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ORIENTATION GUIDE

At its 12th meeting, the FWG decided to develop a draft orientation guide on the FWG and LCIPP, based on existing LCIPP resources, in advance of the strategic priority-setting meeting, for new contributors, and to support the transition to new FWG members



Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

Over a Decade of Shared Commitment to Transformational Climate Action



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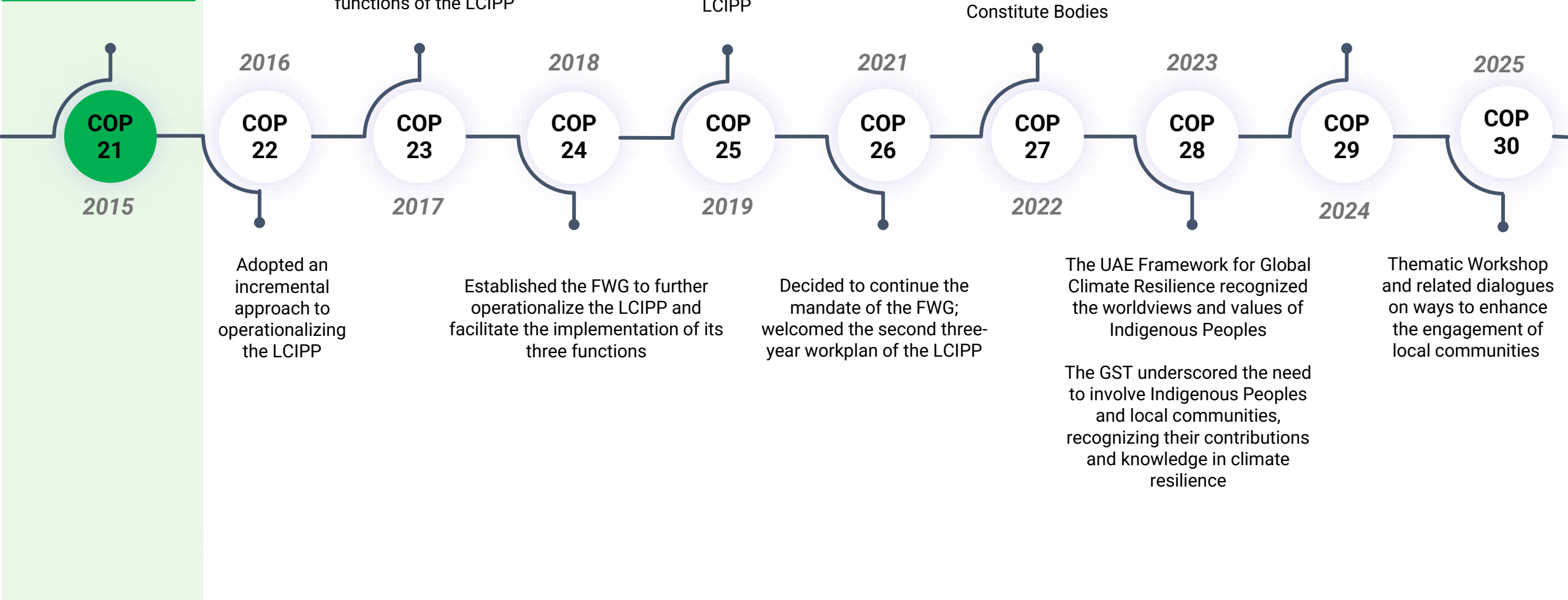
Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP)

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Established the LCIPP



LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PLATFORM

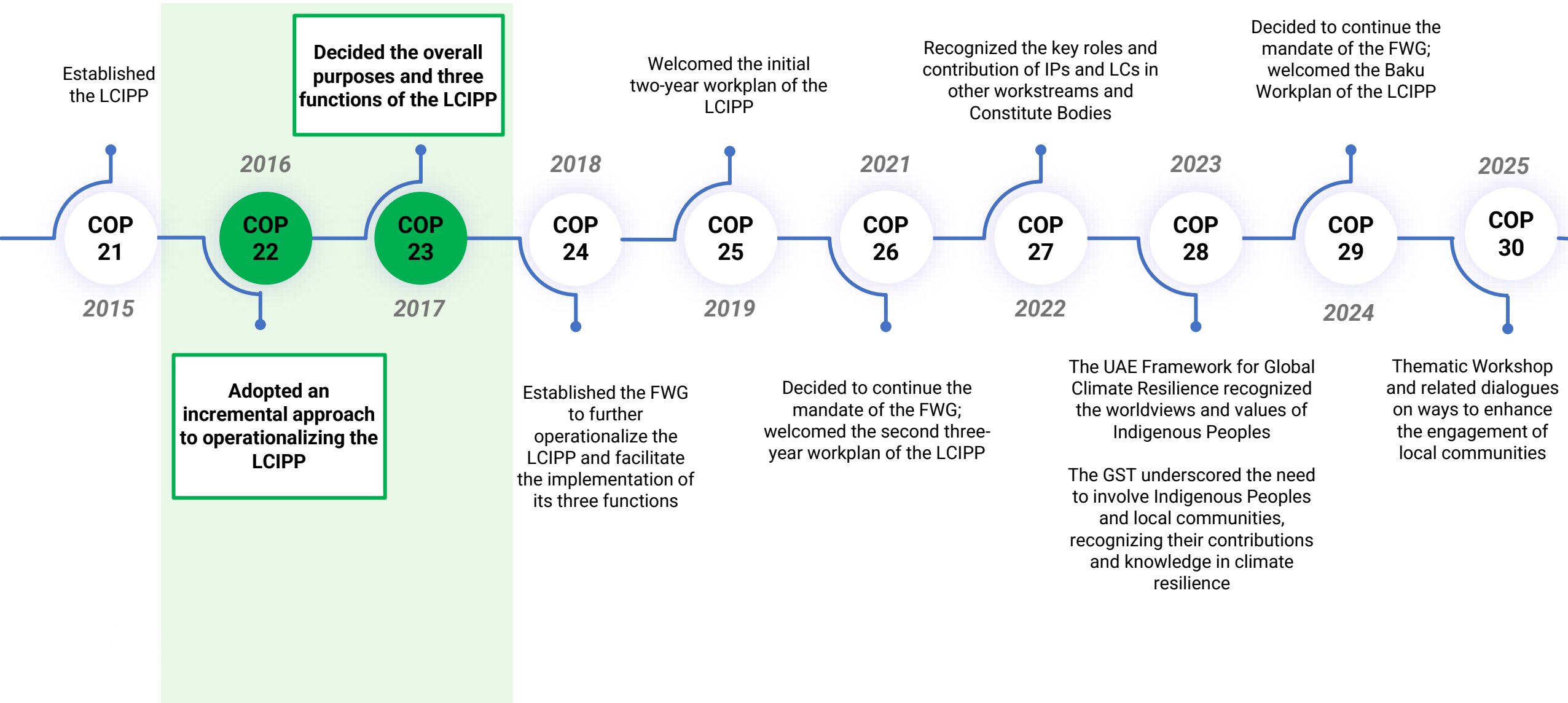
COP 21 established the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) for the exchange of experiences and sharing of best practices on mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner.

