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MESSAGE TO PARTIES AND ADMITTED OBSERVERS

Appointment of representatives to the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

I refer to my [Message to Parties and observer States dated 30 April 2024](#), in which I invited nominations of candidates for positions open for appointment or election during the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 29), the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 19), and the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 6), as well as the Subsidiary Bodies sessions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to be held in 2024.

Further to this message, I am pleased to invite Parties through their chairs and coordinators of their United Nations regional groups and constituencies, and Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPOs) from the seven United Nations Indigenous sociocultural regions, through their UNFCCC IPO constituency focal points, to appoint representatives to the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) in accordance with decision 2/CP.24.

Attached to this message is an information note to Parties and IPOs on the appointment process of the next cohort of the FWG. Chairs and coordinators of United Nations regional groups and constituencies are encouraged to transmit the names of their appointed representatives to the UNFCCC Elections team as early as possible, and no later than **Saturday, 16 November 2024 at 8 p.m., Azerbaijan Standard Time**.

Additionally, the IPOs from the seven UN Indigenous sociocultural regions are encouraged to transmit the names of their appointed representatives to their UNFCCC IPO constituency focal points as early as possible. UNFCCC IPO constituency focal points are requested to transmit the names of the appointed IPO representatives to the UNFCCC Elections team no later than **Saturday, 16 November 2024 at 8 p.m., Azerbaijan Standard Time**.

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Chairs and coordinators of United Nations regional groups and constituencies, and UNFCCC IPO constituency focal points are also invited to recall paragraph 14 of decision 2/CP.24, where the Conference of the Parties stressed 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.

For any questions or further information on the appointment process of representatives to the FWG, please contact the secretariat at: lcipp@unfccc.int.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Stiell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Simon Stiell

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

Representative of a Party from each of the five United Nations regional groups, from a small island developing State and from a least developed country (along with each representative, one alternate may be designated from each of these regions/constituencies)

Representative from Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPOs), one from each of the seven United Nations Indigenous sociocultural regions (along with each representative, one alternate may be designated from each of these regions)

1 UNFCCC issues the document entitled "Notification of Candidates for Appointment and Election in 2024" 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: 16 November 2024)
For more information, please reach out to: unfccc elections@unfccc.int

1 UNFCCC issues the document entitled "Message to Parties and Admitted Observers: Appointment of representatives to the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform"

Check: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/election-and-membership>

2 The IPOs from the seven 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 seven 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: 16 November 2024)
For more information, please reach out to: unfccc 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 29 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 New Cohort:
FWG 13 in May/June 2025 (SB 62)

