

Information Note on the Process to Appoint the Representatives of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

This information note serves to inform relevant Parties and Indigenous Peoples organizations (IPOs) about the appointment process of the next cohort of the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the LCIPP

The FWG was established in 2018 under COP Decision 2/CP.24, to further operationalize the LCIPP and facilitate the implementation of the Platform's functions.

The FWG is a unique body under the UNFCCC process, demonstrated amongst other things by the fact that it is the only constituted body co-chaired by a representative from the Parties and one from the Indigenous Peoples organizations (IPOs), and comprising of equal number of Party and IPO representatives. It operates based on consensus.

To enhance the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the UNFCCC process, the FWG serves as an effective gateway to advance the meaningful participation and contribution of Indigenous Peoples and local communities to take on leadership roles in thematic expert groups, advisory groups and working groups under the UNFCCC process, including various expert and advisory groups in other constituted bodies.

The Mandate (from COP Decision 2/CP.24)

3. Decides that the Facilitative Working Group shall comprise 14 representatives, as follows:
 - a. One representative of a Party from each of the five United Nations regional groups;
 - b. One representative of a Party from a small island developing State;
 - c. One representative of a least developed country Party;
 - d. Seven representatives from Indigenous Peoples organizations, one from each of the seven United Nations Indigenous sociocultural regions;
5. Decides that Party representatives shall be appointed by their respective regional groups and constituencies, and that the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice shall be notified of these appointments;
6. Also decides that Indigenous Peoples representatives shall be appointed by the Indigenous Peoples, through their focal points, and that the Chair of the Subsidiary Body of Scientific Technological Advice shall be notified of these appointments;
7. Further decides that, along with each representative, one alternate may be designated, in accordance with the appointment process referred to in paragraphs 3–6 above; the alternate representative will participate in meetings when the representative is unable to attend, and will replace the representative for the remainder of the term if the representative cannot complete the functions of the assigned office;
14. Stresses the importance of striving for gender balance in the appointment processes of representatives in accordance with decisions 36/CP.7, 23/CP.18 and 3/CP.23;



The process to appoint the Representatives of the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) in 2024

