

LCIPP multi-pathway outreach approach

to ensure inclusivity and transparency in identifying knowledge holders and practitioners from Indigenous Peoples and local communities for participation in mandated events under the work of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

FWG 15 Agenda Item 5(f)

I. Context

The Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) convenes annual priority-setting meeting under the under Collective Approach 6 (CA6) of the Baku Workplan of the LCIPP.

FWG 14 decided to allocate time at the 2026 LCIPP annual priority-setting meeting to discuss agreed upon topics, including but not limited to assessing ways to enhance the engagement of local communities in the LCIPP work, taking into account outputs from the FWG 14 discussions.

In this context and in preparation for the LCIPP Biregional Gathering for Asia, and Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia (CEERFCAT) regions, the CA2 regional co-leads for the Biregional Gathering developed and applied a multi-pathway outreach approach to support the FWG members in identifying knowledge holders and practitioners from Indigenous Peoples and local communities from the two participating regions. Section II details this approach and section III outlines key insights from the application of the approach at the Biregional Gathering.

II. Multi-Pathway Outreach Approach

In line with decision 2/CP.24, paragraph 21, which requested that the work of the LCIPP be made widely accessible,¹ and to support a transparent and accountable process for the nomination and selection of knowledge holders and practitioners from Indigenous Peoples and/or local communities, the CA2 regional co-leads created the below approach to disseminate information about the LCIPP Biregional Gathering and invite expressions of interest:

- Pathway 1: Open call for expressions of interest through the event webpage to engage in and contribute to the mandated event, disseminated through the LCIPP web portal, mailer and other relevant communication channels. This ensures baseline openness, broadens access beyond existing and known networks, and strengthens transparency.
- Pathway 2: Targeted outreach through the LCIPP mailing lists, including participants from the 2025 COP 30 Presidency dialogues and workshop on the engagement of local communities, and from past mandated LCIPP events.
- Pathway 3: Targeted outreach to relevant global and regional networks of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, to serve as outreach multipliers, including the newly launched initiatives such as Global Forum on Local Communities and Climate Change
- Pathway 4: Outreach through relevant UN entities and other multilateral mandates engaging Indigenous Peoples and local communities. This could include country offices and programmes of UN agencies, including through the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centers.

¹ <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/10a1.pdf>

Through their coordination meetings, the co-leads review the expression of interest received and use key selection criteria such as thematic relevance, gender balance and intergenerational considerations when identifying knowledge holders and practitioners, as appropriate.

III. Insights from the application of the approach

Key insights from applying the multi-pathway outreach approach at the LCIPP Biregional Gathering for Asia, and CEERFCAT regions:

- By the submission deadline, the secretariat had received a total of 61 expressions of interest, reflecting strong regional and representational diversity.
 - **Regional Diversity**²: Participation was evenly distributed between Asia and CEERFCAT regions representing 22 countries.

Region	EOIs received	Countries represented
Asia	28	12 countries
CEERFCAT	28	10 countries

- **Representational Diversity**: The call attracted diverse representation across Indigenous Peoples, local communities, and applicants identifying as both. The pie chart below shows this diversity of applications:



- The CA2 regional co-leads met twice to review the EOIs and prepare a proposed list of knowledge holders and practitioners for the endorsement of the FWG. In preparing the list, they took into account regional and gender balance, thematic expertise and relevance, youth engagement, and other relevant factors.
- The final list of identified knowledge holders endorsed by the FWG included
 - 10 Indigenous knowledge holders and practitioners per region
 - 10 local knowledge holders and practitioners per region
 - An additional 7 knowledge holders and practitioners supported through regional initiatives.

IV. Consideration at FWG 15

Based on the experiences of applying this approach, FWG, at the 2026 LCIPP annual priority-setting meeting agreed to maximize inclusivity, to continue using a multi-pathway approach for mandated LCIPP events. This includes maintaining an open call for expressions of interest and the use of key selection criteria such as thematic relevance, gender balance and intergenerational considerations when identifying knowledge holders and practitioners, as appropriate. The FWG will review and endorse the lists of knowledge holders and practitioners identified through the application of the

² 5 EOIs received were from countries outside of the regions

LCIPP multi-pathway outreach approach to ensure accountability, as the body remains the bearer of COP mandates and is responsible for delivering the relevant mandated work under the LCIPP.

FWG also agreed to continue exploring such inclusive ways to enhance the engagement of local communities.

The FWG may consider adopting the multi-pathway outreach approach as part of its decisions at FWG 15 and through inclusion in the working modalities

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