the conclusions of SBSTA 60 and future relevant decisions.
3. Through the implementation of this workplan, the FWG will further operationalize the LCIPP and facilitate the implementation of the three functions of the Platform:²
 - (a) Knowledge: the Platform should promote the exchange of experience and best practices with a view to applying, strengthening, protecting and preserving traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems, as well as technologies, practices and efforts of local communities and Indigenous Peoples related to addressing and responding to climate change, taking into account the free, prior and informed consent of the holders of such knowledge, innovations and practices;
 - (b) Capacity for engagement: the Platform should build the capacity of Indigenous Peoples and local communities to enable their engagement in the UNFCCC process and the capacity of Parties and other relevant stakeholders to engage with the Platform and with local communities and Indigenous Peoples, including in the context of the implementation of the Paris Agreement and other climate change related processes;
 - (c) Climate change policies and actions: the Platform should facilitate the integration of diverse knowledge systems, practices and innovations in designing and implementing international and national actions, programmes and policies in a manner that respects and promotes the rights and interests of local communities and Indigenous Peoples. The Platform should also facilitate the undertaking of stronger and more ambitious climate action by Indigenous Peoples and local communities that could contribute to the achievement of the NDCs of the Parties concerned.
4. In implementing the workplan, the FWG will continue using methodologies that have proven effective in facilitating the participation in and contribution to the UNFCCC process of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and providing a space that enables their meaningful engagement with Parties, constituted bodies and other LCIPP contributors, in a cross-cutting manner.
 - (a) Considering the knowledge, technologies, innovations, practices and efforts of Indigenous Peoples and local communities related to addressing and responding to climate change at the local, national, regional and international levels;
 - (b) Engaging Indigenous Peoples and local communities, including women, youth and knowledge holders, in the UNFCCC process and other processes in a gender-responsive manner that recognizes the rights and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, traditional knowledge and local knowledge;
 - (c) Building the capacity of Indigenous Peoples, local communities and Parties to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement, including pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels, through the inclusion of policies and actions based on Indigenous Peoples' values, worldviews and knowledge systems, and local knowledge, as well as through the provision of means of implementation to support such policies and actions, including finance, technology and capacity-building;

¹ Decision 16/CP.26, para. 11.

² Decision 2/CP.23, para. 6.

(d) Taking action to complement and draw on the work of and involve other bodies under and outside the Convention in work under the LCIPP.

5. In developing the workplan, the FWG drew on the key considerations³ adopted at the 10th FWG meeting, as well as on the experience of and inputs from contributors with diverse backgrounds. The overall structure and activities of the workplan align with the vision and strategy of the FWG, adopted at its 9th meeting (see annex II to this document), and with the aim to foster a shared understanding that the resilience and long-term well-being of the community of life ultimately depend on the regeneration of nature, ensuring healthy ecological systems and biological diversity.

6. The ‘collective approaches’ used to organize the workplan are designed to contribute in complementary ways to the three functions of the LCIPP.

7. The FWG will identify an annual theme at a priority-setting meeting held at the start of each year, which will guide the focus areas and topics to be discussed as part of the various workplan activities. On the basis of the theme selected, the FWG will engage with relevant constituted bodies, United Nations agencies and other contributing entities, as appropriate.

8. Through implementation of the workplan, the FWG hopes to contribute towards transforming global climate policies and actions, including by weaving in concepts and terminologies that embody Indigenous Peoples’ knowledge, values and worldviews, and by sharing the perspectives of local communities.

³ Contained in the workplan planning document, available at https://lcipp.unfccc.int/sites/default/files/2024-02/LCIPP%20Third%20Three%20Year%20Work%20Plan%20Planning%20Doc_v%20091223_clean.pdf.

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<i>Engaging and exchanging (activities)</i>	<i>Elevating (deliverables)</i>	<i>Weaving together (outcomes)</i>
Collective approach 1: gathering of knowledge holders		
<p>1.1 Convene an annual gathering of knowledge holders to share experience, worldviews, stories and practices related to climate action.</p> <p>1.2 Hold an annual dialogue for Indigenous Peoples, local communities, Parties, constituted bodies and other LCIPP contributors focusing on integrating diverse knowledge systems and values to strengthen the collective response to climate change and restore the integrity of nature. (The outcomes from activity 1.1 will be presented in the dialogue.)</p> <p>1.3 Conduct informal contributors briefing to build the capacity of Indigenous Peoples and local community representatives to engage in the sessions of the COP.</p>	<p>1.4 Produce a summary report documenting the discussions at the annual gathering and the annual dialogue, including recommendations and opportunities for further engagement.</p> <p>1.5 Compile case stories in diverse formats to feed into the work of relevant constituted bodies and work under relevant UNFCCC workstreams, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates.</p> <p>1.6 Integrate recommendations and concrete examples (from deliverables 1.4–1.5) into relevant work of key constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams, in line with the annual theme selected by the FWG.</p>	<p>Shift global climate change discussions under the UNFCCC process to incorporate the values, worldviews, intergenerational wisdom and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and knowledge of local communities, thus fostering a profound connection with nature.</p> <p>Enhance global climate action by elevating the recommendations, practical examples and insights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, emphasizing their climate leadership and nature stewardship.</p>
Collective approach 2: regional engagement		
<p>2.1 Convene at least two regional (or biregional) gatherings per year, organized for and in a different United Nations Indigenous sociocultural region or United Nations region, with the direct involvement of elders, practitioners, knowledge holders, women and youth from each region in the planning and implementation of these gatherings, relevant to the annual theme selected by the FWG.</p> <p>2.2 Hold a regional dialogue for Indigenous Peoples, local communities, Parties, constituted bodies, regional IPOs and other LCIPP contributors focusing on integrating diverse knowledge systems, values and practices into regional efforts to address climate change. (The outcomes from activity 2.1 will be presented in this dialogue.)</p> <p>2.3 Participate in and/or contribute to at least one existing regional-level engagement activity per year (e.g. NAP Expo).</p>	<p>2.4 Produce summary reports documenting the discussions at the regional (or biregional) gatherings and the regional dialogue, including recommendations and opportunities for further engagement.</p> <p>2.5 Compile case stories in diverse formats that feed into the work of relevant constituted bodies and work under UNFCCC workstreams, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates.</p> <p>2.6 Integrate recommendations and concrete examples (from deliverables 2.4–2.5), into relevant work of key constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams, in line with the annual theme selected by the FWG.</p>	<p>Amplify the engagement of all Indigenous Peoples and local communities from the regions in the UNFCCC process to support the repositioning of regional climate narratives in line with the FWG vision and strategy.</p>

