

Decision -/CP.29

Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.21, 2/CP.23, 2/CP.24 and 16/CP.26,

Also recalling the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,

Acknowledging the role and contributions of Indigenous Peoples and of local communities in nature stewardship and climate leadership, as well as the disproportionate effects of climate change on Indigenous Peoples and on local communities,

Also acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind and that Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, the right to health, the rights of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations, and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity,

Noting the importance of ensuring the integrity of all ecosystems, including oceans, and the protection of biodiversity, recognized by some cultures as Mother Earth, and *also noting* the importance for some of the concept of ‘climate justice’, when taking action to address climate change,

Recognizing that the knowledge systems of Indigenous Peoples are diverse and an integral part of their identities, values, spiritualities and worldviews, and that local knowledge and value systems are also diverse and dependent on the contexts of local communities,

Recalling decision 1/CMA.5, whereby, inter alia, it was reaffirmed that sustainable and just solutions to the climate crisis must be founded on meaningful and effective social dialogue and participation of all stakeholders, including Indigenous Peoples, and local communities, and noted that the global transition to low emissions and climate-resilient development provides opportunities and challenges for sustainable development and poverty eradication, and the implementation of integrated, multi-sectoral solutions, building on the best available science as well as Indigenous Peoples’ knowledge and local knowledge systems was encouraged, and the role of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform in strengthening the capacity of Indigenous Peoples and of local communities to effectively engage in the intergovernmental process under the Paris Agreement was recognized,

1. *Welcomes* the progress of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform in facilitating implementation of the functions of the Platform;¹
2. *Also welcomes* the report of the Facilitative Working Group,² including the draft workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform for 2025–2027 contained therein;
3. *Decides* to continue the mandate of the Facilitative Working Group;
4. *Notes with appreciation* the financial support provided, including by the Governments of Australia, Canada, Finland and Norway, for implementing the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;

¹ See decision 2/CP.23, para. 6.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2024/1.

5. *Expresses appreciation* to the Government of Chad for hosting the biregional gathering for the Asia and Africa regions and to the Governments of Australia and Norway for hosting the regional gatherings for the Pacific and Arctic regions respectively under the workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform for 2022–2024;
6. *Recognizes* the important role of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and its Facilitative Working Group 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;
7. *Notes* the challenges and recommendations outlined in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above in relation to facilitating the enhanced engagement of Indigenous Peoples and of local communities under the Convention and the Paris Agreement;
8. *Encourages* Parties, Indigenous Peoples as well as local communities to actively engage under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, including by engaging in the meetings of the Facilitative Working Group;
9. *Requests* the secretariat to explore ways to enable members of the Facilitative Working Group, especially members serving as representatives of Indigenous Peoples organizations, to participate in sessions of the subsidiary bodies and the Conference of the Parties when performing specific tasks in their capacity as members of the Facilitative Working Group;
10. *Also requests* the secretariat to explore possible arrangements for simultaneous interpretation in the official languages of the United Nations that correspond to the actual language requirements of the members and contributors present at meetings of the Facilitative Working Group and in mandated events under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and to explore and inform the Facilitative Working Group 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;
11. *Invites* Parties that wish to do so to provide simultaneous interpretation into languages other than the official languages of the United Nations at meetings of the Facilitative Working Group and mandated events under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and *requests* the secretariat, where possible, to make any necessary arrangements for accommodating such additional simultaneous interpretation;
12. *Recognizes* the importance of institutional knowledge and continuity in the efforts of the Facilitative Working Group to further operationalize the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and facilitate implementation of the functions of the Platform;
13. *Decides* 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;
14. *Invites* the Facilitative Working Group to decide which Party representatives and which representatives from Indigenous Peoples organizations shall serve for a term of two years, as referred to in paragraph 13 above, in a manner that ensures geographical and gender balance;
15. *Notes with appreciation* that activities and mandated events under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, as well as meetings of the Facilitative Working Group, remain open to and inclusive of local communities and a wide range of Platform contributors, *encourages* Parties and relevant constituted bodies, in particular the Facilitative Working Group, and representatives of workstreams under the Convention and the Paris Agreement to consider ways to further engage local communities and *invites* the incoming Presidency of the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2025) to convene in conjunction with that session a thematic workshop and relevant dialogues in line with the activities included in the workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;

16. *Also invites* Parties, relevant constituted bodies and representatives of work programmes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement and other stakeholders, including regional entities, to take into account the challenges and recommendations related to enhancing the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and of local communities under the Convention and the Paris Agreement as detailed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above;
17. *Requests* the Facilitative Working Group to report on the outcomes of its work, including the activities under the workplan for 2025–2027, to consider and, as appropriate, propose recommendations relating to the scope and functions of the Platform and to prepare a draft workplan for the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform for 2028–2031 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirty-second session (November 2027) through the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its sixty-sixth session (June 2027);
18. *Decides* that the next review of the Facilitative Working Group will take place in 2027 and *requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to conduct the review at its sixty-sixth session with a view to the Conference of the Parties adopting a decision thereon at its thirty-second session;
19. *Invites* Parties, Indigenous Peoples, local communities and stakeholders to submit via the submission portal³ by 30 September 2026 views on activities and thematic focuses for the workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform for 2028–2031 for consideration by the Facilitative Working Group at its 16th meeting, to be held in 2026, and to submit via the submission portal by 1 November 2026 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;
20. *Encourages* Parties, relevant constituted bodies and representatives of work programmes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement and other stakeholders to actively collaborate with the Facilitative Working Group;
21. *Invites* interested Parties and organizations to provide financial support for the implementation of the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;
22. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to support and facilitate the work of the Facilitative Working Group;
23. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 2, 10 and 11 above;
24. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

³ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.