(Decision 1/CP.21)



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Functions

(Decision 2/CP.23, para 6)

KNOWLEDGE

Promote the **exchange of experience and best practices to apply, strengthen, protect and preserve traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems** to address and respond to climate change, taking into account free, prior and informed consent

CAPACITY FOR ENGAGEMENT

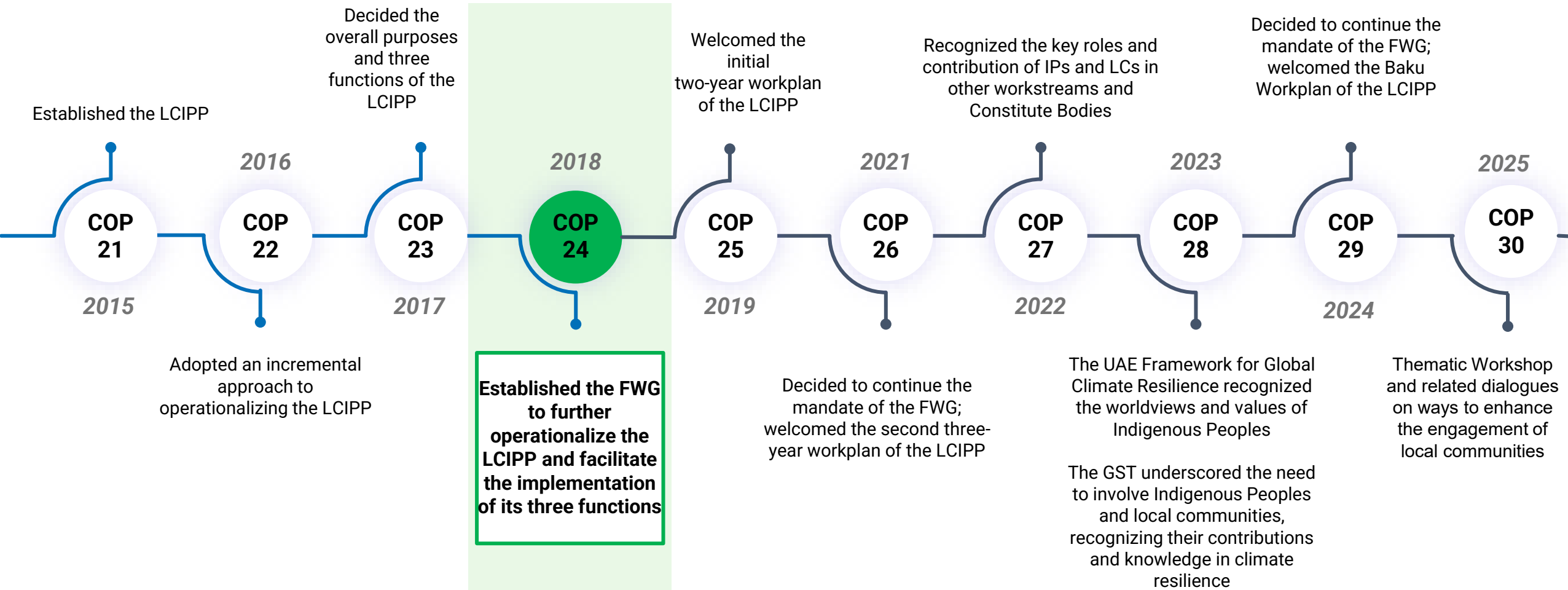
Build capacity of Indigenous Peoples and local communities to engage in the UNFCCC process and **capacity of Parties and other relevant stakeholders** to engage with the Platform and with Indigenous Peoples and local communities

CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES AND ACTIONS

Facilitate the **integration of knowledge systems, practices and innovations** in designing and implementing international and national actions, programmes and policies

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Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the LCIPP

Unique Feature: Co-Chairs and Vice Co-Chairs from Party and IPO Representative

The FWG facilitates the implementation of the LCIPP's three functions.

- Party representatives are appointed by their respective regional groups and constituencies, and Indigenous Peoples representatives are appointed by the Indigenous Peoples, through their focal points
- Members serve for a term of three years and not eligible to serve two consecutive terms

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One Party representative from each of the five UN regional groups

1

One SIDS Party representative

1

One LDC Party representative

7

One representative from each of the seven UN Indigenous sociocultural regions

(Decision 2/CP.24, para 3)

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Request for SBSTA to consider the addition of at least three additional representatives to represent local communities, as well as a process for the appointment of such representatives and an equal number of Party representatives

(Decision 2/CP.24, para 4)

Overview

SUPREME BODIES: COP, CMP & CMA

- Parties to the UNFCCC (COP) (KP=CMP; PA=CMA)
- Are supreme **decision-making** bodies
- Meet **once** a year (Nov./Dec.)

SUBSIDIARY BODIES: the SBSTA and the SBI

- Permanent, **subordinate** to COP/CMP/CMA
- Established by the Convention, serve also the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement
- Meet **twice** a year (May/June and Nov./Dec.)

Conference of the Parties (COP)

CoP serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP)

CoP serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA)

Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA)

Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI)

Full membership = all Parties to the UNFCCC participate and decide in the COP_{/CMP/CMA} and SB meetings

≠ “Constituted bodies”= expert bodies with **limited** membership (often nominated by groups or constituencies)

LCIPP Facilitative Working Group

Adaptation Committee

WIM ExCom

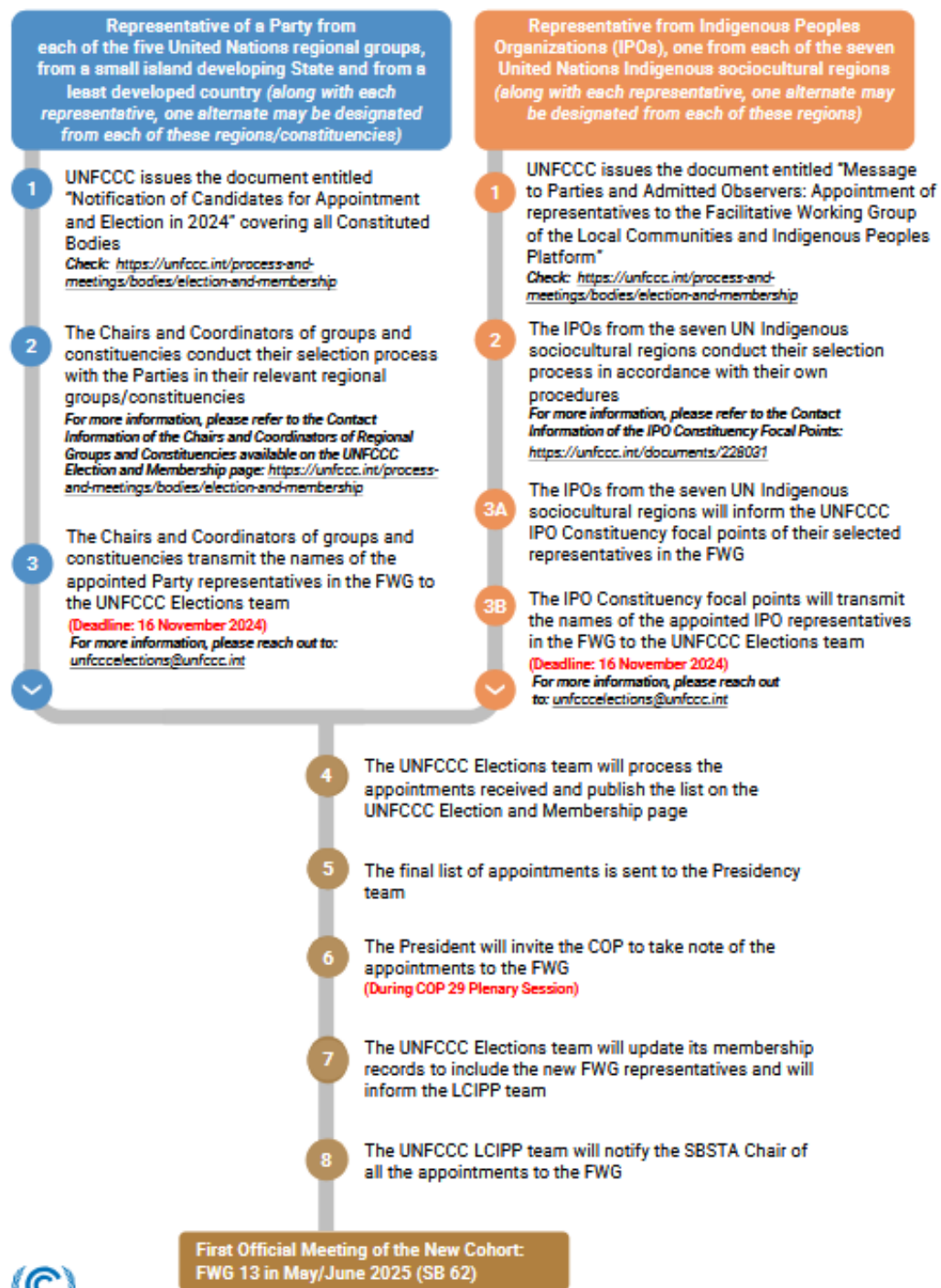
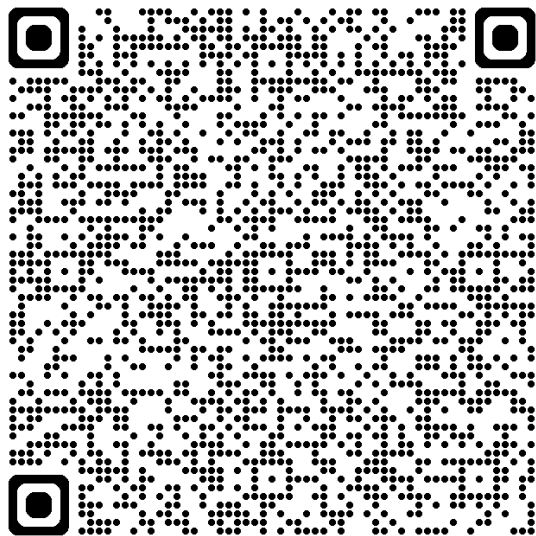
LEG

TEC

SCF

etc.

