

LCIPP Fifth Annual Gathering of Knowledge Holders and Annual Dialogue

Ambitious and Just Climate Action Rooted in Holistic Stewardship



Draft Concept note

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Background

Collective Approach 1 of the Baku Workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) seeks to shift the 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. It also aims to 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.

As part of the activities under Collective Approach 1, the fifth Annual Gathering of Knowledge Holders and the Annual Dialogue among Indigenous Peoples, local communities, Parties, constituted bodies, workstreams and other contributors are being convened, in conjunction with COP 30.

Through the past workplans of the LCIPP, four annual gatherings of knowledge holders have been organized to feed into annual dialogues. These gatherings brought together knowledge holders to share and promote adaptation actions that are based on and guided by the best available science, including traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems in accordance with Article 7 of the Paris Agreement.

Date, Time and Venue

→ LCIPP Fifth Annual gathering of knowledge holders (Coordination meeting)

11 November 2025 (Tuesday)
10:00 – 18:00
Meeting Room 15, Area E

→ LCIPP Fifth Annual dialogue for Indigenous Peoples, local communities, Parties, constituted bodies, workstreams and other contributors

14 November 2025 (Friday)
13:00 – 15:00
Meeting Room 14, Area E

→ Venue:

Blue Zone
Belem, Brazil

→ Interpretation to be confirmed in the UN languages English, Spanish, Russian, French

Thematic Focus of the Gathering

The fifth annual gathering of knowledge holders will be anchored in the LCIPP annual theme: “Ambitious and just climate action rooted in holistic stewardship”, which was adopted at the 13th meeting of the Facilitative Working Group (FWG). Discussions will focus on holistic ambition, resilience and stewardship, transitions and future through four sharing circles:

- **Sharing Circle 1:** Holistic Ambition – Collective Pathways Rooted in Ancestral and Living Knowledge
- **Sharing Circle 2:** Holistic Resilience and Stewardship – Weaving Human Well-being, Ecosystems, and Intergenerational Responsibility
- **Sharing Circle 3:** Holistic Transitions - Guided by Relationships and Responsibilities and Equity
- **Sharing Circle 4:** Holistic Future – Nurturing Generations Through Change

Approach



Annual gathering of knowledge holders (Coordination Meeting)

The annual gathering of knowledge holders (CA1.1) provides a space to share experience, worldviews, stories and practices related to climate action. The outcomes from the gathering are presented during the annual dialogue.



Annual dialogue for Indigenous Peoples, local communities, Parties, constituted bodies, workstreams and other contributors

The annual dialogue for Indigenous Peoples, local communities, Parties, constituted bodies, workstreams and other contributors (CA1.2) focuses on incorporating diverse knowledge systems and values into strengthening the collective response to climate change and restoring the integrity of nature.

Deliverables

As contained within the Collective Approach 1 of the Baku Workplan of the LCIPP, the deliverables from the annual gathering and the annual dialogue include:

1. A summary report documenting the discussions at the annual gathering and the annual dialogue, including recommendations and opportunities for further engagement (*Deliverable 1.4*)
2. A compilation of 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 (*Deliverable 1.5*)
3. Integrate recommendations and concrete examples into relevant work of key constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams, in line with the annual theme selected by the FWG (*Deliverable 1.6*)

Draft Agenda

LCIPP Fifth Annual gathering of knowledge holders (Coordination Meeting)

11 November 2025
Meeting Room 15, Area E
Blue Zone, Belem, Brazil

10:00 – 10:20

Opening Invocation (TBC)

Opening by the Co-leads of the Collective Approach 1, Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP

Welcome and scene-setting presentation, including overview of Collective Approach 1 of the Baku Workplan of the LCIPP and overview of the theme of this year's gathering

10:20 – 11:40

Sharing Circle 1: Holistic Ambition – Collective Pathways Rooted in Ancestral and Living Knowledge

Indigenous worldviews, values and knowledge systems and local knowledge built through long histories of interaction with nature, offer a foundation for holistic climate action. These living, adaptive systems, passed down through kinship, oral traditions, and intergenerational observation, carry holistic wisdom about land, water, and community well-being. Rooting climate solutions in such knowledge systems and values ensures that action is not only ambitious but also relational, respectful of culture and territory, and guided by the stewardship practices that have sustained communities and ecosystems for generations.