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Collective approach 3: Seventh-generation round table		
<p>3.1 Conduct an annual round table based on and guided by the seventh-generation principle to promote intergenerational dialogue and to highlight the role of Indigenous youth and youth from local communities in the collective well-being of future generations.</p> <p>3.2 Convene a virtual online meeting for Indigenous youth and youth from local communities to ensure the agenda and discussions for the seventh-generation round table represent each of the United Nations Indigenous sociocultural regions and to build the capacity of youth to effectively engage during the sessions of the COP.</p> <p>3.3 Hold an annual dialogue for Indigenous Peoples, local communities, Parties, constituted bodies and other LCIPP contributors focusing on intergenerational knowledge exchange to integrate diverse knowledge systems and values into climate policies and actions while ensuring the well-being of present and future generations. (Outcomes from activity 3.1 will be presented at this dialogue.)</p>	<p>3.4 Produce a summary report documenting the discussions at the seventh-generation round table and the annual dialogue that includes recommendations and opportunities for further engagement</p> <p>3.5 Share recommendations on approaches to ensuring the well-being of current and future generations with relevant constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams.</p> <p>3.6 Compile case stories in diverse formats to feed into the work of relevant constituted bodies and work under relevant UNFCCC workstreams, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates.</p>	<p>Uplift the voices of Indigenous youth and youth from local communities in the UNFCCC process, thus supporting intergenerational and global commitments to address climate change and restore the integrity of nature.</p>
Collective approach 4: collaboration with constituted bodies and under workstreams of the UNFCCC		
<p>4.1 Enhance the ethical and equitable engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the meetings and forums and in the development of technical documents of relevant constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates, towards achieving the objective of the Convention and the goals of the Paris Agreement.</p> <p>4.2 Provide written inputs, drawing on the contribution of Indigenous Peoples and local communities participating in the FWG meetings and LCIPP activities, to the work of relevant</p>	<p>4.3 Engage knowledge holders, in collaboration with the IPO constituency and local community representatives, in the work of technical expert groups and working groups of the constituted bodies, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates.</p>	<p>Further enhance participatory processes for the development, implementation and communication of climate policies and actions in order to fully embrace diverse values and worldviews and enable their enrichment by a variety of knowledge systems.</p>

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constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates, including in response to calls for submission and in the context of the global stocktake, in a manner that respects and promotes the rights-based approach.			
Collective approach 5: enhanced engagement with Parties			
5.1 Conduct targeted outreach to and engage with national focal points, including but not limited to national focal points to the UNFCCC, loss and damage contact points, adaptation contact points, national gender and climate change focal points and national Action for Climate Empowerment focal points.	5.3 Develop recommendations and guidance on best practices to ensure the ethical and equitable engagement, protection, and use of traditional knowledge, the knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems, including through an ethics protocol to be created with the direct involvement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and used at the gatherings of knowledge holders, regional (or biregional) gatherings, and seventh-generation round tables.	Foster national-level climate action planning and implementation, including the development of policies and programmes that increasingly reflect the values, worldviews, knowledge systems and priorities of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge.	
5.2 Hold an annual dialogue for Indigenous Peoples, local communities and Parties to promote the ethical and equitable engagement of values and knowledge systems of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems in the design and implementation of NAPs, NDCs and national communications.	5.4 Enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the UNFCCC process, prioritizing direct participation, including of youth and women, in training sessions and workshops of relevant constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams, in order to facilitate their contribution to the process of formulating, implementing and communicating climate policies and actions.		
	5.5 Develop a draft ethics protocol before the 15 th meeting of the FWG and enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the UNFCCC process throughout the year.		
Collective approach 6: overall strategic planning			
6.1 Convene an annual priority-setting meeting at which the annual theme(s) for the year will be selected	6.2 Enhance the functionality of the LCIPP web portal through regular updates and maintenance. 6.3 Update the outreach and dissemination plan, originally created under the initial workplan, and priorities annually.		Strengthen the impact and effectiveness of collective approaches under the workplan, as well as the workplan as a whole, by fostering synergies among the activities as well as ensuring their alignment with key timelines and milestones both under and outside the UNFCCC process.