

LCIPP Regional Gathering for the Pacific

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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 regional gathering for the Pacific region will deliver on 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 regional 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.

II. Design of the Agenda

At its 15th meeting, the FWG agreed to take into account the approaches and the outcomes from the LCIPP Biregional Gathering for the Asia and Central and Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia regions, as appropriate, in designing and implementing future LCIPP regional and biregional gatherings.

In line with this decision, the co-leads of the LCIPP Regional Gathering for the Pacific have used multiple interconnected methods to guide the design of the agenda. These include:

- **Multi-pathway outreach approach:** To support the FWG members in identifying knowledge holders and practitioners from Indigenous Peoples and local communities from the Pacific

- **LCIPP framework for Regional and Biregional Gatherings¹:** To ensure that each segment of the gathering is carefully curated to inform, but also gradually transform the global processes in shaping and enacting climate actions.
- **Weaving in concepts and terminologies from the Pacific:** To ground the agenda in Indigenous Pacific concepts and terminologies, ensuring that the gathering reflects Indigenous Peoples' knowledge systems, values and worldviews and provides space for the perspectives of local communities.
- **Living cultural expressions at the venue:** To create space for knowledge holders to share living cultural and ceremonial expressions, rituals, oral recitations and other forms of ceremonial practice to recognize and honor diverse ways of knowing.
- **Cultural Immersion:** To provide a community-led lived experience that enables participants to deepen their understanding of the special relationship of Indigenous Peoples and local communities with nature through a visit to the Naidiri Marine Biodiversity Park.
- **Talanoa Booth:** To create an informal and participatory space where participants can engage in talanoa, the Pacific practice of open, respectful and inclusive dialogue, to share stories, experiences, innovations and reflections on climate action.
- **Responses to LCIPP calls for submissions:** To provide space for knowledge holders to share their views on the impact of the work of the LCIPP to date and to reflect on possible activities, priorities, and thematic focus areas for the next LCIPP workplan for 2028–2031 and the review of the FWG in 2027, pursuant to decision 14/CP.29.

III. Preparations for the Regional 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:

- i. provide an orientation guide to help participants familiarize themselves with the LCIPP, its mandate and functions, and the role of the FWG.
- ii. organize a virtual preparatory briefing for all participants on 11 August; 7:00 - 8:30 AM CEST. The briefing will help foster a shared understanding of the objectives and agenda of the regional gathering.
- iii. distribute case story templates as a reference for knowledge holders and practitioners to support their preparation for the gatherings and articulation of stories from their Peoples and communities.

¹ See Annex

IV. Provisional Agenda

Date and Time	Agenda Item
07:30 – 09:00	Registration and badge pick-up
Day 1: 18 August	Setting shared ground and highlighting place-based realities and observed climate impacts <i>Sessions moderated by Robert Karoro, FWG member of the LCIPP</i> <i>Master of Ceremonies (TBC)</i>
09:00 – 10:30	Opening session <i>Traditional Ceremony of Welcome/ Veiqaraqaravi vaka Vanua- Vanua o Nadi</i>
	Welcome remarks • Representative from the host country – Fiji (TBC) • FWG of the LCIPP
	Veivakilai taki/Participant Introductions
	Objectives, overview and desired outcomes of the Gathering in 2026
	Photo Session
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/tea break
11:00 – 12:30	Setting shared ground: Overview of the UNFCCC process and the LCIPP <i>(by the secretariat)</i> • The UNFCCC process • Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform • Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP
	<i>Interactive dialogue on the 2026 LCIPP annual theme: “Advancing holistic climate action through kinship, balance and collective well-being, rooted in cultural heritage, lived realities and diverse knowledge systems”</i>
	Setting shared ground: Key Insights from the LCIPP Pacific Regional Gathering in 2023 in Port Douglas, Australia <i>(by the FWG and knowledge holders and practitioners from the gathering)</i>
	Setting shared ground: LCIPP Framework for Regional (or Biregional) Gatherings² <i>(by the secretariat)</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	Module I: Observing change through lived, long-term and place-based knowledge Talanoa³ – Participants will be divided into five sharing circles (approximately 10–12 participants each), facilitated by a knowledge holder/practitioner. The purpose of the session is to create a culturally safe space for participants to share lived, long-term and place-based observations of climate change and to identify common experiences across Pacific communities. Facilitators will invite participants to share short stories (approximately 8–10 minutes each), encourage dialogue, and identify common themes emerging from the discussion.

