INFORMATION NOTE

Process to Appoint the Six Representatives of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform in line with COP decisions 2/CP.24 and 14/CP.29

This information note serves to inform relevant Parties and Indigenous Peoples organisations (IPOs) about the process for appointing six FWG members in line with COP decision 14/CP.29

> *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;*
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> *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;*
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> *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;*

At its 15th meeting, held from 2 to 5 June 2026, the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform decided on the following arrangements to support staggered membership and continuity, in accordance with decision 14/CP.29, paragraphs 12–14:

Three representatives from Indigenous Peoples organizations
(for the two-year term, beginning June 2025 and ending June 2027)

- ❑ The representatives of Indigenous Peoples organizations from the United Nations Indigenous sociocultural regions of Asia, North America and the Pacific would each serve two-year terms.

Three Party representatives
(for the two-year term, beginning June 2025 and ending June 2027)

- ❑ Western European and Others Group (WEOG)
- ❑ Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC) -- The FWG also recognized GRULAC's decision to rotate its representative annually during the period from June 2025 to June 2028. It acknowledged that this arrangement contributes to staggered membership.
- ❑ Small Island Developing States (SIDS) -- The FWG further agreed to identify one additional Party representative to serve a two-year term at FWG 16. In a communication dated 8 June 2026, the SIDS representative confirmed acceptance of a two-year term from June 2025 to June 2027, which the FWG will formally endorse at its 16th meeting.

Appointments for 2027 to be noted by COP 31

The following FWG positions are open for appointment for a term beginning at FWG 17 (June 2027) and ending on the first day of FWG 23 (June 2030), or until their successors have been appointed

1. Party – WEOG
2. Party – GRULAC (The region's annual rotation arrangement will be applied for 2027-2028. For the remaining period, the regional group is requested to inform the UNFCCC Elections Team of its representative)
3. Party – SIDS (the representative has confirmed acceptance of a 2-year term, subject to formal endorsement at FWG 16)
4. IPO – Asia
5. IPO -- North America
6. IPO -- The Pacific

Each appointing group is encouraged to designate an alternate alongside its representative, in accordance with decision 2/CP.24, paragraph 7, and to strive for gender balance.

The process for appointing the Representatives of the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP), in accordance with decisions 2/CP.24 and 14/CP.29

Party Representatives from WEOG, GRULAC and SIDS

(along with each representative, one alternate may be designated from each of these regions/constituencies)

1. UNFCCC issues the document entitled "Notification of Candidates for Appointment and Election in 2026" covering all Constituted Bodies
   Check: *https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/election-and-membership*

2. The Chairs and Coordinators of groups and constituencies conduct their selection process with the Parties in their relevant regional groups/constituencies
   For more information, please refer to the Contact Information of the Chairs and Coordinators of Regional Groups and Constituencies available on the UNFCCC Election and Membership page: *https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/election-and-membership*

3. The Chairs and Coordinators of groups and constituencies transmit the names of the appointed Party representatives in the FWG to the UNFCCC Elections team
   (Deadline: 15 November 2026)
   For more information, please reach out to: *Elections@unfccc.int*

Representatives from Indigenous Peoples organizations from Asia, North America and the Pacific

(along with each representative, one alternate may be designated from each of these regions)

1. UNFCCC issues the document entitled "Appointment of representatives to the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP)"
   Check: *https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/election-and-membership*

2. The IPOs from the three UN Indigenous sociocultural regions conduct their selection process in accordance with their own procedures
   For more information, please refer to the Contact Information of the IPO Constituency Focal Points: *https://unfccc.int/documents/228031*

3A. The IPOs from the three UN Indigenous sociocultural regions will inform the UNFCCC IPO Constituency focal points of their selected representatives in the FWG

3B. The IPO Constituency focal points will transmit the names of the appointed IPO representatives in the FWG to the UNFCCC Elections team

(Deadline: 15 November 2026)
For more information, please reach out to: *Elections@unfccc.int*

4. The UNFCCC Elections team will process the appointments received and publish the list on the UNFCCC Election and Membership page

5. The final list of appointments is sent to the Presidency team

6. The President will invite the COP to take note of the appointments to the FWG
   (During COP 31 Plenary Session)

7. The UNFCCC Elections team will update its membership records to include the new FWG representatives and will inform the LCIPP team

8. The UNFCCC LCIPP team will notify the SBSTA Chair of all the appointments to the FWG

First official meeting of the FWG following the implementation of the staggered membership modality from COP decision 14/CP.29 -- FWG 17 in May/June 2027 (SB 66)