

# Marking a Decade of Progress

## From Inclusivity to Meaningful Engagement

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# LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PLATFORM

COP 21 established the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) for the exchange of experiences and sharing of best practices on mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner.

*(Decision 1/CP.21)*





# Functions

(Decision 2/CP.23, para 6)

## KNOWLEDGE

Promote the exchange of experience and best practices to apply, strengthen, protect and preserve traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems to address and respond to climate change, taking into account free, prior and informed consent

## CAPACITY FOR ENGAGEMENT

Build capacity of Indigenous Peoples and local communities to engage in the UNFCCC process and capacity of Parties to engage with the platform and with indigenous peoples and local communities

## CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES AND ACTIONS

Facilitate the integration of knowledge systems, practices and innovations in designing and implementing international and national actions, programmes and policies

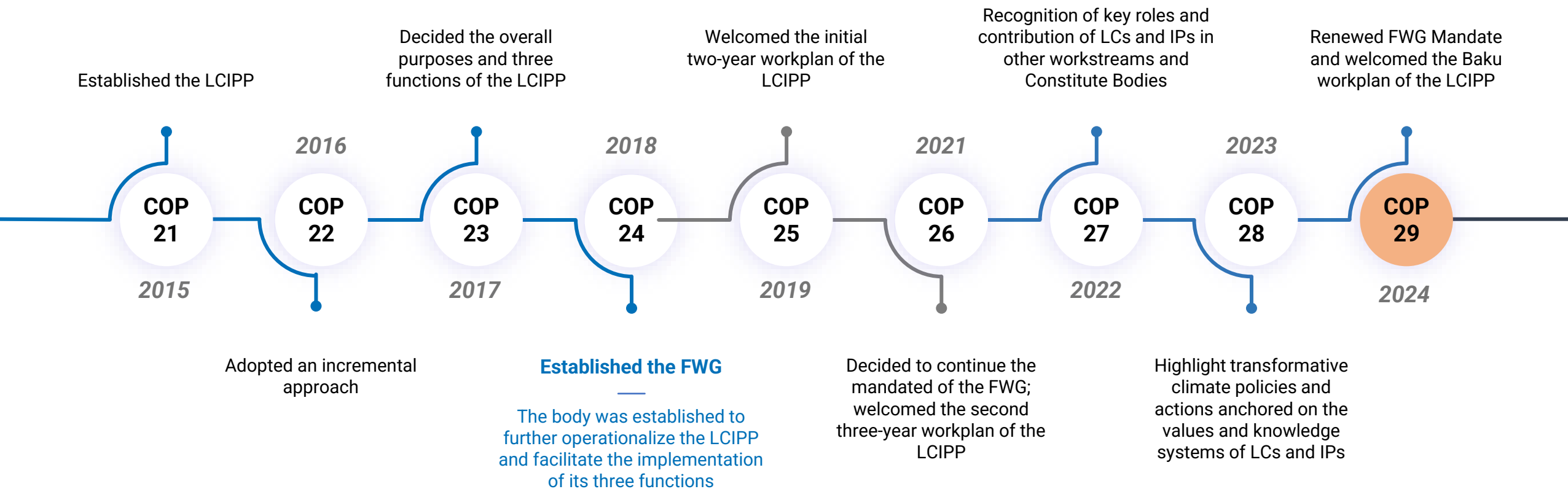


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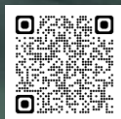
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# COP 29 Outcome #1: **Renewed Mandate for the Facilitative Working Group**



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# Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP

FWG

**COP 24 established the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) Facilitative Working Group (FWG) and affirmed that the FWG shall further operationalize the LCIPP and facilitate the implementation of its functions.**





# Facilitative Working Group (FWG)

Unique Feature: Co-Chairs from Party and IPO Representatives

The FWG facilitates the implementation of the LCIPP's three functions



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One Party representative from each of the five UN regional groups

1

One SIDS Party representative

1

One LDC Party representative

7

One representative from each of the seven UN indigenous sociocultural regions

*(Decision 2/CP.24, para 3)*

# FWG Vision and Strategy Statement

## Vision

FWG, in implementing the three functions of the Platform, strives to elevate the **leadership role** of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the **collective effort** toward **transformative climate policies and actions** by:

- ✓ upholding a **rights-based approach**
- ✓ ethically and equitably engaging **Indigenous values and worldviews**, (such as stewardship of and living in harmony with Mother Earth to ensure its enduring integrity for all life forms today and in the future), and **perspectives from local communities**
- ✓ fostering **full and effective participation** of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in achieving the objectives of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement.





