

LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PLATFORM

A trusted and inclusive space for indigenous peoples and local communities to work with Parties towards a climate-resilient world for all.

Concept note: LCIPP workplan activity 7

Climate change policies and actions: Mapping existing policies and practices for participation

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1. Introduction

As part of the two-year workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP), the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) is tasked with leading a mapping exercise of existing policies and practices for the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in climate change related bodies and processes under and outside the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

This activity falls under the LCIPP's function of "Climate change policies and actions" whereby the platform facilitates 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 also facilitates 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 (decision 2/CP.23).

There are already several existing mandates under and outside of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and/or local communities' participation in international climate action including, *inter alia*, in relation to climate-related funding under the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). In addition, there are likely opportunities for increased participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in other climate change-related bodies and processes under and outside of the Convention.

The establishment of the LCIPP at COP 21 and the welcoming of the workplan of the platform by SBSTA 51 in Madrid builds upon the incremental progress towards greater engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities in the UNFCCC process. There is still progress that needs to be made to ensure their participation and engagement, including at the national level in climate change discourse/policies and programmes that impact their lives. Many activities in the LCIPP work plan can lead to incremental progress in this regard, as per the incremental approach mandated of the platform. Such progress can support the engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities at different levels.

2. Objectives

The purpose of this mapping exercise is to identify existing mandates, policies, and practices with respect to the participation, consideration, and respectful engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities in climate change related bodies and processes across and outside the Convention. Upon completion of this exercise, the FWG should be able to:

- 1) Identify and summarize existing mandates, policies, and practices that provide for the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in climate change related bodies and processes under and outside the Convention.
- 2) Identify opportunities for increased collaboration between the FWG and other climate change related bodies and processes under and outside the Convention.
- 3) Summarize and identify any gaps in mandates, policies, and practices concerning the engagement and participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in international climate change-related efforts.
- 4) Identify good practices and make recommendations as part of Activity 6 on mandates, policies, and practices to increase the respectful engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities in the Convention and other climate change related processes; and make recommendations on how traditional knowledge and cultural practices of indigenous peoples and local communities can be part of the solution to climate change.

Approach/methodologies for planning and implementing this activity.

- Reach out to the Centre for International Environmental Law (CIEL) which, together with the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC), has already completed a [compilation exercise](#) of existing mandates within the Convention (support objective 1 and objective 4). CIEL can support the FWG and secretariat in its work towards the further mapping. This is in line with the agreed workplan, where CIEL was specified as a potential partner.
- Explore which other organizations may be working on related mappings/activities.
- The secretariat, in line with paragraph 30 of decision 2/CP.24, has launched the call for submissions and draft the technical paper, under the guidance of the FWG Co-Chairs, and with input from the co-leads of this activity.
- Any submissions that are received for Activity 10, prior to FWG 3, can also feed in to this informal compilation table (“Call for Parties, indigenous peoples, local communities and others to report annually, through submissions, on the implementation of good practices for indigenous peoples’ and local communities’ participation in national climate policy”).
- Review and analyze the work of relevant bodies and processes under the Convention.

4. Deliverables and Results

- An open call for submissions seeking: “Views from Parties, indigenous peoples organizations, observers and other stakeholders on existing policies and practices for participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in climate change-related bodies and processes under and outside of the Convention.”
- Compile the responses in an informal table, to inform members at FWG 3.
- A review and analysis of indigenous peoples and local communities’ participation in relevant bodies and processes under the Convention.
- Map the responses in a technical paper
 - Draft a technical paper mapping out existing mandates, policies, good practices opportunities and gaps (to support objectives 1-4).

5. Timeline and milestones

Please note: Activity 7 is mandated for FWG 3 and FWG 4 in 2020. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, the dates of these meetings were affected, and so the timeline for the deliverables must also remain flexible.

Month	Deliverable
February 2020	Finalize concept note
March 2020	Outreach to CIEL Launch the call for submissions FWG member outreach to networks to promote call for submissions
April – September 2020	Explore if other organizations are working on the theme of this activity Receive submissions
October 2020	Produce informal compilation table to highlight submissions received, to inform the discussion at FWG 3. This can be presented to the members during the meeting.
November- December 2020	Begin analysis of bodies and processes under the Convention.
January 2021	Prepare an outline for the technical paper
April 2021	Prepare a set of draft recommendations, feeding into the recommendations to be developed under activity 6
May/June 2021	Draft the technical paper, taking into account the FWG 3 and FWG 4 discussion Publish the draft technical paper online FWG considers the draft technical paper at FWG 5 Technical paper finalized

6. Partners

Indigenous peoples organizations; the Center for International Environmental Law; other relevant bodies under and outside the Convention.

7. Linkages with other activities

This activity is linked to the other activities under the function of “Climate change policies and actions”. Activity 10 submissions can also feed in to this activity, as mentioned above.

Furthermore, once published, this technical paper can feed directly into the recommendations to be developed under Activity 6: “Develop recommendations for consideration at SBSTA 54 on the engagement and input of indigenous peoples and local communities across the UNFCCC process”.

Since this mapping will also take into account participation in climate-related funding processes, this activity is also linked to the mapping under activity 11: “Map and report on existing funding within the United Nations system, and identify additional funding opportunities for the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities from all regions related to climate change”.