Process to appoint the Representatives and Alternates to the FWG of the LCIPP



FWG Members

Current Composition

Representatives from the UN Indigenous Sociocultural Regions



Ricardo Campos Quezada
Central and South America, and the
Caribbean



Aehshatou Manu
Africa



Robert Karoro
The Pacific



Janene Yazzie
North America



Viacheslav Shadrin
Central and Eastern Europe, Russian
Federation, Central Asia and
Transcaucasia



**Kittisak
Rattanakrajangsri**
Asia



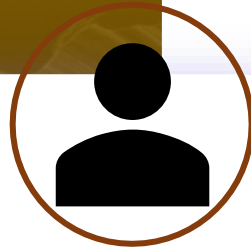
**Victoria Qutuug
Buschman***
The Arctic

**In line with Decision 2/CP.24, paragraph 7, the appointed alternate will assume the role and complete the functions of the member*

FWG Members

Current Composition

Party Representatives



Lena Estrada

Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC)



Rafik Aini

Africa



Azamsadat Mostafavi

Asia-Pacific



Birrin Hooper

Western Europe and Others group (WEOG)



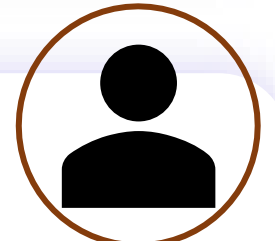
Agrafena Kotova*

Eastern Europe



Cozier Frederick

Small Island Developing States (SIDS)



Angela Ebeleke

Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

**In line with Decision 2/CP.24, paragraph 8, representative shall remain in office until a successor has been elected*

FWG Alternates Appointed during COP 29

Indigenous Peoples Organizations Representative

- Cressida Kuala**
The Pacific
- Job Morris**
Africa
- Olga Kostrova**
Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia
- Helen Magata**
Asia
- Priscilla Settee**
North America
- Maria Eugenia Choque Quispe**
Central and South America, and the Caribbean
- The Arctic*

Party Representatives

- Ian Fry**
SIDS
- Benjamin Karmorh**
LDCs
- Asia-Pacific*
- Rokiatou Traore**
Africa
- Eastern Europe*
- Ian Parker****
WEOG
- Berioska Quispe**
GRULAC

FWG Co-Chairs

June 2025 - June 2026



Janene Yazzie

UN Indigenous Sociocultural Region
North America



Agrafena Kotova

UN Regional Group
Eastern Europe

FWG Vice Co-Chairs

June 2025 - June 2026



Robert Karoro

**UN Indigenous Sociocultural Region
The Pacific**



Rafik Aini

**UN Region Group
Africa**



Decision 2/CP.24, Para 15

Decided that the Facilitative Working Group shall operate on the basis of consensus

Meetings of the Facilitative Working Group

FWG 1	14 to 16 June 2019, Bonn @SB 50	Meeting Webpage here
FWG 2	28-30 November 2019, Madrid @COP 25 / Initial LCIPP 2-yr Work Plan 2020-2021	Meeting Webpage here
FWG 3	5-8 October 2020, Virtual	Meeting Webpage here
FWG 4	14-17 December 2020, Virtual	Meeting Webpage here
FWG 5	21 to 24 June 2021, Bonn @2021 SB Sessions	Meeting Webpage here
FWG 6	28 to 30 October 2021, Glasgow @COP 26 / SB Sessions 52-55 / FWG Review / LCIPP Second 3-yr Work Plan 2022-24	Meeting Webpage here
FWG 7	1 to 3 June 2022, Bonn @SB56	Meeting Webpage here
FWG 8	1 to 4 November 2022, Sharm el-Sheikh @COP 27 / SB 57	Meeting Webpage here
FWG 9	31 May to 3 June 2023, Bonn @SB 58	Meeting Webpage here
FWG 10	25-28 November 2023, Dubai @COP 28 / SB 59	Meeting Webpage here
FWG 11	29 May to 1 June 2024, Bonn @SB 60	Meeting Webpage here
FWG 12	5-8 November 2024, Baku @COP 29 / SB 61 / FWG Review / LCIPP Baku Workplan 2025-2027	Meeting Webpage here
FWG 13	10-13 June 2025, Bonn @SB 62	Meeting Webpage here
FWG 14	04 -7 November 2025 @COP 30 / SB 63	Meeting Webpage here
FWG 15	02-05 June 2026, Bonn @SB 64	Meeting Webpage here
FWG 16	TBD	Meeting webpage upcoming

FWG Vision & Strategy Statement (*Adopted at FWG 9*)



FWG, in implementing the three functions of the Platform, strives to elevate the **leadership role** of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the **collective effort** toward **transformative climate policies and actions** by:

- ✓ upholding a **rights-based approach**
- ✓ ethically and equitably engaging **Indigenous values and worldviews**, (such as stewardship of and living in harmony with Mother Earth to ensure its enduring integrity for all life forms today and in the future), and **perspectives from local communities**
- ✓ fostering **full and effective participation** of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in achieving the objectives of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement.

Care Principles as adopted by FWG 14

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- **Speak with Care:** Share from lived experience and welcome all voices with openness, humility, and respect.
 - **Listen with Care:** Engage in active, respectful listening to understand, connect, and build mutual trust.
 - **Practice Awareness and Humility :** Be mindful of our presence and influence in discussions, creating space for others to contribute and be acknowledged.
 - **Ensure Inclusive and Accessible Participation :** Foster an environment where everyone can participate meaningfully by providing interpretation, cultural understanding, and other accessibility measures, as appropriate.
 - **Value and Bridge Diverse Knowledge Systems :** Recognize that addressing climate change requires collective wisdom and all forms of knowledge.

Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the process

	Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPO) Constituency	Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP)	Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the LCIPP
 <p>What is it?</p>	An informal loose group of NGOs admitted by the COP to the UNFCCC process as observer organizations with diverse but broadly clustered interests or perspectives. It has an internal oversight and coordination mechanism	A platform created by the Conference of the Parties (COP)	A constituted body in the UNFCCC process
 <p>Who created it and when?</p>	The secretariat formally recognized the IPO Constituency of admitted Indigenous Peoples NGOs in time for COP 7 in 2001.	In 2015, the COP, through Decision 1/CP.21 135. Recognizes the need to strengthen knowledge, technologies, practices and efforts of local communities and indigenous peoples related to addressing and responding to climate change, and establishes a platform for the exchange of experiences and sharing of best practices on mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner	In 2018, at COP 24 in Katowice, Decision 2/CP.24 created the Facilitative Working Group (FWG)
 <p>What are its functions?</p>	For the secretariat, the functions are effective communication between the large number of admitted NGOs and the secretariat on engagement opportunities in various aspects in the UNFCCC process. The interaction between the secretariat and the IPO is through the focal points who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a conduit for the exchange of official information between their Constituency and the secretariat; 	In 2017, at COP 23, Decision 2/CP.23 outlined the three functions of the LCIPP <p>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</p>	FWG was established to “further operationalize the LCIPP and facilitate the implementation of its functions.”

Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the process



What are its functions?

Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPO) Constituency

- Assist the secretariat in ensuring an effective participation appropriate to an intergovernmental meeting;
- Coordinate NGO interactions at sessions including convening constituency meetings, organizing meetings with officials, providing names for the speakers list and representation at official functions;
- Provide logistical support to their constituents during sessions;
- Assist the secretariat in realizing representative observer participation at workshops and other limited-access meetings

For the IPO members, the functions are effective engagement in the UNFCCC process and capacity building of the members who are relatively new to the process. This includes:

- Information sharing on engagement opportunities in the UNFCCC process both intersessionally and in-sessionally.
- Development of constituency-wide positions and statements at Plenary meetings, the high-level segment and/or contact groups of various agenda items.

Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP)

- 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;
- 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;
 - 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

Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the LCIPP

Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the process

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What are its functions?

- Nomination of representatives to various engagement opportunities in a way that is fair and well-coordinated across the seven socio-cultural regions
- Channeling the feedback from the Constituency members to the COP Presidency, the secretariat, and other presiding officers.

facilitate the undertaking of stronger and more ambitious climate action by indigenous peoples and local communities that could contribute to the achievement of the nationally determined contributions of the Parties concerned;

A constituted body in the UNFCCC process



How does it operate?

Through the co-chairs who are nominated periodically with internal governance and oversight established over decades.

The LCIPP mandate is realized by implementing the activities under its workplan.

The Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of LCIPP, implements the LCIPP workplan

The FWG is currently implementing the Baku Workplan of the LCIPP

- The FWG
- Operates on the basis of consensus, per decision 2/CP.24, para 15.
 - Meets twice per year in conjunction with the sessions of the SBs and the session of the COP
 - Comprises 14 members:
 - One representative of a Party from each of the UN regional groups
 - One representative of a Party from a SIDS
 - One representative of a least-developed country Party
 - Seven representatives from IPOs, one from each of the seven UN Indigenous sociocultural regions

Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the process



How does it engage Indigenous Peoples and local communities in its activities?

Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPO) Constituency

For information on how the IPO Constituency engages Indigenous Peoples and local communities in its activities, please contact the IPO Constituency Focal Points

Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP)

Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the LCIPP

Through

- Its membership
- Facilitating the implementation of LCIPP workplan activities, including annual and regional gatherings
- Collaborating with relevant bodies and processes under and outside the Convention
- Engaging Indigenous Peoples and local communities in its biannual meeting



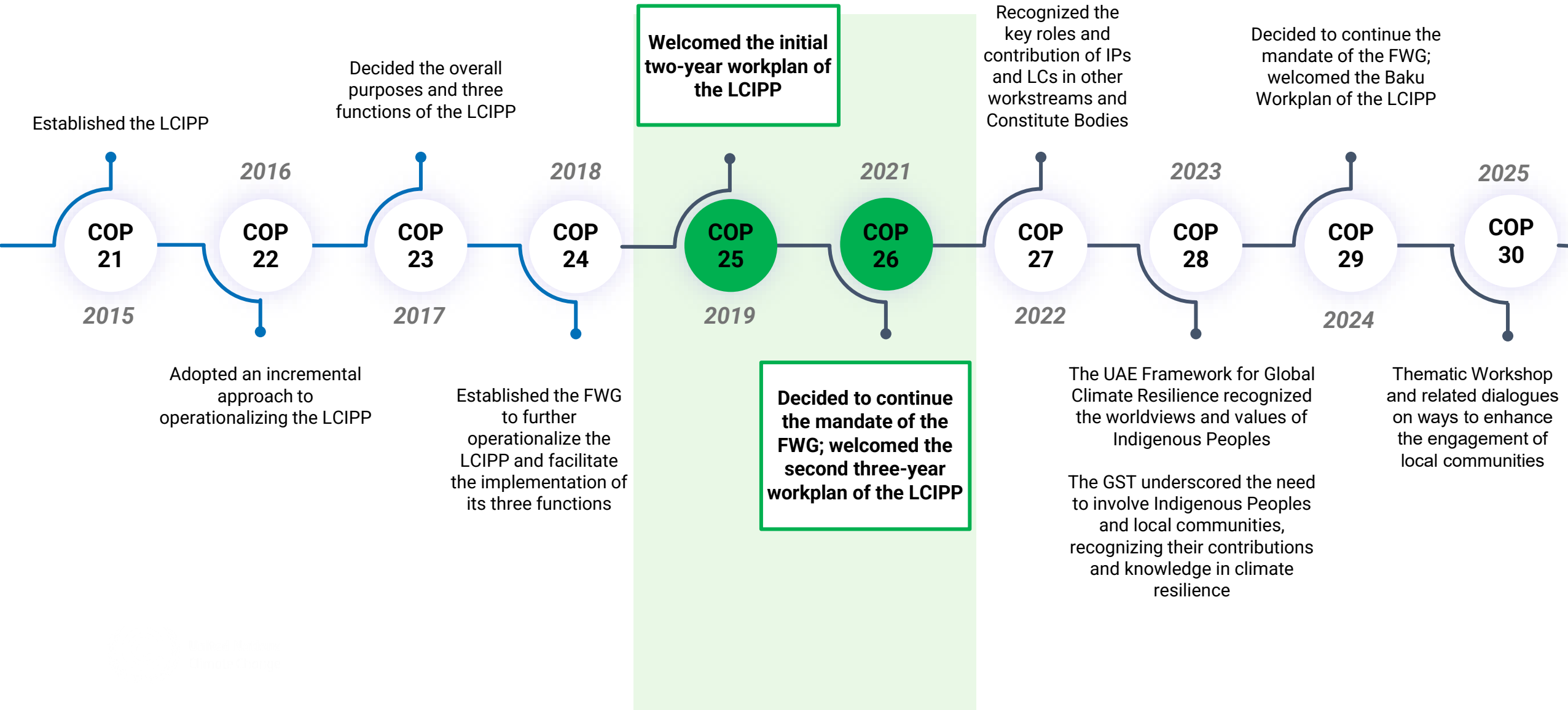
Who is providing secretariat support?

The Observer Relations Team under the Climate Action Engagement Unit in the Communications and Engagement Division of the UNFCCC secretariat

The LCIPP Unit under the Adaptation Division of the UNFCCC Secretariat

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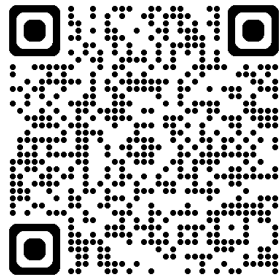
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Initial two-year workplan (2020-2021)

The initial two-year workplan was welcomed by Parties at SBSTA 51 in Madrid in December 2019. The activities and related deliverables from the workplan can be found on the LCIPP Web Portal

Access the **activities** and related **deliverables** through this QR code!



ACTIVITY 1001 Knowledge

Annual meetings in conjunction with the COP (2020-2021)

[See details](#)

ACTIVITY 1002 Knowledge

Regional Gatherings (2020-2021)

[See details](#)

ACTIVITY 1003 Knowledge

Information about indigenous peoples' curricula and materials (2020-2021)

[See details](#)

ACTIVITY 1004 Capacity for Engagement

Annual thematic training workshops (2020-2021)

[See details](#)

ACTIVITY 1001 Knowledge

Annual meetings in conjunction with the COP (2020-2021)

Under the function of "knowledge": Organize annual meetings in conjunction with the sessions of the COP, with the participation of indigenous peoples, on traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples, and local knowledge systems on cross-cutting themes related to addressing and responding to climate change.

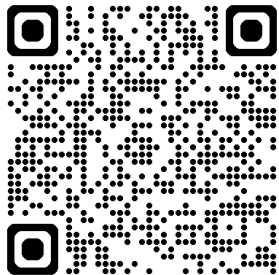
Deliverables:

- Compilation of information on existing rights of indigenous peoples related to the exchange and safeguarding of traditional knowledge, and on indigenous peoples' protocols, in the context of the LCIPP, to inform the 1st annual meeting;
- Compilation of information on the use of local knowledge systems, to inform the 1st annual meeting;
- One meeting per year;
- Summary reports on the meetings, which could include recommendations to the FWG on good practices, obstacles and proposed solutions.

Second three-year workplan (2022-2024)

The second three - year workplan was welcomed by Parties at COP 26 The activities and related deliverables from the workplan are being finalized and will be uploaded on the LCIPP Web Portal online.