# FWG Members

## Party Representatives



**Walter Gutierrez**

**Co-Chair**

Latin America and the Caribbean  
(GRULAC)



**Natasha Banda Museba**

Africa



**Maheshwar Dhakal**

Asia-Pacific



**Emily Vallee Watt**

Western Europe and Others group  
(WEOG)



**Agrafena Kotova**

**Vice Co-Chair**

Eastern Europe



**Cozier Frederick**

Small Island Developing States  
(SIDS)



**Radha Wagle**

Least Developed Countries  
(LDCs)

# FWG Members

## Representatives from the UN Indigenous Sociocultural Regions



**Onel Masardule**

Central and South America, and  
the Caribbean



**Edna Kaptoyo**

Africa



**Cathryn Eatock**

**Co-Chair**

The Pacific



**Graeme Reed**

**Vice Co-Chair**

North America



**Daria Egereva**

Central and Eastern Europe, Russian  
Federation, Central Asia and  
Transcaucasia



**Grace Balawag**

Asia



**Gunn-Britt Retter**

The Arctic





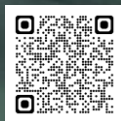
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# COP 29 Outcome #2: **Noted Appointments of Representatives to the FWG**



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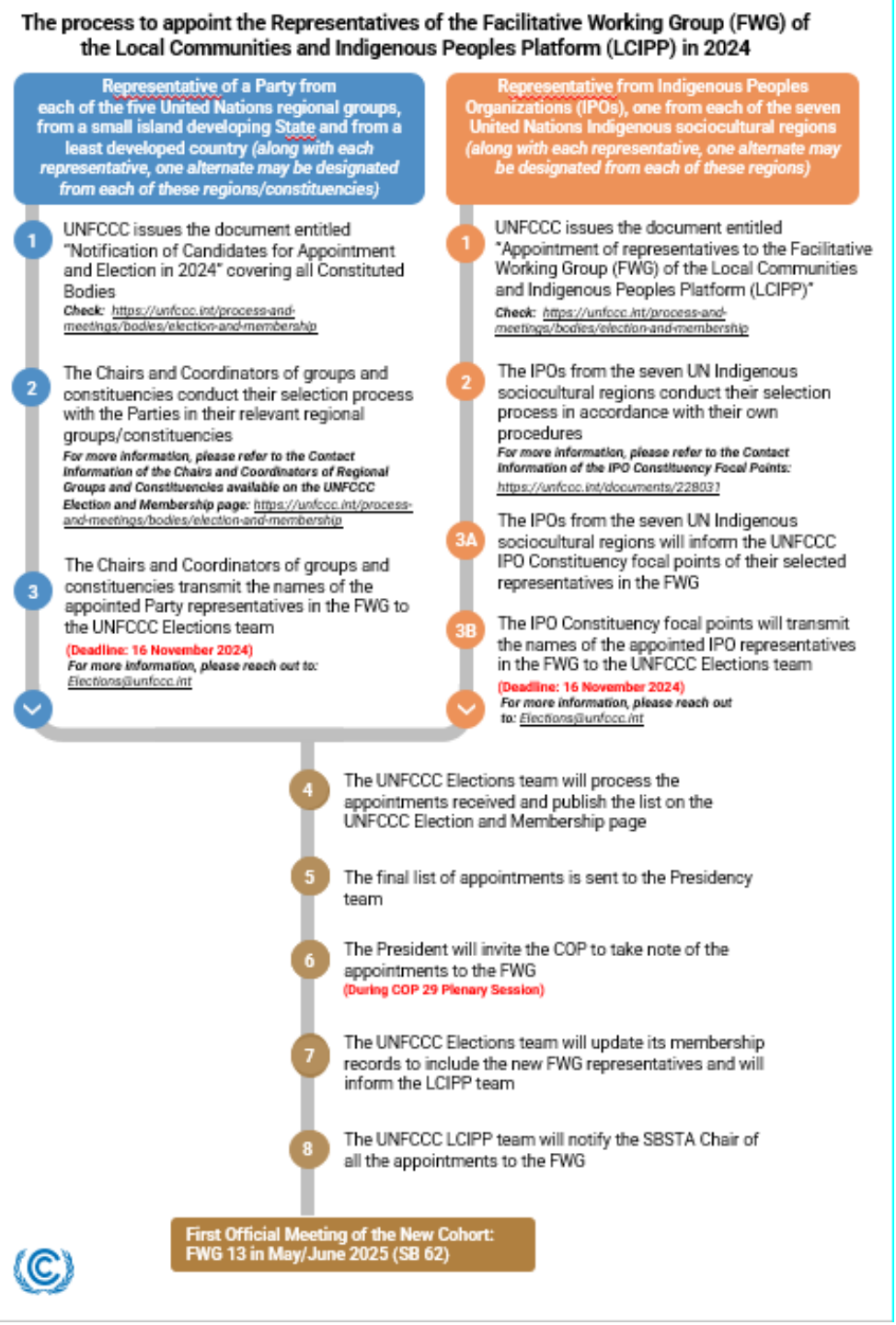
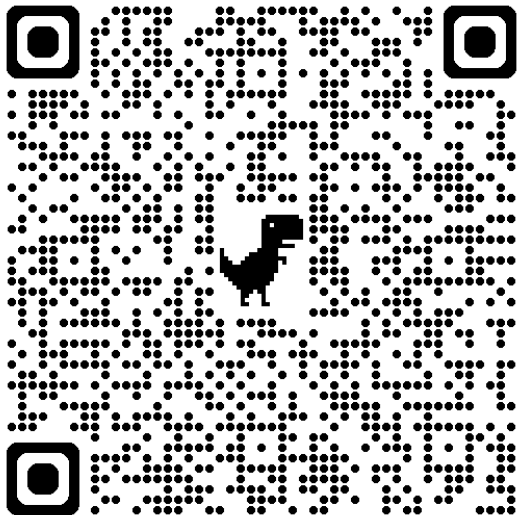


*Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform*



# Appointment of representatives to the FWG

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



# Incoming Appointed FWG Members *(start: June 2025)*

## Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (FWG LCIPP)

Representative	Mr. Rafik Aini (Tunisia)	Africa
Alternate	Ms. Rokiatou Traore (Mali)	Africa
Representative	Ms. Azamsadat Mostafavi (Iran (Islamic Republic of))	Asia-Pacific
Alternate		Asia-Pacific
Representative		Eastern Europe
Alternate		Eastern Europe
Representative	Ms. Lena Estrada (Colombia) <sup>6</sup>	GRULAC
Alternate	Ms. Berioska Quispe (Perú) <sup>7</sup>	GRULAC
Representative	Mr. Birrin Hooper (Australia)	WEOG
Alternate	Mr. Ian Parker (United States of America)	WEOG
Representative	Mr. Cozier Frederick (Dominica)	SIDS
Alternate	Mr. Ian Fry (Tuvalu)	SIDS
Representative		LDCs
Alternate	Mr. Benjamin Karmorh (Liberia)	LDCs
Representative	Ms. Aehshatou Manu	UN Indigenous sociocultural region: Africa
Alternate	Mr. Job Morris	UN Indigenous sociocultural region: Africa
Representative	Ms. Lisa Koperqualuk	UN Indigenous sociocultural region: The Arctic
Alternate	Ms. Victoria Buschman	UN Indigenous sociocultural region: The Arctic
Representative	Mr. Kittisak Rattanakrajangsri	UN Indigenous sociocultural region: Asia
Alternate	Ms. Helen Magata	UN Indigenous sociocultural region: Asia
Representative	Mr. Ricardo Campos Quezada	UN Indigenous sociocultural region: Central and South America and the Caribbean
Alternate	Ms. Maria Eugenia Choque Quispe	UN Indigenous sociocultural region: Central and South America and the Caribbean
Representative	Mr. Viacheslav Shadrin (Yukagir people, Republic of Sakha (Yakutia))	UN Indigenous sociocultural region: Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia
Alternate	Ms. Olga Kostrova (Chulym people, Tomsk Region)	UN Indigenous sociocultural region: Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia
Representative	Ms. Janene Yazzie	UN Indigenous sociocultural region: North America
Alternate	Ms. Priscilla Settee	UN Indigenous sociocultural region: North America
Representative	Mr. Robert Karoro	UN Indigenous sociocultural region: The Pacific
Alternate	Ms. Cressida Kuala	UN Indigenous sociocultural region: The Pacific

