

**Draft decision -/CP.24**

**Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform**

***The Conference of the Parties,***

[*Recalling* the Charter of the United Nations, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, United Nations General Assembly Resolution 66/288, the Paris Agreement, decision 1/CP.21 and decision 2/CP.23,]

[[*Noting* that the United Nations General Assembly has adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and that indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters which could affect their rights, through representatives chosen by themselves in accordance with their own procedures, as well as to maintain and develop their own decision-making institutions,] [*Emphasizing* that any workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform or activities under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform Facilitative Working Group may not be construed as authorizing or encouraging any action which would dismember or impair, totally or in part, the territorial integrity or political unity of sovereign and independent States,]]

[[*Acknowledging*][*Notes*] [that local communities do not have a constituency established under the UNFCCC] [the need for local communities to have formal representation channels under the UNFCCC], ]

[*Acknowledging* the importance of meaningful and balanced involvement and representation of local communities and indigenous peoples,] [*Recalling* paragraph 43 of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 66/288, which underscored that sustainable development requires meaningful involvement and participation of all major groups, including indigenous peoples, as well as other stakeholders, including local communities,]

[*Fully respecting* the basic principles of the United Nations as stipulated in its Charter, in particular “the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members”,<sup>1</sup> ]

**1. *Decides* to establish the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform Facilitative Working Group (Facilitative Working Group);**

2. *Affirms* that the Facilitative Working Group is established with the objective of further operationalizing the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and facilitating the implementation of its functions[ for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its [xx][fiftieth][fifty-first][fifty-second] session];

3. *Decides* that the Facilitative Working Group shall comprise 14 representatives [and their alternates], as follows:

- (a) One government representative from each of the five United Nations regional groups;
- (b) One government representative from a small island developing State;
- (c) One government representative from a least developed country Party;
- (d) Seven representatives from [local communities [embodying traditional lifestyles] and ]indigenous peoples organizations[, one from each of the seven United Nations indigenous sociocultural regions];

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<sup>1</sup> Charter of the United Nations, chapter I (“Purposes and Principles”), Article 2, paragraph 1.

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(d alt) [Three representatives from local communities, nominated by Parties through their respective regional groups as an interim solution in order to avoid the situation of no representative from local communities, four representatives from indigenous peoples organizations from UN indigenous sociocultural regions,]

4. *Also decides* that government representatives shall be appointed by the Parties from those regional groups and constituencies. The Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice shall be notified of these appointments;

5. *Further decides* that indigenous peoples representatives shall be appointed by the indigenous peoples, through their focal points. The Chair of the SBSTA shall be notified of these appointments;

6. [*Further decides*, noting that local communities are not yet represented in the composition formulation in paragraph 3 above, that nominations of local community representatives shall be determined in due course;]

7. [*Invites* Parties to promote the engagement of local communities in the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform with a view to [enhancing][ensuring] their participation in the [Facilitative Working Group][Platform] and for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice [as soon as possible and no later than] as part of the review referred to in paragraph 26 below;]

8. [*Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice [to develop the mechanism to ensure the participation of ][[to consider [possible participation by representatives of ][a nomination mechanism for]] local communities in the Facilitative Working Group following the workshop referred to in paragraph 24 below][at its forty-ninth session];]

9. *Encourages* regional groups and constituencies, [and ][local communities, and ][the] indigenous peoples organizations constituency, to nominate their representatives to the Facilitative Working Group [taking into account the need][, to strive ]to achieve gender balance in accordance with decisions 36/CP.7, 23/CP.18 and 3/CP.23;

10. [*Invites* Parties and indigenous peoples to take into consideration the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform and its functions at the national level in order to enhance the engagement and inclusion of indigenous peoples and local communities to facilitate the exchange of experience and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned on mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner;]

11. *Decides* that representatives [of the Facilitative Working Group] shall serve for a term of [one] [three] year[s] and shall be eligible to serve a maximum of [one] [two] [consecutive] term[s] of office, and that the representatives shall remain in office until their successors have been elected;