Moderated by **Viacheslav Shadrin**, Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP

Questions to reflect on:

1. What significant climate challenges has your region faced in the last five years and what role does Indigenous knowledge and knowledge of local communities play in addressing emerging climate events?
2. In what ways can values, worldviews, intergenerational wisdom and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and knowledge of local communities strengthen national climate plans and strategies (NDCs, NAPs, national communications, etc.)?
3. In what ways can Indigenous Peoples and local communities be meaningfully engaged within the work of the IPCC so that their knowledge systems can contribute to more holistic assessments and syntheses of climate change?

Knowledge holders from different regions responds to questions (5-7 mins each):

1. Djeneba Touré (Local knowledge holder, Africa)
2. Gitty Yee (Local knowledge holder, Asia-Pacific)
3. Great Grandmother Mary Lyons (Indigenous knowledge holder, North America)
4. Krizzley Ordoñez García (Indigenous knowledge holder, Central and South America, and the Caribbean)
5. Rande Camana Bayate (Indigenous knowledge holder, Asia)
6. Raymond Minniecon (Indigenous knowledge holder, The Pacific)
7. Valeriia Bolgova (Indigenous knowledge holder, Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia)

Open dialogue featuring reflections on the discussion questions from other knowledge holders

11:40 – 13:00

Sharing Circle 2: Holistic Resilience and Stewardship – Weaving Human Well-being, Ecosystems, and Intergenerational Responsibility

Indigenous knowledge and local knowledge systems teach that resilience is holistic, grounded in the balance between human well-being, healthy ecosystems, and responsibilities to future generations. For Indigenous Peoples and local communities, climate and biodiversity are inseparable, shaping cultural practices, ways of life, and systems of stewardship. These perspectives can teach us that global processes cannot be approached in isolation, rather their synergies must be taken into consideration to create a resilient world.

Moderated by **Victoria Qutuuq Buschman**, Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP

Questions to reflect on:

1. What values, worldviews, intergenerational wisdom and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and knowledge of local communities can guide our understanding of holistic resilience as a balance between human well-being, nature stewardship, and responsibilities to future generations?
2. Can you share any examples of Indigenous-led or local community-led stewardship, conservation, or research from your region that show how place-based knowledge contributes to meaningful climate change mitigation or adaptation?
3. In what ways can Indigenous concepts and community-based solutions inspire more holistic perspectives within global climate and biodiversity frameworks, highlighting their interconnectedness?

Knowledge holders from different regions responds to questions (5-7 mins each):

1. Amina Amharech (Indigenous knowledge holder, Africa)
2. Khesheli Chishi (Indigenous knowledge holder, Asia)
3. Lavenia Naivalu (Local knowledge holder, Asia-Pacific)
4. Nechei Serotetto (Local knowledge holder, Eastern Europe)
5. Ruben Alonso Vasquez Vasquez (Indigenous knowledge holder, Central and South America, and the Caribbean)
6. Viacheslav Kemlil (Indigenous knowledge holder, Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia)

Open dialogue featuring reflections on the discussion questions from other knowledge holders

13:00– 14:30

Lunch break

14:30 – 15:50

Sharing Circle 3: Holistic Transitions - Guided by Relationships and Responsibilities and Equity

Indigenous Peoples and local communities have emphasized that a holistic transition is not only about technological or economic shifts, but about ensuring that cultures, territories, and ways of life are respected and sustained. Such transitions place communities at the center, safeguarding collective well-being while adapting to new realities. Whether in renewable energy projects, digital tools such as Artificial Intelligence, or emerging climate policies, transitions must be guided by stewardship values,

equity, and intergenerational responsibility, so that change strengthens the bonds between people and with nature across generations.

Moderated by **Agrafena Kotova**, Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP

Questions for reflect on:

1. Renewable Energy and Community Rights: How can renewable energy projects and policies respect the rights, values and traditions of Indigenous Peoples and local communities while ensuring their meaningful participation?
2. Technology, including Artificial Intelligence for Climate Action: In what ways can the values and worldviews of Indigenous Peoples and local communities guide the ethical development and responsible use of AI and other technologies for climate action, and how can these innovations be designed to truly empower and benefit your communities?
3. Just transition and Equity: What opportunities exist for climate policies and actions to promote a just transition that ensures equity across generations and communities while advancing collective well-being?