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# COP 29 Outcome #3: Welcomed the 2025-27 LCIPP Workplan and Named It After the Host City – Baku



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## COP29 Adopts Baku Workplan to Elevate Voices of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Climate Action

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# Baku Workplan of the LCIPP



*Engaging and exchanging  
(activities)*



*Elevating  
(deliverables)*



*Weaving together (outcomes)*

Collective approach 1: Gathering of Knowledge Holders

Collective approach 2: Regional Engagement

Collective approach 3: Seventh-generation Round Table

Collective approach 4: Collaboration with Constituted Bodies and under Workstreams of the UNFCCC

Collective approach 5: Enhanced Engagement with Parties

Collective approach 6: Overall Strategic Planning



# Baku Workplan of the LCIPP



Engaging and exchanging (activities)



Elevating (deliverables)



Weaving together (outcomes)

## Collective approach 1: gathering of knowledge holders

1.1 **Convene an annual gathering of knowledge holders** to share experience, worldviews, stories and practices related to climate action.

1.2 **Hold an annual dialogue** for Indigenous Peoples, local communities, Parties, constituted bodies and other LCIPP contributors focusing on integrating diverse knowledge systems and values to strengthen the collective response to climate change and restore the integrity of nature. (The outcomes from activity 1.1 will be presented in the dialogue.)

1.3 **Conduct informal contributors briefing** to build the capacity of Indigenous Peoples and local community representatives to engage in the sessions of the COP.

1.4 **Produce a summary report** documenting the discussions at the annual gathering and the annual dialogue, including recommendations and opportunities for further engagement.

1.5 **Compile case stories in diverse formats** to feed into the work of relevant constituted bodies and work under relevant UNFCCC workstreams, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates.

1.6 **Integrate recommendations and concrete examples** (from deliverables into relevant work of key constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams, in line with the annual theme selected by the FWG.

Shift global climate change discussions under the UNFCCC process to **incorporate the values, worldviews, intergenerational wisdom and knowledge** of Indigenous Peoples and knowledge of local communities, thus fostering a profound connection with nature.

Enhance global climate action by **elevating the recommendations, practical examples and insights** of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, emphasizing their climate leadership and nature stewardship.

# Baku Workplan of the LCIPP



Engaging and exchanging (activities) ➡

Elevating (deliverables) ➡

Weaving together (outcomes)

## Collective approach 2: regional engagement

<p>2.1 <b>Convene at least two regional (or biregional) gatherings per year</b>, organized for and in a different United Nations Indigenous sociocultural region or United Nations region, with the direct involvement of elders, practitioners, knowledge holders, women and youth from each region in the planning and implementation of these gatherings, relevant to the annual theme selected by the FWG.</p> <p>2.2 <b>Hold a regional dialogue</b> for Indigenous Peoples, local communities, Parties, constituted bodies, regional IPOs and other LCIPP contributors focusing on integrating diverse knowledge systems, values and practices into regional efforts to address climate change. (The outcomes from activity 2.1 will be presented in this dialogue.)</p> <p>2.3 <b>Participate in and/or contribute to at least one existing regional-level engagement</b> activity per year (e.g. NAP Expo).</p>	<p>2.4 <b>Produce summary reports</b> documenting the discussions at the regional (or biregional) gatherings and the regional dialogue, including recommendations and opportunities for further engagement.</p> <p>2.5 <b>Compile case stories in diverse formats</b> that feed into the work of relevant constituted bodies and work under UNFCCC workstreams, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates.</p> <p>2.6 <b>Integrate recommendations and concrete examples</b> (from deliverables 2.4–2.5), into relevant work of key constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams, in line with the annual theme selected by the FWG.</p>	<p><b>Amplify the engagement</b> of all Indigenous Peoples and local communities from the regions in the UNFCCC process to support the repositioning of regional climate narratives in line with the FWG vision and strategy</p>
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# Baku Workplan of the LCIPP