² See Annex I

³ Talanoa is a traditional word used in Fiji and across the Pacific to reflect a process of inclusive, participatory and transparent dialogue

Participants may wish to reflect through story telling on observed impacts on:

- livelihoods and well-being;
- ecosystems, biodiversity and oceans;
- cultural heritage and knowledge systems; and
- Traditional governance and community resilience.

Knowledge holders and practitioners from different regions for each circle:

Sharing Circle 1

- Ani Tuisausau
- Maryanne Rimbao
- Sioeli Latu
- Tiana Jakicevich

Sharing Circle 2

- Bianca McNeair
- Charis Marau
- Paul Stewart
- Talei Silibaravi

Sharing Circle 3

- Latishamarie Francis
- Maria Tavui Laki
- Naomi Hopa
- Ratu Jeke Tikoicina

Sharing Circle 4

- Pamelarose Francis
- Pefi Kingi
- Samuel Womsiwor

Sharing Circle 5

- Jen Fraser
- Kuta Joseph Fonorito
- Zeno Camacho Deleon Guerrero Jr

Preparation: 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

15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/tea break Erlinda Naputi (Story of "The Lost Latte: Bringing a CHamoru Treasure Home")
16:00 – 17:30	Module I (continued): Observing change through lived, long-term and place-based knowledge

Following the Talanoa, rapporteurs from each sharing circle will present the key messages, common observations and distinctive experiences emerging from their discussions. This will be followed by a facilitated plenary reflection to identify shared patterns across communities and consider what these observations reveal about climate change across the Pacific.

Discussion Question: What similar climate change impacts are being experienced across your communities?

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

Living cultural and ceremonial practices from Indigenous Peoples and local Communities - Charis Marau (Cultural chant and story)

Day 2: 19 August	Community-led practices that sustain, regenerate, and strengthen collective resilience <i>Sessions moderated by Azin Mostafavi, FWG member of the LCIPP Master of Ceremonies (TBC)</i>
09:00 – 10:30	Reflections from day 1
	Living cultural and ceremonial practices from Indigenous Peoples and local Communities -Tyrone Deiye (Short traditional Nauruan welcome and reflections)
	Module II: From observed impacts to regenerative, community-led solutions, stewardship, and practices

Solevaka⁴ – Participants will be divided into five sharing circles (approximately 10–12 participants each), facilitated by a knowledge holder/practitioner. The purpose of the session is to create a collaborative space for participants to exchange experiences on regenerative, community-led solutions and stewardship practices that strengthen resilience and support climate action. Facilitators will invite participants to share short stories (approximately 8–10 minutes each), encourage dialogue, and identify common themes emerging from the discussion.

Participants may wish to reflect on following through their story telling:

- community-led adaptation and resilience practices;
- stewardship of lands, waters and oceans;
- Indigenous and traditional knowledge systems that guide climate action;
- intergenerational knowledge transmission and cultural continuity; and
- partnerships and enabling conditions that support implementation

Knowledge holders and practitioners from different regions for each circle:

Sharing Circle 1

- Alumita Sekinairai
- Benjamin Mitchell
- Claire Anterea
- Jamal Eddie Namu

Sharing Circle 2

- Kambi Peso
- Mosese Volavola
- Suzanne Thompson
- Yolene Koteureu

Sharing Circle 3

- Filomena Serenia-Vuetaki
- James Reynolds
- Tyrone Deiye

Sharing Circle 4

- Lavenia Yasikula Naivalu
- Masepah Banu
- William Kahula O'Brien

Sharing Circle 5

- Erlinda Naputi
- George Carter
- Winifereti Makutu Nainoca

Preparation: 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

10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/tea break
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11:00 – 12:00	Module II (continued): From observed impacts to regenerative, community-led solutions, stewardship, and practices
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Following Solevaka, rapporteurs from each sharing circle will present the key messages, common approaches and innovative practices emerging from their discussions. This will be followed by a facilitated plenary reflection to identify shared principles, opportunities for collaboration, and lessons that could inform climate action across the Pacific.