Knowledge holders from different regions responds to questions (5-7 mins each):

1. Amerkhan Varaev (Local knowledge holder, Eastern Europe)
2. Jadder Ivan Mendoza Lewis (Indigenous knowledge holder, Central and South America, and the Caribbean)
3. Margarita Cholymay (Indigenous knowledge holder, The Pacific)
4. Mohsen Soleymani (Local knowledge holder, Asia-Pacific)
5. Nils Per Olof Nutti (Indigenous knowledge holder, The Arctic)
6. Willo Erickson (Indigenous knowledge holder, North America)

Open dialogue featuring reflections on the discussion questions from other knowledge holders

15:50 – 17:10

Sharing Circle 4: Holistic Future – Nurturing Generations Through Change

Climate change is creating profound changes that often generate climate anxiety, especially among younger generations who face uncertainty about their future. Indigenous Peoples and local communities hold intergenerational knowledge and relational worldviews, amassed through stewardship practices and navigating changes with resilience and hope. By drawing on these values and traditions, communities can support mental, social, and ecological well-being, ensuring the well-being of present and future generations, as committed under Article 3 of the Convention.

Moderated by **Kittisak Rattanakrajangsri**, Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP

Questions to reflect on:

1. How are younger generations engaging with Indigenous knowledge and knowledge of local communities and how can their voices shape global climate discussions in ways that honour these traditions?
2. In what ways can intergenerational knowledge exchange and cultural traditions support Indigenous youth and youth from local communities in coping with climate anxiety and strengthening resilience for the future?
3. How can climate policies and actions embrace mental, social, and ecological well-being together, ensuring a truly holistic and sustainable future for present and future generations?

Knowledge holders from different regions responds to questions (5-7 mins each):

1. Alberto Saldamando (Indigenous knowledge holder, North America)
2. Evgeniia Baigulova (Indigenous knowledge holder, Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia)
3. Hendrick Kuboto Kaniki (Indigenous knowledge holder, The Pacific)
4. Meshurie Melembuki Mollel (Local knowledge holder, Africa)
5. Naomi Paulo Lemunga (Indigenous knowledge holder, Africa)
6. Rebecka Ekeland (Indigenous knowledge holder, The Arctic)
7. Sokhon Chrong (Indigenous knowledge holder, Asia)
8. Viktor Bank (Local knowledge holder, Eastern Europe)

Open dialogue featuring reflections on the discussion questions from other knowledge holders

17:10-17:25

Key Reflections and Takeaways from the Knowledge Holders

The session will focus on key reflections and takeaways from the sharing circles. FWG members will also provide an overview of the design of the LCIPP Annual Dialogue for Indigenous Peoples, local communities, Parties, constituted bodies and other LCIPP contributors

Moderated by the Co-leads of the Collective Approach 1, Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP

17:25 – 17:30

Closing by the Co-leads of the Collective Approach 1, Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP

Closing Invocation (TBC)

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LCIPP Fifth Annual dialogue for Indigenous Peoples, local communities, Parties, constituted bodies, workstreams and other contributors

14 November 2025

Meeting Room 14, Area E

Blue Zone, Belem, Brazil

13:00 - 13:15

Opening Invocation (TBC)

Opening

- Welcome remarks by the *Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP*
- Opening remarks by *incoming COP 30 Presidency*

13:15 – 14:50

Exchange Spaces to strengthen the collective response to climate change and restore the integrity of nature

This session will be organized as 4 Exchange Spaces, each dedicated to one of the topics of the sharing circle:

1. Sharing Circle 1: Holistic Ambition – Collective Pathways Rooted in Ancestral and Living Knowledge
2. Sharing Circle 2: Holistic Resilience and Stewardship – Weaving Human Well-being, Ecosystems, and Intergenerational Responsibility
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*Each of the exchange spaces will be moderated by a FWG member. **The FWG member will present the key messages from the discussions of the Sharing Circle during the Annual Gathering of Knowledge Holders and pose a question to Parties, relevant constituted bodies and representatives from UNFCCC workstreams on how the key messages can be incorporated in their respective work.** An assigned Party rapporteur will capture the key messages emerging from each Exchange Space. At the close of the session, these rapporteurs will present the collective outcomes in a plenary setting, enabling dialogue across all participants and ensuring the wisdom shared contributes directly to the broader UNFCCC process.*

14:50 -15:00

Closing

- Summary of discussions, next steps and closing by *Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP*

Closing Invocation (TBC)