Engaging and exchanging (activities) ➡

Elevating (deliverables) ➡

Weaving together (outcomes)

## Collective approach 3: Seventh-generation round table

<p>3.1 <b>Conduct an annual round table based on and guided by the seventh- generation principle</b> to promote intergenerational dialogue and to highlight the role of Indigenous youth and youth from local communities in the collective well-being of future generations</p> <p>3.2 <b>Convene a virtual online meeting</b> for Indigenous youth and youth from local communities to ensure the agenda and discussions for the seventh-generation round table represent each of the United Nations Indigenous sociocultural regions and to build the capacity of youth to effectively engage during the sessions of the COP.</p> <p>3.3 <b>Hold an annual dialogue</b> for Indigenous Peoples, local communities, Parties, constituted bodies and other LCIPP contributors focusing on intergenerational knowledge exchange to integrate diverse knowledge systems and values into climate policies and actions while ensuring the wellbeing of present and future generations. (Outcomes from activity 3.1 will be presented at this dialogue.)</p>	<p>3.4 <b>Produce a summary report</b> documenting the discussions at the seventh generation round table and the annual dialogue that includes recommendations and opportunities for further engagement</p> <p>3.5 <b>Share recommendations</b> on approaches to ensuring the well-being of current and future generations with relevant constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams</p> <p>3.6 <b>Compile case stories</b> in diverse formats to feed into the work of relevant constituted bodies and work under relevant UNFCCC workstreams, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates.</p>	<p><b>Uplift the voices of Indigenous youth and youth from local communities in the UNFCCC process</b>, thus supporting intergenerational and global commitments to address climate change and restore the integrity of nature.</p>
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# Baku Workplan of the LCIPP



Engaging and exchanging (activities)



Elevating (deliverables)



Weaving together (outcomes)

## Collective approach 4: collaboration with constituted bodies and under workstreams of the UNFCCC

**4.1 Enhance the ethical and equitable engagement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities** in the meetings and forums and in the development of technical documents of relevant constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates, towards achieving the objective of the Convention and the goals of the Paris Agreement.

**4.2 Provide written inputs**, drawing on the contribution of Indigenous Peoples and local communities participating in the FWG meetings and LCIPP activities, to the work of relevant constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates, including in response to calls for submission and in the context of the global stocktake, in a manner that respects and promotes the rights-based approach.

**4.3 Engage knowledge holders, in collaboration with the IPO constituency and local community representatives**, in the work of technical expert groups and working groups of the constituted bodies, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates.

Further enhance participatory processes for the development, implementation and communication of climate policies and actions in order to fully embrace diverse values and worldviews and enable their enrichment by a variety of knowledge systems.



# Baku Workplan of the LCIPP



Engaging and exchanging (activities) ➡

Elevating (deliverables) ➡

Weaving together (outcomes)

## Collective approach 5: enhanced engagement with Parties

- 5.1 **Conduct targeted outreach to and engage with national focal points**, including but not limited to national focal points to the UNFCCC, loss and damage contact points, adaptation contact points, national gender and climate change focal points and national Action for Climate Empowerment focal points.
- 5.2 **Hold an annual dialogue** for Indigenous Peoples, local communities and Parties to promote the ethical and equitable engagement of values and knowledge systems of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems in the design and implementation of NAPs, NDCs and national communications.

- 5.3 **Develop recommendations and guidance on best practices to ensure the ethical and equitable engagement, protection, and use of traditional knowledge, the knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems**, including through an ethics protocol to be created with the direct involvement of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and used at the gatherings of knowledge holders, regional (or biregional) gatherings, and seventh-generation round tables.
- 5.4 Enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the UNFCCC process, prioritizing direct participation, including of youth and women, in training sessions and workshops of relevant constituted bodies and UNFCCC workstreams, in order to facilitate their contribution to the process of formulating, implementing and communicating climate policies and actions.
- 5.5 **Develop a draft ethics protocol before the 15th meeting of the FWG** and enhance the participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the UNFCCC process throughout the year.