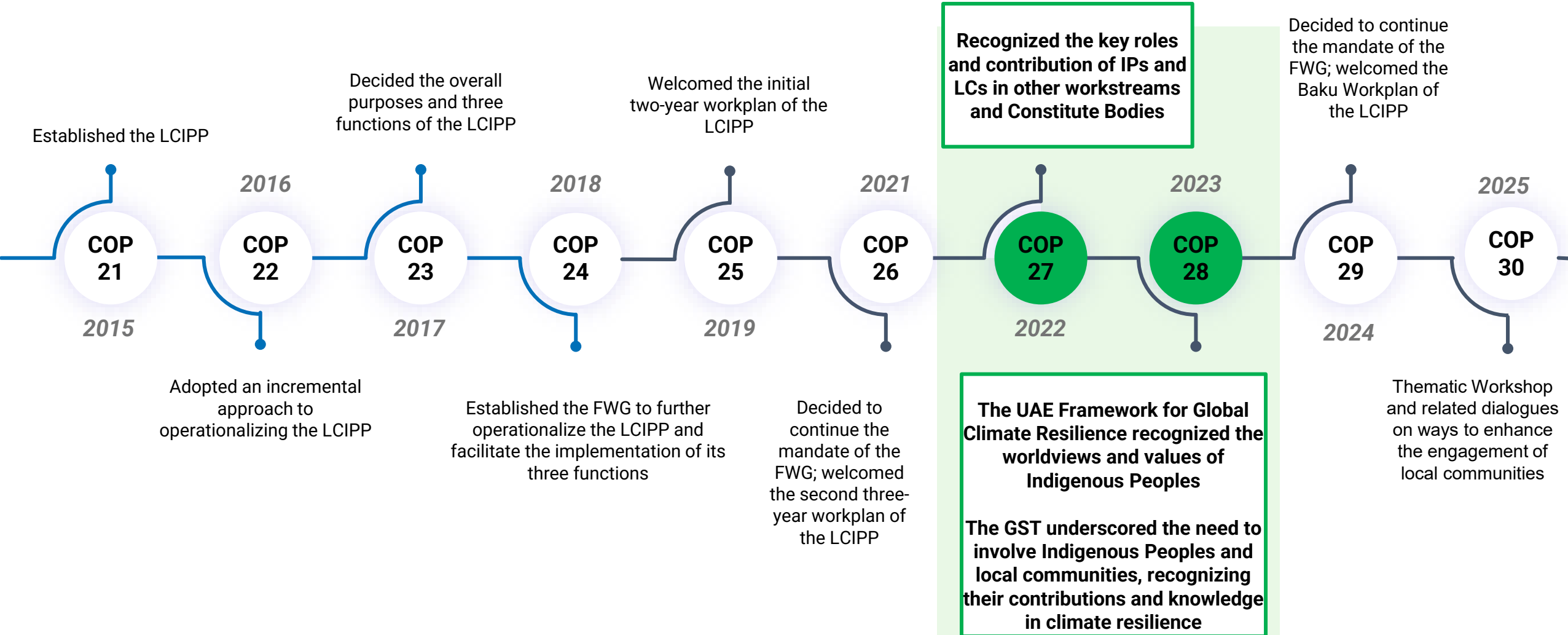
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ACTIVITY 1 Knowledge Annual meetings in conjunction with COP See details	ACTIVITY 1 Knowledge Annual meetings in conjunction with COP ● Ongoing Under the function of "knowledge": Organize annual meetings in conjunction with the sessions of the COP, with the participation of indigenous peoples and indigenous knowledge holders, to expand and enhance inclusion of traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems in addressing and responding to climate change, consistently with rights-based international safeguards and the cultural protocols of indigenous peoples. The aim of the annual meetings will be to build the engagement of indigenous youth, women, children, persons with disabilities and youth from local communities in all levels and aspects of climate action and bring together strategies and technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build climate resilience. Deliverables: - One gathering per year in conjunction with the session of the COP, to take place in round-table discussion format, divided into two parts: one for indigenous peoples including indigenous youth and persons of different genders, and a focus on intergenerational knowledge-sharing.
ACTIVITY 2 Knowledge Regional Gatherings See details	
ACTIVITY 3 Knowledge Indigenous curricula and materials See details	
ACTIVITY 4 Capacity for Engagement Annual training workshops targeting indigenous peoples and local communities See details	

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“Focal Point” modality

List of FWG members serving as focal points for relevant Constituted Bodies and other areas of work for 2025¹

Version as of 4 July 2025

Constituted bodies	FWG Member/s serving as focal points	Further Info	Expert/thematic working group/s	FWG member/s	Further Info
Adaptation Committee (AC)	Agrafena Kotova, Rafik Aini, Kittisak Rattanakrajangsri, Lena Estrada		NAP Task Force	Agrafena Kotova Kittisak Rattanakrajangsri	
Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN)/ Technology Executive Committee (TEC)	Birrin Hooper, Robert Karoro, Janene Yazzie	See here See here			
Consultative Group of experts (CGE)	Benjamin Karmorh	See here			
Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM Excom)	Robert Karoro (FP) Cozier Frederick (alternate)	See here	Expert group on non-economic losses (NELs)	Robert Karoro Victoria Qutuuq Buschman (Alternate)	See here
Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)	Benjamin Karmorh, Robert Karoro	See here			
Paris Committee on Capacity-building (PCCB)	Benjamin Karmorh, Kittisak Rattanakrajangsri	See here	Informal coordination group for capacity-building under the Convention and the Paris Agreement (ICG)	Robert Karoro TBC (alternate)	See here
Standing Committee on Finance (SCF)	Robert Karoro, Janene Yazzie	See here			
Article 6.4 Supervisory Body	Cozier Frederick	See here			

Work Programmes/ Workstreams	FWG Member/s serving as focal points	Further Info
Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)	Agrafena Kotova, Rafik Aini, Lena Estrada, Victoria Qutuuq Buschman	See here
Mitigation work programme (MWP)	Birrin Hooper, Agrafena Kotova	See here
Just transition work programme (JTWP)	Viacheslav Shadrin, Victoria Qutuuq Buschman, Birrin Hooper	
Gender Action Plan	Benjamin Karmorh, Aehshatou Manu	See here
Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE)	Robert Karoro, Birrin Hooper	See here
Article 6.8 Non-Market Approaches	Ricardo Campos Quezada, Azin Mostafavi	See here
Issues related to agriculture and food security	Rafik Aini	See here

External Invitations

Title	FWG member	Details
International Indigenous Peoples Commission (advisory circle to the incoming COP 30 Presidency)	Janene and Agrafena volunteered to explore and learn more about the commission Victoria and Robert expressed interest to learn more about the FWG representation on the commission	Invitation dated 19 May; Request for 1 representative + 1 alternate (IPO) Check the invitation here

IC If opportunity to collaborate with IPCC, the following members have shown interest: Victoria Qutuuq Buschman, Janene Yazzie, Viacheslav Shadrin, Agrafena Kotova

FWG's continued collaboration with constituted bodies and work programmes

Fifth workshop under the Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation

FWG members urged reimagining humanity's relationship with nature, a shift in perspective in climate policymaking processes to reposition humans within rather than above nature, and the adoption of an approach that emphasizes the importance of Indigenous Peoples' values, particularly their reciprocal relationship with nature and intergenerational consideration.

27th meeting of the TEC

FWG shared updates on the design of the LCIPP annual multi-stakeholder dialogue, which creates a space for sharing information on Indigenous technology, science and innovation as part of the work of the TEC

FWG has been engaging with constituted bodies, including

- the Adaptation Committee,
 - the Consultative Group of Experts,
 - the Katowice Committee of Experts on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures,
 - the LEG,
 - the Technology Executive Committee and
 - the WIM Executive Committee,
- comprises participation in regular meetings and in events and contribution to technical forums and documentation

COP has been recognizing the worldviews and values of Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Peoples' knowledge and local knowledge systems

Global Goal on Adaptation

Decision 2/CMA.5:

Para 8: ".....taking into account the best available science and the **worldviews and values of Indigenous Peoples**, to support achievement of the global goal on adaptation;"

Para 9g: "Protecting cultural heritage from the impacts of climate-related risks by developing adaptive strategies for preserving cultural practices and heritage sites and by designing climate-resilient infrastructure, guided by **traditional knowledge, Indigenous Peoples' knowledge and local knowledge systems**"

Draft decision -/CMA.6

Para 21 (d): "Indicators that capture information pertaining to, inter alia, social inclusion, **Indigenous Peoples**, participatory processes, human rights, gender equality, migrants, children and young people, and persons with disabilities;"

Para 33: "Emphasizes the importance of the exchange of knowledge, experience and information and sharing of best practices pertaining to the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA.5, including through the work of the AC, the LEG , **the FWG of the LCIPP** and other constituted bodies, "

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Global Stocktake

Decision 1/CMA.5

Para 55:

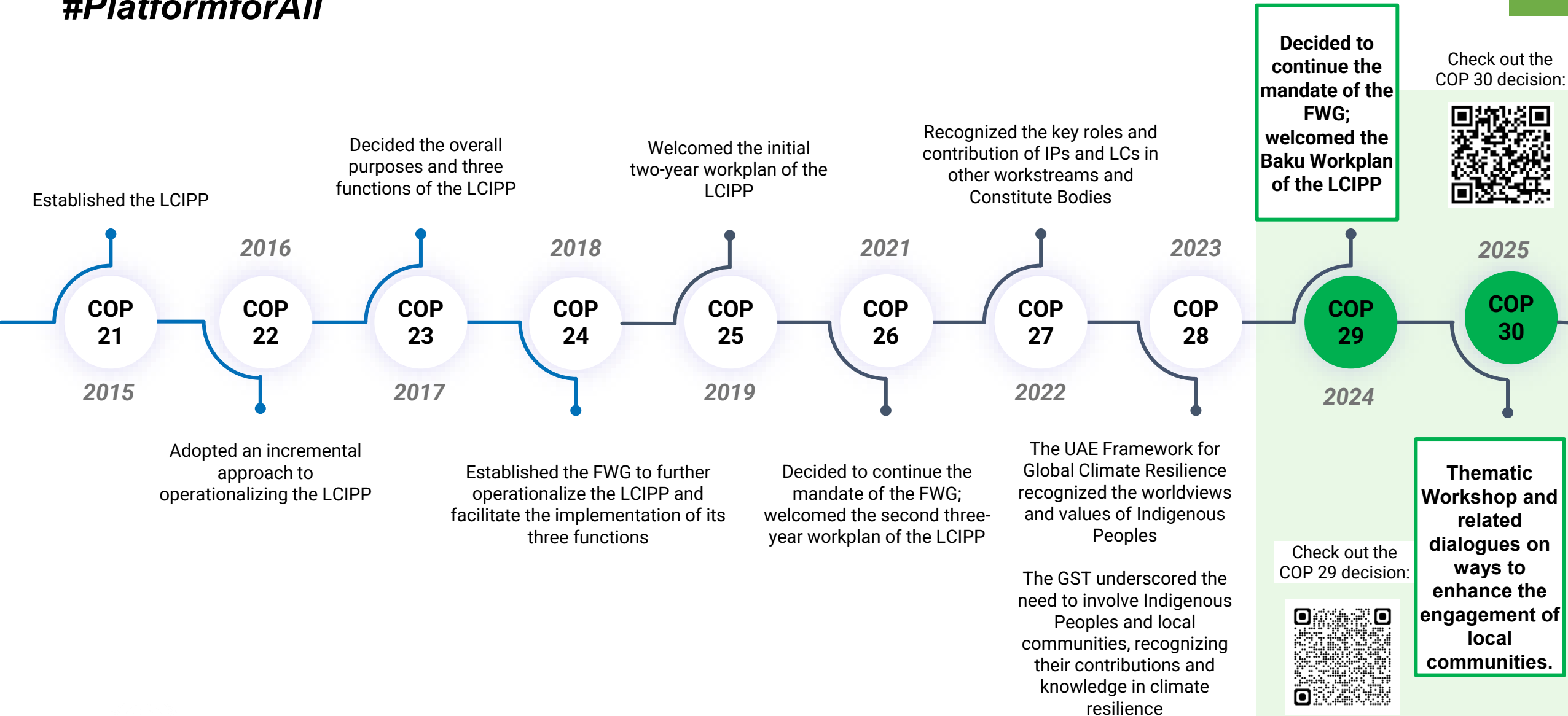
*“...as part of a country-driven gender-responsive and participatory approach, building on the best available science as well as **Indigenous Peoples' knowledge and local knowledge systems**”*

Workplans of several constituted bodies and work programmes call for the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, including:

- The 2nd 5-year rolling workplan of the WIM ExCom (2023-2027)
- TEC rolling workplan (2023-2027) and CTCN's Programme of Work (2023-2027)
- Action for Climate Empowerment
- Gender Action Plan
- NWP's mandates to consider Indigenous Peoples and local communities in its work and integrate diverse knowledge systems
- And many more...

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Recognized the important role of the LCIPP and its FWG in bringing together Parties, Indigenous Peoples and local communities to work towards achieving the objective of the Convention and the goals of the Paris Agreement

- Welcomed the progress of the FWG of the LCIPP in facilitating **implementation of the functions of the Platform**
- Welcomed the **report of the FWG** including the **draft workplan of the LCIPP for 2025-2027**
- Decided to continue the **mandate of the FWG**

Decision 14/CP.29, paras 1-3

Access
decision 14/
CP.29 here:



COP Decision incorporates challenges and recommendations outlined in the FWG report and invited Parties and other stakeholders to also take these into account

Encouraged Parties, Indigenous Peoples as well as local communities to **actively engage under the LCIPP , including by engaging in the meetings of the FWG**

Decision 14/CP.29, para 8

Requested the secretariat to explore ways to **enable members of the FWG serving as representatives of IPO, to participate in sessions of the subsidiary bodies and the COP** when performing specific tasks in their capacity as members of the FWG

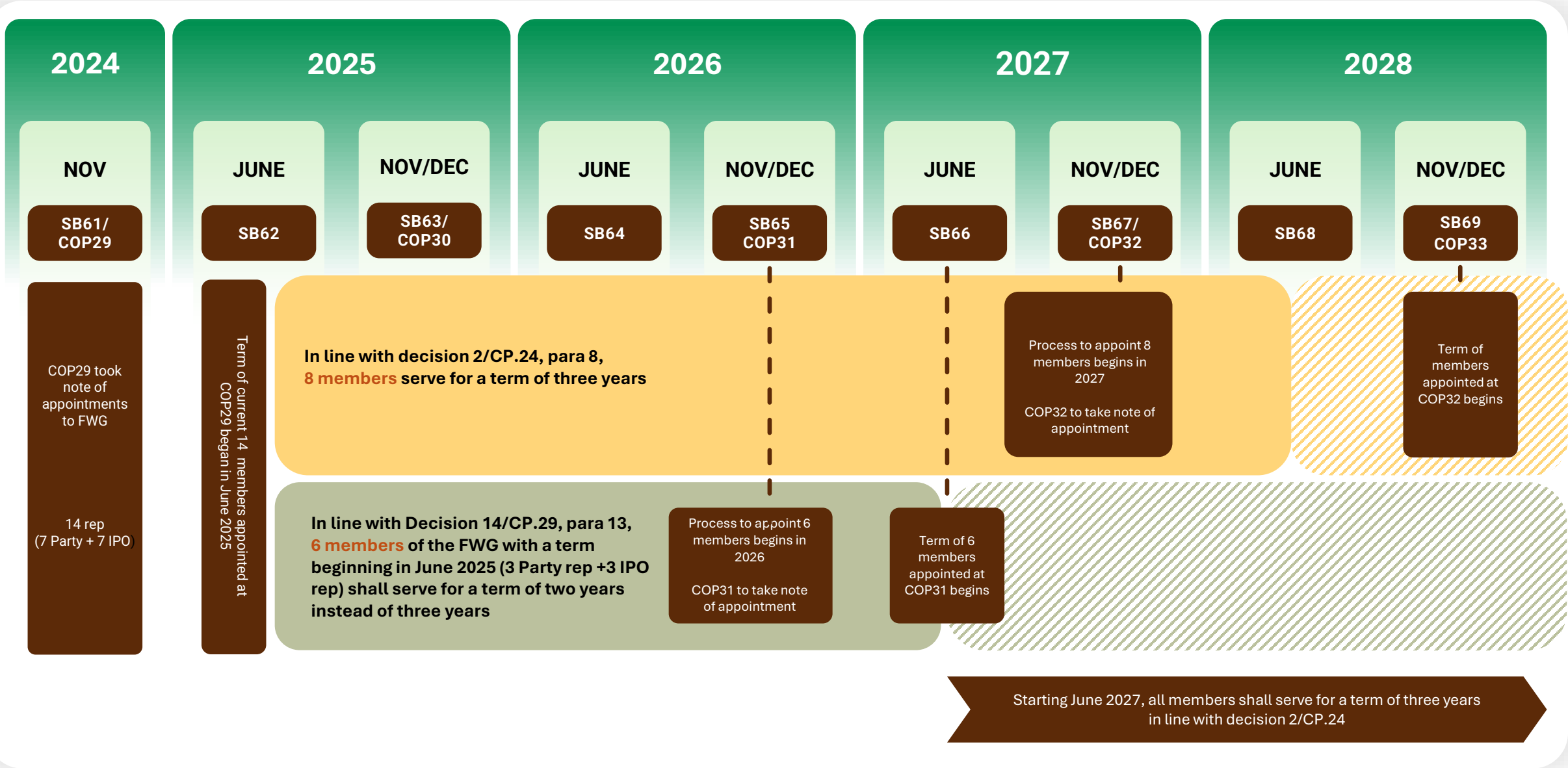
Decision 14/CP.29, para 9

- Requested the secretariat to **explore possible arrangements for simultaneous interpretation** in the official languages of the UN that corresponding to the language requirements of the members and contributors present at meetings of the FWG and in mandated events under the LCIPP and to explore and inform the FWG at its meetings on options for furthering language support at such meetings and events to enable full participation therein in additional relevant languages, as appropriate;
- Invited Parties that wish to do so to provide simultaneous interpretation** into languages other than the official languages of the UN at meetings of the FWG and mandated events under the LCIPP and requested the secretariat, where possible, to make any necessary arrangements for accommodating such additional simultaneous interpretation;