12. [*Also decides* that if a representative of the Facilitative Working Group resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, the Facilitative Working Group may decide, bearing in mind the proximity of the next session of the Conference of the Parties, to appoint another representative from the same group or constituency to replace said representative for the remainder of that representative's term, in which case the appointment shall count as one term;]

13. *Further decides* that the Facilitative Working Group shall elect annually two co-chairs and two vice co-chairs from among its representatives to serve for a term of 1 year each, with one co-chair and one vice co-chair being a representative from a Party and the other co-chair and vice co-chair being a representative [from] [of local communities][a local community or[and]] [an ]indigenous peoples [organization];

14. *Further decides* that the election and rotation of the co-chairs and vice co-chairs will take into account regional geographic balance, and strive for gender balance [and, as appropriate, between local communities and indigenous peoples];

15. *Decides* that if one of the co-chairs is temporarily unable to fulfil the obligations of the office, the respective vice co-chair shall serve as the co-chair;

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16. *Also decides* that if one of the co-chairs is unable to complete the term of office, the Facilitative Working Group shall elect a replacement to complete that term of office, in accordance with paragraph 9 above;

17. *Further decides* that the Facilitative Working Group shall meet twice per year in conjunction with the sessions of the subsidiary bodies and the session of the Conference of the Parties;

18. *Decides* that the Facilitative Working Group shall operate on the basis of consensus;

19. [*Decides* that any workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform or activities under the Facilitative Working Group may not be construed as authorizing or encouraging any action which would dismember or impair, totally or in part, the territorial integrity or political unity of sovereign and independent States;]

20. *Decides* that the Facilitative Working Group will propose an initial workplan for the implementation of the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform [through COP 27 (November 2021)] for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its [fifty-first][XX] session;

21. *Decides* that the workplan should take into account experience from any activities that have already taken place under the Platform, and may include an annual event in conjunction with the COPs, with summary reports, which could be of a technical nature, on these events to be provided by the Facilitative Working Group, and/or annual thematic in-session workshops;

22. *Encourages* the Facilitative Working Group to communicate with other bodies under and outside the Convention, as appropriate, aiming at enhancing coherence and cooperation of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform's actions under the Convention;

23. *Requests* the secretariat to make the work of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform widely accessible, with the support of the Facilitative Working Group, including through the development of a specific web portal on the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform on the UNFCCC website;

24. *Requests* the secretariat to organize, as part of the initial activities of the Platform on the implementation of its functions, a thematic workshop in conjunction with SBSTA 50 [focusing] on [enhancing] the participation of representatives[, particularly] of local communities[, as well as indigenous peoples,] in the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, and a multi-stakeholder workshop in conjunction with COP 25, the agenda of which is set by the Facilitative Working Group;

25. *Requests* the Facilitative Working Group to report [on its outcomes and activities][the modalities for the development of a workplan] to the COP at its [twenty-seventh session (November 2021)], through the SBSTA at its [fifty-fourth session], and to make reports on its activities widely available through its web portal;

26. *Decides* that the SBSTA will review the outcomes and activities of the Facilitative Working Group, taking into account the report referred to in paragraph 17 above, at its [fifty-fourth session (May 2021)] and make recommendations to the COP at its [twenty-seventh session] with a view to adopting an appropriate decision on the outcome of this review, including on any future workplans for the implementation of the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;

27. [*Also decides* that the initial mandate for the Facilitative Working Group will span [three] years with the possibility of extension as determined by the review referred to in paragraph 26 above, which will be undertaken during the third year;]

28. *Further decides* that the meetings of the Facilitative Working Group shall be open to Parties and [admitted] observers under the UNFCCC;

29. *Decides* that the secretariat shall support and facilitate the work of the Facilitative Working Group;

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30. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 29 above;

31. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources;

32. *Also* [*requests*] [*invites*][interested Parties and organizations] [developed country Parties, and *welcomes* other Parties and other interested organizations on a voluntary basis,] to provide financial and technical support, as appropriate, for the further operationalization of the Platform.]

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