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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,

Welcoming the shift in the narrative around Indigenous Peoples and local communities from vulnerability to nature stewardship and climate leadership,

Emphasizing that Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights and the rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as the interests of local communities,

Also emphasizing the importance of regenerating the integrity, connectivity and resilience of all ecosystems, recognized by some cultures as Mother Earth, for the long-term well-being of all,

1. *Welcomes* the progress of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform in facilitating the implementation of the functions of the Platform,¹ noting opportunities to further facilitate the integration of diverse cultural values and knowledge systems in national efforts towards achieving nationally determined contributions;
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;
5. *Expresses appreciation* to Chad for hosting the biregional gathering for the Asia and Africa regions and to 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. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement to decide that the Facilitative Working Group shall also serve the Paris Agreement;
8. *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 local communities in the UNFCCC process;
9. *Encourages* Parties, Indigenous Peoples and local communities to actively engage in the work of the Facilitative Working Group, including in its meetings;

¹ See decision 2/CP.23, para. 6.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2024/1.

10. *Invites* the secretariat to explore ways to provide accreditation for 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;
11. *Requests* the secretariat to make arrangements for simultaneous interpretation in the official languages of the United Nations that correspond to the actual language requirements of the members present at meetings of the Facilitative Working Group and in mandated events under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;
12. *Invites* Parties that wish to do so to provide simultaneous interpretation to an appropriate standard into a language other than an official language of the United Nations during 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 in order to accommodate such additional simultaneous interpretation;
13. *Recalls* the relevant provisions of decisions 1/CMA.5 and 2/CMA.5, reaffirming 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 taking into account the best available science and the worldviews and values of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems.
14. *Requests* the Facilitative Working Group to undertake capacity-building activities under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform aimed at enhancing the understanding of Parties, the constituted bodies and other stakeholders of the values and worldviews of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems, and facilitating achievement of the targets set out in paragraph 9 of decision 2/CMA.5;
15. *Recognizes* the importance of institutional knowledge and continuity in the efforts of the Facilitative Working Group to further operationalize the Platform and facilitate the implementation of the three functions of the Platform;
16. *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 four years instead of three years, after which time representatives shall serve for a term of three years in accordance with decision 2/CP.24;
17. *Invites* the Facilitative Working Group to decide which Party representatives and which representatives of Indigenous Peoples organizations shall serve for a term of four years in a manner that ensures geographical and gender balance;
18. *Recognizes* the importance of enhancing the participation and representation of local communities, in addition to Indigenous Peoples, in activities under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;
19. *Requests* the Facilitative Working Group to promote the active participation of local communities in developing activities under the draft workplan referred to in paragraph 2 above and implementing the activities after the workplan is adopted, and *invites* the incoming Presidency of COP 30 to convene a thematic workshop in conjunction with the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2025), focusing on identifying ways to enhance the representation of local communities in the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and in the UNFCCC process;
20. *Decides* the next review of the Facilitative Working Group will take place in 2027, with a view to the Conference of the Parties adopting a decision on the review at its thirty-second session (2027);
21. *Also invites* Parties, UNFCCC constituted bodies, representatives of work programmes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement and other stakeholders to take into account the challenges and recommendations related to enhancing the engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the UNFCCC process, as detailed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above;

22. *Also requests* the Facilitative Working Group to report on its outcomes, including the activities under the workplan for 2025–2027, and draft the workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform for 2028–2031, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirty-second session (2027) through the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its sixty-sixtieth session (May/June 2027);
23. *Invites* Parties, Indigenous Peoples, local communities and other stakeholders to make submissions on recommended activities and thematic focuses for the workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform for 2028–2031, for consideration by the 16th meeting of the Facilitative Working Group in 2026, and also submit views via the UNFCCC submission portal on the impact of the work under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform by November 2026, with these views serving as input to the review of the Facilitative Working Group in 2027;
24. *Encourages* Parties, constituted bodies, representatives of work programmes under the Convention and the Paris Agreement and other stakeholders to actively collaborate with the Facilitative Working Group;
25. *Recognizes* the diversity of Indigenous Peoples and their knowledge systems that cannot be separated from identity, values, spirituality and worldviews, and the diversity of local communities and local knowledge;
26. *Invites* interested Parties and organizations to provide financial support for the implementation of the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;
27. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to support and facilitate the work of the Facilitative Working Group;
28. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraphs 2, 11, 12 and 14 above;
29. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.
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