Foster national-level climate action planning and implementation, including the development of policies and programmes that increasingly reflect the values, worldviews, knowledge systems and priorities of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge.

# Baku Workplan of the LCIPP



Engaging and exchanging (activities)



Elevating (deliverables)



Weaving together (outcomes)

## Collective approach 6: overall strategic planning

6.1 **Convene an annual priority-setting meeting** at which the annual theme(s) for the year will be selected

6.2 Enhance the functionality of the LCIPP web portal through **regular updates and maintenance**.

6.3 **Update the outreach and dissemination plan**, originally created under the initial workplan, and priorities annually.

Strengthen the impact and effectiveness of collective approaches under the workplan, as well as the workplan as a whole, by fostering synergies among the activities as well as ensuring their alignment with key timelines and milestones both under and outside the UNFCCC process.





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# COP 29 Outcome #4: **Delivered on Mandated Events under the 2022-2024 LCIPP Workplan**



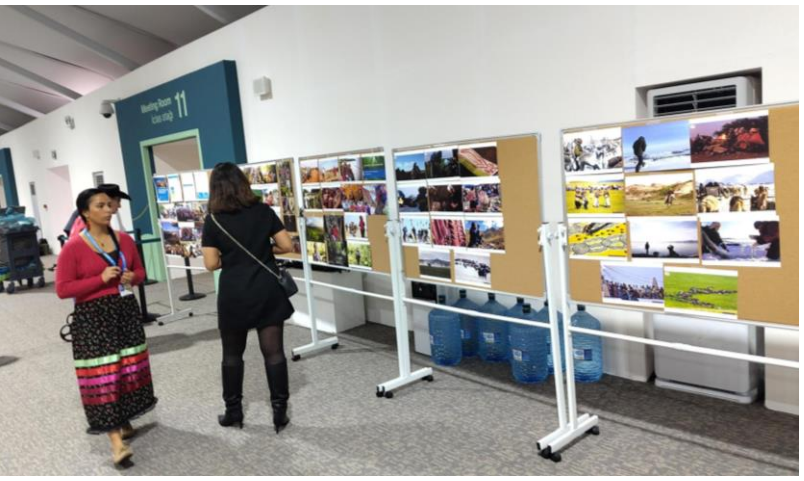
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# Mandated LCIPP Events at COP 29

25

## LCIPP Fourth Annual Gathering of Knowledge Holders

Indigenous Values, Knowledge, and Self-Determination: Foundations for Collective Resilience and Climate Action

## LCIPP Multistakeholder Dialogue

Weaving Diverse Worldviews and Wisdom to Holistically Address Climate Change

## LCIPP Annual Youth Round Table

Strengthening the contributions from the Indigenous youth and youth from local communities in climate policies and actions

## LCIPP Indigenous Curricula and Materials Round Table

Indigenous Curricula and Educational Materials for Transformational Climate Action





# Baku Climate Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples

*(a tradition that continues...)*



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# COP 29 Outcome #5: **Revisited the FWG Recommendations**



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# Recommendations of the FWG of the LCIPP on the engagement and input of Indigenous Peoples and local communities across the UNFCCC process

The Facilitative Working Group of the LCIPP through the diverse activities under the LCIPP workplan for 2020-2021 and 2022-2024 collated several recommendations.

The overall recommendations to SBSTA, Parties, relevant bodies and entities under and outside the Convention are summarized below:



- ➔ Transform the global approach to climate change by integrating diverse values, worldviews, and knowledge systems into the UNFCCC process, inspired by the inclusion of 'Mother Earth' in the Paris Agreement.<sup>1</sup>
- ➔ Uphold the principle of free, prior, and informed consent, as outlined in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, when engaging Indigenous knowledge systems.<sup>1,2</sup>
- ➔ Acknowledge that Indigenous knowledge is distinct from knowledge of local communities, encompassing identity, values, spirituality, and worldviews, and must be woven into climate policies to maintain its integrity.<sup>1</sup>
- ➔ Create a space for ethical and equitable dialogue on diverse knowledge systems and perspectives as part of collective climate action.<sup>1,2</sup>
- ➔ Shift the narrative from vulnerability to nature stewardship and climate leadership by recognizing the cultural values, practices, and knowledge systems cultivated over generations of sustainable interaction with nature.<sup>1</sup>
- ➔ Leverage the institutional arrangements of the LCIPP, including the FWG, to develop mechanisms and ethical protocols for the engagement of Indigenous knowledge systems.<sup>1,2</sup>
- ➔ Adopt a rights-based approach to addressing climate change, ensuring ethical and equitable application of Indigenous knowledge and values into climate policies.<sup>1,2</sup>

