

LCIPP Biregional Gathering
for
Asia and Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia regions
Yeosu Expo Convention Centre 1
Republic of Korea | 21-24 April 2026
Interpretation: English and Russian (TBC)

I. Background

COP 29 welcomed the Baku Workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP). Collective Approach 2 of the Baku Workplan aims to amplify the engagement of all Indigenous Peoples and local communities from the respective regions in the UNFCCC process to support the repositioning of regional climate narratives in line with the FWG vision and strategy.

The LCIPP biregional gathering for Asia and Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia regions will deliver on to two mandated activities under this Collective Approach:

- 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.
- 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.)

Collective Approach 2 also contains several deliverables to capture the discussions from the biregional gathering. This includes:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Additionally, holding the LCIPP biregional gathering during Climate Week offers an opportunity to advance Baku Workplan activities and deliverables, including those under Collective Approaches 4 and 5 on collaboration with constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams, and on enhanced engagement with Parties, respectively.

II. Preparations for the Biregional Gathering

To support the meaningful participation of knowledge holders and practitioners from Indigenous Peoples and local communities, the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the LCIPP will provide an

orientation guide to help participants familiarize themselves with the LCIPP, its mandate and functions, and the role of the FWG.

In addition, a virtual preparatory briefing for all funded participants is planned for 10 April. The briefing will help foster a shared understanding of the objectives and agenda of the biregional gathering, and to provide information on engagement opportunities during the Climate Week.

III. Provisional Agenda

| Date and Time | Agenda Item |
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| 07:30 – 09:00 | Registration and badge pick-up |
| Day 1: 21 April | Setting shared ground and highlighting place-based realities and observed climate impacts Moderated by Kittisak Rattanakrajangsri |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | Opening session <i>Opening Invocation-Knowledge holder(s) and/or practitioner(s) from Asia</i> Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COP 30 Presidency (TBC) • Agrafena Kotova (Co-Chair, FWG of the LCIPP) Objectives, Overview and desired outcomes of the gathering |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee/tea break |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Setting shared ground: Overview of the UNFCCC process and the LCIPP <i>(by the secretariat)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UNFCCC process • Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform • Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP <i>Interactive dialogue (could be based on the 2026 theme elements)</i> |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | LCIPP Framework Briefing¹ (by the secretariat) Module I: Observing change through lived, long-term and place-based knowledge Sharing circles - In plenary, knowledge holders will share stories (approx. 3-4 mins) on observed impacts of climate change on livelihoods, ecosystems and biodiversity and implications for cultural heritage and knowledge systems. Knowledge holders will be invited to share their stories by groups of 5, followed by a group reflection. Template: Knowledge holders are also requested to input their story into a case story template ahead of the sharing circles and send them to LCIPP@unfccc.int Guided Group Reflection: What similar climate change impacts are being experienced across your communities? |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch Break |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | Module I (continued): Observing change through lived, long-term and place-based knowledge Sharing circles - In plenary, knowledge holders will share stories (approx. 3-4 mins) on observed impacts of climate change on livelihoods, ecosystems and |

¹ See Annex I

biodiversity and implications for cultural heritage and knowledge systems. Knowledge holders will be invited to share their stories by groups of 5, followed by a group reflection.

Template: Knowledge holders are also requested to input their story into a case story template ahead of the sharing circles and send them to LCIPP@unfccc.int

Guided Group Reflection: What similar climate change impacts are being experienced across your communities?

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/tea break

16:00 – 17:30 **Module II: From observed impacts to regenerative, community-led solutions, stewardship, and practices**

Sharing circles - In plenary, knowledge holders will share stories (approx. 3-4 mins) on regenerative, community-led solutions, stewardship, and practices. Knowledge holders will be invited to share their stories by groups of 5, followed by a group reflection.

Template: Knowledge holders are also requested to input their story into a case story template ahead of the sharing circles and send them to LCIPP@unfccc.int.

Guided Group Reflection: What knowledge systems, practices, or cultural approaches from your communities can help respond to or address these impacts?