Decision 14/CP.29, paras 10-11

- Recognized the importance of **institutional knowledge and continuity** in the efforts of the FWG to further operationalize the LCIPP and facilitate implementation of the functions of the Platform
- Decided that, of the representatives who will be appointed as members of the Facilitative Working Group with a term beginning in June 2025, **three Party representatives and three representatives from Indigenous Peoples organizations shall serve for a term of two years instead of three years**, after which time all representatives shall serve for a term of three years in accordance with decision 2/CP.24
- Invited the FWG to decide which Party representatives and which representatives from IPOs** shall serve for a term of two years, as referred to in a manner that ensures geographical and gender balance

Decision 14/CP.29, paras 12-14



Enhanced Engagement of Local Communities

- Noted with appreciation that activities and mandated events under the LCIPP , as well as meetings of the FWG, **remain open to and inclusive of local communities** and a wide range of Platform contributors,
- Encouraged **Parties and relevant constituted bodies**, in particular the FWG, and representatives of workstreams under the Convention and the Paris Agreement to consider ways to **further engage local communities** and
- Invited the **incoming COP 30 Presidency** to convene in conjunction with that session **a thematic workshop and relevant dialogues** in line with the activities included in the workplan of LCIPP

Decision 14/CP.29, paras 15

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6 Collective Approaches used to organize the workplan consists of activities to engage and promote an exchange, deliverables to elevate the rich exchange and outcomes that weave together concepts and terminologies that embody Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, values and worldviews, and the perspectives of local communities.

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Collective Approach 1:

Gathering of Knowledge Holders

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Collective Approach 2:

Regional Engagement

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Collective Approach 3:

Seventh-generation Round Table

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Collective Approach 4:

Collaboration With Constituted Bodies and Workstreams under the UNFCCC process

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Collective Approach 5:

Enhanced Engagement with Parties

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Collective Approach 6:

Overall Strategic Planning

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COLLECTIVE APPROACH 1: GATHERING OF KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS

- 1.1 **Convene an annual gathering of knowledge holders** to share experience, worldviews, stories and practices related to climate action.
- 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.)
- 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.

- 1.4 **Produce a summary report** documenting the discussions at the annual gathering and the annual dialogue, including recommendations and opportunities for further engagement.
- 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.
- 1.6 **Integrate recommendations and concrete examples** (from deliverables into relevant work of key constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams, in line with the annual theme selected by the FWG.

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.

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.

Co-leads:

- **IPO Member/s:** Victoria Qutuuq Buschman, Viacheslav Shadrin, Kittisak Rattanakrajangsri,
- **Party member/s:** Agrafena Kotova

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COLLECTIVE APPROACH 2: REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- 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.)
- 2.3 **Participate in and/or contribute to at least one existing regional-level engagement** activity per year (e.g. NAP Expo).

- 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.

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

Co-leads:

- **IPO Member/s:** Kittisak Rattanakrajangsri
- **Party member/s:** Benjamin Karmorh

Regional representatives will also inform the planning and delivery of the regional (or biregional gatherings) and the associated activities and deliverables

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COLLECTIVE APPROACH 3: SEVENTH-GENERATION ROUND TABLE

- 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
- 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.
- 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 wellbeing of present and future generations. (Outcomes from activity 3.1 will be presented at this dialogue.)

- 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
- 3.5 **Share recommendations** on approaches to ensuring the well-being of current and future generations with relevant constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams
- 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.

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.

Co-leads:

- **IPO Member/s:** Ricardo Campos Quezada, Aehshatou Manu, Victoria Qutuuq Buschman
- **Party member/s:** Cozier Frederick

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COLLECTIVE APPROACH 4: COLLABORATION WITH CONSTITUTED BODIES AND UNDER WORKSTREAMS OF THE UNFCCC

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

Co-leads :

- **IPO Member/s:** Robert Karoro
- **Party member/s:** Azin Mostafavi

Focal points for constituted bodies and work programmes/workstreams will be consulted as appropriate

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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.
- 5.2 **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.

- 5.3 **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.
- 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 15th meeting of the FWG** and enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the UNFCCC process throughout the year.

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.

Co-leads:

- **IPO Member/s:** Robert Karoro
- **Party member/s:** Birrin Hooper

Additionally,

- **Focal points for constituted bodies and work programmes/workstreams** will be consulted as appropriate
- Victoria Qutuuq Buschman has volunteered to contribute to deliverable 5.5

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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.

Co-leads:

- **IPO Member/s:** Janene Yazzie
- **Party member/s:** Agrafena Kotova, Birrin Hooper

Regional representatives will also contribute to the deliverable 6.2

Next Review of the Facilitative Working Group

Decision 14/CP.29, paras 15, 17, 18,19

Calls for submission
on workplan for 2028-2031 (by 30 Sept 2026) and impact of LCIPP work (by 1 Nov 2026)

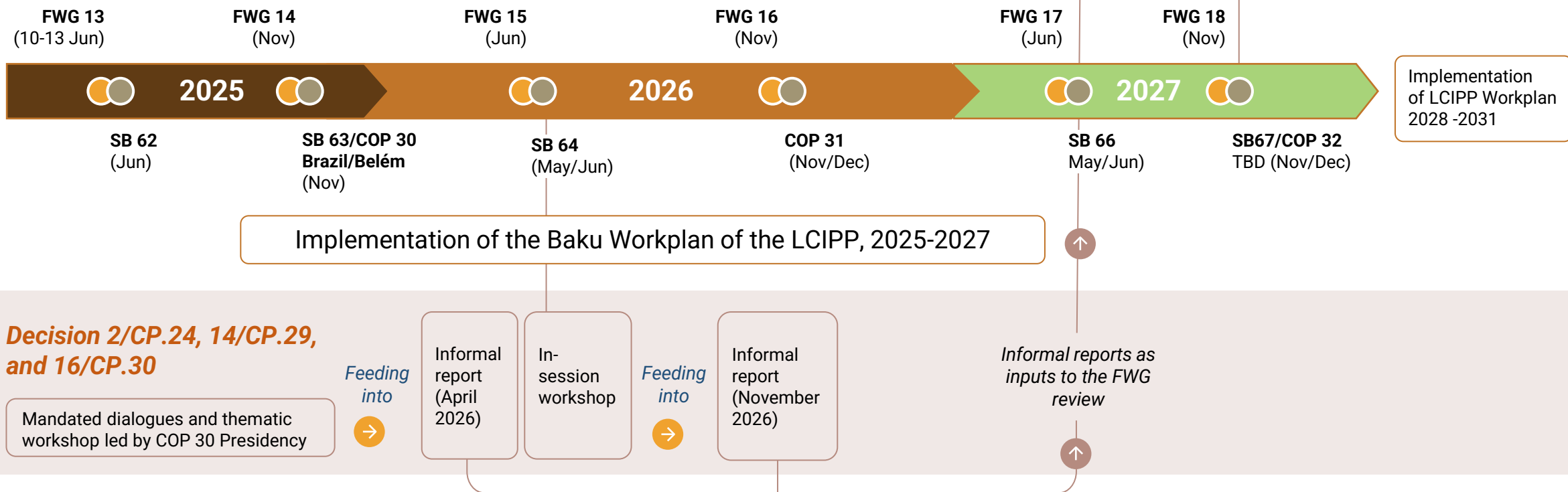
FWG report to include:

- the outcomes of its work, including the activities under the workplan
- propose recommendations relating to the scope and functions of the Platform and
- a draft LCIPP workplan for 2028-2031

* *Ways to further engage local communities*
(By Feb/March 2027)

→ **SBSTA 66 to conduct a review of the FWG**

→ **COP 32 to consider the report of SBSTA and adopt a decision**



Decision 2/CP.24, 14/CP.29, and 16/CP.30

Mandated dialogues and thematic workshop led by COP 30 Presidency

Feeding into →

Informal report (April 2026)

In-session workshop

Feeding into →

Informal report (November 2026)

Informal reports as inputs to the FWG review



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Ways to Contribute

Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP)

Contribute through the following ways

- 1. Events:** Register and participate in LCIPP events or submit own event related to engaging Indigenous Peoples and local communities in addressing climate change.
- 2. Resources:** Access and share relevant resources (reports, stories, videos, presentations, etc.) to the LCIPP resource hub or through the Community Board to build our collective understanding of diverse values, worldviews and knowledge systems.
- 3. Calls for submissions:** Respond to calls for submissions from the LCIPP.



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1. Participate in Events

The LCIPP WebPortal serves as a central hub for disseminating information on the Platform's work, including key documents, reports, and updates. FWG members and contributors are encouraged to engage with the platform by sharing resources and regional knowledge. The secretariat, with FWG support, ensures that the platform remains accessible and up to date.

▪ 2/CP.24 para 21 –

Requests the secretariat, with the support of the Facilitative Working Group, to make the work of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform widely accessible, including through the development of a dedicated web portal on the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform on the UNFCCC website.



Check out the Events page on LCIPP Web Portal to register and participate in LCIPP events or submit own event related to engaging Indigenous Peoples and local communities in addressing climate change





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2. Share Resources

Contributors are invited to share resources to build our collective understanding of diverse values, worldviews and knowledge systems.

Share case stories, videos,
photos and testimonials on
the
LCIPP Community Board



Share publications,
reports and
presentations on the
LCIPP Resource Hub



Or email the
secretariat at
lcipp@unfccc.int



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3. Respond to Call for Submissions

Share your views on the impact of the work under the LCIPP and help shape its next workplan (2028-2031)

In line with decision 14/CP.29, Parties, Indigenous Peoples, local communities and stakeholders are invited to submit their views on the issues below:

What to submit: Views on activities and thematic focuses for the workplan of the LCIPP for 2028-2031

Deadline: 30 September 2026

Views for consideration of the Facilitative Working Group at its 16th meeting (FWG 16), to be held in 2026

What to submit: Views on the impact of work under the LCIPP

Deadline: 1 November 2026

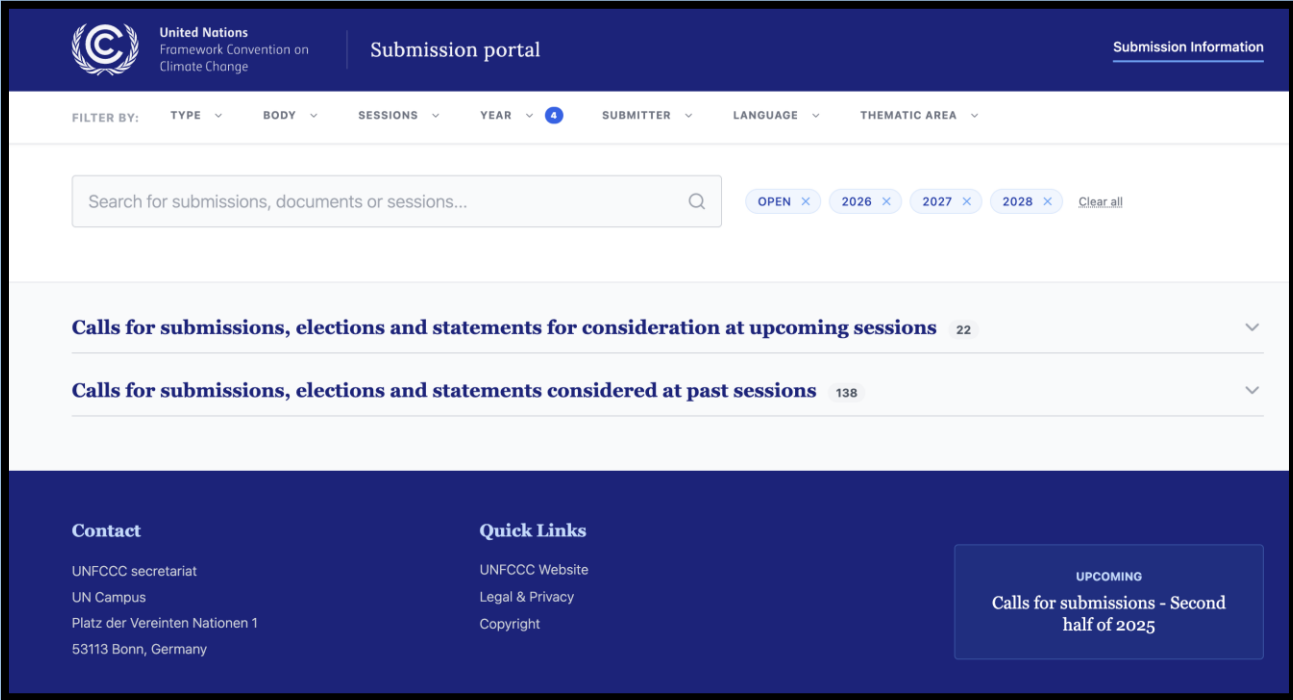
Views will serve as input to the review of the Facilitative Working Group in 2027

**Access the guide to the
LCIPP Calls for Submission here for
dissemination amongst your
networks:**



Find LCIPP Submissions on the Portal:

Step 1. Access
the [UNFCCC](#)
Submission Portal



The screenshot shows the UNFCCC Submission portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the UNFCCC logo and the text "United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change". The page title is "Submission portal" and there is a link for "Submission Information". Below the navigation bar, there are filter options: "FILTER BY: TYPE", "BODY", "SESSIONS", "YEAR" (with a blue plus icon), "SUBMITTER", "LANGUAGE", and "THEMATIC AREA". A search bar contains the text "Search for submissions, documents or sessions...". To the right of the search bar are filter buttons for "OPEN", "2026", "2027", "2028", and "Clear all". Below the search bar, there are two main sections: "Calls for submissions, elections and statements for consideration at upcoming sessions" with a count of 22, and "Calls for submissions, elections and statements considered at past sessions" with a count of 138. At the bottom, there is a footer with "Contact" information (UNFCCC secretariat, UN Campus, Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1, 53113 Bonn, Germany) and "Quick Links" (UNFCCC Website, Legal & Privacy, Copyright). A blue box in the bottom right corner contains the text "UPCOMING Calls for submissions - Second half of 2025".

Find LCIPP Submissions on the Portal:

Step 2. Add "*Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP)*" in the search field

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Find LCIPP Submissions on the Portal :

Step 3. Find the two relevant calls for submission under "*Calls for submission, elections and statements for consideration at upcoming sessions*"

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Guidance on how to make a submission:



Parties

Parties can upload submissions on the portal, through their National Focal Points.

Calls for submissions, elections and statements for consideration at upcoming sessions 1

Parties, Indigenous Peoples, local communities and stakeholders are invited to submit views on the impact of work under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, which will serve as input to the review of the Facilitative Working Group in 2027.

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Mandate: Decision 14/CP.29, paragraph 19

Deadline: 01/11/2026, 00:00

Session Name: SBSTA 66

Start Submission

Calls for submissions, elections and statements considered at past sessions 5

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Mandate: Decision 14/CP.29, paragraph 19

Deadline: 30/09/2026, 00:00

Session Name: CONSTITUTED BODY MEETING

Start Submission

Organizations with observer status

Observer organizations can upload submissions on the portal, through their Designated Contact Point.

Guidance on how to make a submission:



Non-Party stakeholders without observer status

- Non-Party stakeholders without observer status are invited to send their submissions to the UNFCCC secretariat by email to submission-info@unfccc.int
- Guidelines for submissions can be found using the QR Code above