1. See report of FWG of the LCIPP here: <https://unfccc.int/documents/637480>
2. See Activity 6 from initial 2020-2021 workplan of LCIPP here: <https://lcipp.unfccc.int/about-lcipp/workplan-activities>





# Recommendations of the FWG of the LCIPP to the SBSTA on the Engagement and Input of Indigenous Peoples and local communities across the UNFCCC process

## Recommends that Parties



- Increase engagement with Indigenous Peoples and local communities at the national level, ensuring their formal and ongoing participation in the development and implementation of NDCs, NAPs, and all types of climate action, programmes and policies.<sup>2</sup>
- Strengthen the role of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the design and implementation of climate policies, actions, and communications under the Convention.<sup>2</sup>
- Build capacity for effective, respectful, and consistent collaboration with Indigenous peoples in developing and implementing national policies and climate actions.<sup>2</sup>
- Include representatives of Indigenous Peoples and local communities as members of Party delegations without compromising their independent standing in the UNFCCC process<sup>2</sup>
- Diversify the modalities for submitting contributions under the UNFCCC process, allowing photos, music, and other media to represent Indigenous values and knowledge systems, as restricting contributions to written submissions limits the richness of cultural knowledge passed through verbal communication.<sup>1</sup>
- Explore further ways to support the engagement of local communities in the UNFCCC process, building on activities under the LCIPP, including future workshops aimed at enhancing local community participation.<sup>1</sup>

## Recommends that relevant bodies and entities under the Convention:



- Consider how decisions and activities under the UNFCCC affect the rights, knowledge systems, practices, and ways of life of Indigenous peoples and local communities. <sup>2</sup>
- Provide opportunities for consistent and ongoing participation of Indigenous Peoples, including translation and interpretation during meetings into the six official UN languages. <sup>2</sup>
- Increase time allocation for Indigenous Peoples' participation during UNFCCC sessions, providing opportunities for Indigenous sociocultural regions to speak. <sup>2</sup>
- Collaborate with bodies and processes outside the Convention to exchange experiences and good practices in engaging Indigenous Peoples and local communities in climate policies and actions. <sup>2</sup>
- Encourage collaboration between relevant constituted bodies and work programs, including the United Arab Emirates Framework for Global Climate Resilience, the global goal on adaptation, and the just transition work program, to align Indigenous knowledge systems with key milestones and reporting timelines in the UNFCCC process. <sup>1</sup>

## Recommends that all relevant bodies, financial institutions under and outside the Convention and Parties



- Enhance financial support for the participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in climate processes. <sup>2</sup>
- Provide targeted training sessions (e-learning and in-person) to facilitate access to funding opportunities for Indigenous Peoples and local communities. <sup>2</sup>
- Strengthen Parties' engagement in work under the LCIPP, including with their representative in the FWG. <sup>1</sup>

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# Key Mindset Shifts

## Vulnerability

Seeing through the lens of vulnerability overshadows their rich knowledge systems, cultural values, and practices developed over generations through close relationships with nature

## Anthropocentrism

Narrow economic and development considerations

## Diverse Knowledge Systems

Knowledge of Indigenous Peoples  
Local knowledge systems  
Western Science  
Traditional Knowledge



## Stewards of Nature

Indigenous Peoples and local communities have long been guardians of biodiversity, possessing invaluable knowledge and practices that contribute to sustainable development and climate resilience.

## Community of life

Consider a holistic understanding of concepts like the "world of work" and the "whole of society" approach—one that is nature-inclusive and transcends anthropocentric views.

## Diverse Values and Worldviews

Values, worldviews, and principles that guides the ethical and equitable application of diverse knowledge systems toward just transition and resilience for all.







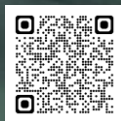
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# COP 29 Outcome #6: **Reaffirmed the Important Roles of IPs and LCs in the UNFCCC Process**



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