17:30 – 18:00 Day 1 Reflections and Day 2 Preview

Living cultural and ceremonial practices from Indigenous Peoples and local communities

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| Day 2: 22 April | Community-Led Practices that sustain, regenerate, and strengthen collective resilience Moderated by Viacheslav Shadrin |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | Reflections from day 1 |
| | Living cultural and ceremonial practices from Indigenous Peoples and local communities |
| | Module II (continued): From observed impacts to regenerative, community-led solutions, stewardship, and practices |
| | Sharing circles - In plenary, knowledge holders will share stories (approx. 3-4 mins) on regenerative, community-led solutions, stewardship, and practices. Knowledge holders will be invited to share their stories by groups of 5, followed by a group reflection. |
| | Template: Knowledge holders are also requested to input their story into a case story template ahead of the sharing circles. |
| | Guided Group Reflection: Are similar solutions and/or practices being implemented in your regions/communities? |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee/tea break |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | Module III: From lived knowledge to actionable recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scene-setting: Existing practices and mandates • Guest Speakers: constituted body/UNFCCC workstreams (TBC) • Reflections from contributors |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch Break |
| 14:00 – 18:00 | Engagement in Climate Week Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financing implementation of the Bélem Gender Action Plan at the national level. See here • Regional NAP Expo. See here <i>Semi-facilitated participation aligned with LCIPP functions and Baku Workplan deliverables</i> |

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| Day 3: 23 April | Bridging Practice and Policy design and implementation Moderated by Kittisak Rattanakrajangri |
| 09:00-12:30 | <p>Engagement in Climate Week Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing Critical Loss & Damage Challenges. See here • Implementation Lab: Halt and Reverse Deforestation and Forest Degradation. See here • Impact Dialogue: Unlocking Implementation at Scale. See here • Delivering AI for Climate Action in LDCs and SIDS (KOICA/UNFCCC) • Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) event on Local Action. See here • Climate Capital Marketplace. See here <p><i>Semi-facilitated participation aligned with LCIPP functions and Baku Workplan deliverables</i></p> |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | <p>Lunch Break</p> <p>Reflections from Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge holders invited to share reflections from Day 2 on LCIPP Biregional Gathering and engagement in Climate Week activities |
| | <i>Living cultural and ceremonial practices from Indigenous Peoples and local communities</i> |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | <p>Module IV: Input to the Global Stocktake process through the LCIPP work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scene-setting presentation (by the secretariat) • Sharing from knowledge holders and practitioners joining virtually • 4-6 Small group discussions by language/region to co-create FWG inputs to the GST process (Template: Groups are requested to document their inputs to the GST in a template which will be shared ahead of the small group discussions) <p>Reflection</p> |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee/tea break |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | <p>Module V: Impact of the LCIPP Work (as input to the FWG review in 2027)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scene-setting presentation • 4-6 Small group discussions by regions/language to co-create submission on the impact of the work of the LCIPP • Template: Groups are requested to document their inputs in a submission template which will be shared ahead of the small group discussions. <p>Plenary discussion</p> |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | <p>Day 3 Reflections and Day 4 Preview</p> <p>Group Photo</p> |

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| Day 4: 24 April | Strengthening the further operationalizing of the LCIPP Moderated by Agrafena Kotova |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | Reflections from Day 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge holders invited to share reflections from Day 3 on LCIPP Biregional Gathering and engagement in Climate Week activities |
| | Module VI: Shaping the LCIPP Workplan for 2028-2031 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scene-setting presentation (by the secretariat) 4-6 Small group discussions by regions/language to co-create submission for the LCIPP Workplan for 2028-2031 Template: Groups are requested to document their inputs in a submission template which will be shared ahead of the small group discussions. |
| | Plenary discussion |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee/Tea Break |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | Collective Progress through Indigenous values and local realities |
| | Plenary Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to build on the momentum generated from the LCIPP Biregional gathering at the Climate Week? Ways to enhance the engagement of local communities, alongside Indigenous Peoples, in the UNFCCC process Ways to ensure the ethical and equitable engagement, protection, and use of traditional knowledge, the knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems² |
| | Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viacheslav Shadrin (FWG of the LCIPP) Incoming COP Presidency (TBC) |
| | <i>Closing Invocation from knowledge holder(s) or practitioner(s) from CEERFCAT</i> |
| 12:30 -14:00 | Lunch Break |
| 14:00 – 18:00 | Engagement in Climate Week Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge and Foresight on Adaptation Finance. See here Climate Capital Marketplace Presidency Youth Climate Champion (PYCC) listening session with youth Peer Exchange Workshop on NDC Implementation. See here 5th Dialogue under the UAE Just Transition work programme. See here <i>Semi-facilitated participation aligned with LCIPP functions and Baku Workplan deliverables</i> |

² As per guidance from the Co-leads

Annex I: The LCIPP Framework