Discussion Question: Are similar solutions and/or practices being implemented in your regions/communities?

12:00 – 18:00	Cultural Immersion at Naidiri Village
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	<i>Lived experience to understand the special relationship of Indigenous Peoples and local communities with nature through a community-led visit to Naidiri Marine Biodiversity Park. Lunch and afternoon tea will be provided at the site. Please refer to the relevant section under the “Information for Participants” guide for further information on the cultural immersion and understand the cultural protocols in preparation of this immersion.</i>
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⁴ In Fijian, solevaka translates to coming together as a community to work on a common goal. It is a foundational cultural concept that embodies the stewardship of the land, environment, culture, and community

Day 3: 20 August	Bridging practice and policy design and implementation <i>Sessions moderated by Birrin Hooper, FWG member of the LCIPP</i> <i>Master of Ceremonies (TBC)</i>
09:00 - 9:30	Reflections from Day 2
	Living cultural and ceremonial practices from Indigenous Peoples and local communities - Pefi Kingi (Chant and Opening Prayer)
09:30 – 10:30	Module III: From lived knowledge to actionable recommendations Part I – Dialogue with Parties: Incorporating diverse knowledge systems, practices and innovations in the design and implementation of national actions, programmes and policies • Panel discussion on best practices by Parties • Open dialogue
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/tea break
11:00 – 12:30	Module III (continued): From lived knowledge to actionable recommendations Part II – Dialogue with regional entities: • Regional entities participating in the gathering are invited to take the floor to present relevant initiatives and engagement opportunities for Indigenous Peoples and local communities
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:30	Module III (continued): From lived knowledge to actionable recommendations Part III - Dialogue with constituted bodies and workstreams under and outside the Convention: • Representatives of constituted bodies and workstreams under the UNFCCC and other relevant entities are invited to provide presentations, followed by interventions from knowledge holders
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/tea break
16:00 – 17:30	Module IV: Input to the Global Stocktake process through the LCIPP work • Scene-setting presentation (by the secretariat) • Maroro⁵: 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 • Reflections in plenary
17:30 – 18:00	Day 3 Reflections and Day 4 Preview

Participants of the LCIPP Regional Gathering for the Pacific are warmly welcomed to a Pacific Symposium on Non-economic Losses (NELs) being organized by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR). The session will be convened on **20 August 2026 from 18:30-21:00. Dinner will be provided. The organizers will share further information with the interested participants.*

⁵ In Kiribati, maroro refers to flying fish or fish traps. It reflects the principle of taking only what is needed to ensure sustainability.

Day 4: 21 August	Strengthening the further operationalizing of the LCIPP <i>Sessions moderated by Robert Karoro, FWG member of the LCIPP</i> <i>Master of Ceremonies (TBC)</i>
09:00 -10:30	Reflections from Day 3
	Living cultural and ceremonial practices from Indigenous Peoples and local communities - Mosese Volavola (Traditional Fijian Indigenous welcome)
	Impact of the LCIPP Work (as input to the FWG review in 2027) • Scene-setting presentation • Yarning circles⁶: 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.
	Reflection in plenary
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/Tea Break
11:00-12:30	Shaping the LCIPP Workplan for 2028-2031 • Scene-setting presentation (by the secretariat) • Yarning circles: 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.
	Reflection in plenary
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 16:00	Collective Progress through Indigenous values and local realities Discussion: • How to build on the momentum generated from the LCIPP Regional Gathering for the Pacific? • 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 systems
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee/Tea Break
16:30 - 17:00	Closing remarks • FWG of the LCIPP • Incoming COP 31 Presidency (Mr. Justin Mohamed, Ambassador for First Nations People, Australia; Representative from Türkiye - TBC)
	Closing Invocation - Benjamin Mitchell (A cultural expression, singing "I still call Australia home" in Torres Strait language)

⁶ For Indigenous Peoples in Australia, yarning circles represent an important process for sharing, learning, relationship-building and passing on traditional knowledge within the community ([UNSW Canberra](#))

Annex I: The LCIPP Framework

Framework for Regional (or Biregional) Gatherings

