

Draft decision -/CP.26

Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 1/CP.21 and 2/CP.24,

Also recalling decision 2/CP.23, in particular paragraph 8, in which it recommended that the processes under the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, including its operationalization, take into account, inter alia, the interests and views of local communities and indigenous peoples as well as the following principles proposed by indigenous peoples organizations: full and effective participation of indigenous peoples; equal status of indigenous peoples and Parties, including in leadership roles; self-selection of representatives of indigenous peoples in accordance with their own procedures; and adequate funding from the secretariat and voluntary contributions to enable the functions of the Platform,

Acknowledging that Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity,

Noting the importance of ensuring the integrity of all ecosystems, including oceans, and the protection of biodiversity, recognized by some cultures as Mother Earth, and the importance for some of the concept of ‘climate justice’ when taking action to address climate change,

Recognizing the role of local communities and indigenous peoples in relation to the stewardship of and living in harmony with nature,

Also recognizing the important role of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform in bringing together Parties and indigenous peoples and local communities to work towards achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement,

Recalling decision 2/CP.24, paragraph 27, in which it decided to adopt, at its session in November 2021, a decision on the outcome of the review of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice,

1. *Welcomes* the report on the 5th meeting of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;¹
2. *Invites* relevant bodies under the Convention to take into account the recommendations of the Facilitative Working Group to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on the engagement and input of indigenous peoples and local communities across the UNFCCC process;²
3. *Welcomes* the progress in implementing the three functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, including implementation of the initial two-year workplan;

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2021/1.

² FCCC/SBSTA/2021/1, annex V.

4. *Recognizes* the role of the Facilitative Working Group in fostering full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in achieving the objective of the Paris Agreement;
5. *Decides* to continue the mandate of the Facilitative Working Group;
6. *Welcomes* the second three-year workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform for 2022–2024;^{3, 4}
7. *Recommends* that the activities under the second three-year workplan facilitate exchange of experience between indigenous peoples and local communities and Parties of approaches to managing all ecosystems, which are key to achieving the objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, in order to enhance national climate policy, including nationally determined contributions;
8. *Requests*, in the context of implementation of the second three-year workplan, the Facilitative Working Group to take into account additional inputs from Parties via submissions through the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform web portal, as appropriate;
9. *Recognizes* that the second three-year workplan facilitates continued collaboration among Parties and indigenous peoples and local communities on addressing and responding to climate change;
10. *Invites* Parties and stakeholders to enhance engagement of indigenous peoples and representatives of local communities in diverse and innovative ways in addressing and responding to climate change;
11. *Requests* the Facilitative Working Group to report on its outcomes, including a draft third three-year workplan of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, and on the activities under the Platform for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-ninth session (November 2024) through the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its sixtieth session (June 2024);
12. *Decides* that the next review of the Facilitative Working Group will be held in 2024, including consideration of the request in decision 2/CP.24, paragraph 4, with a view to the Conference of the Parties adopting a decision on the review at its twenty-ninth session;
13. *Requests* the Facilitative Working Group to invite Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and other stakeholders to make submissions by the 10th meeting of the Facilitative Working Group (November–December 2023) on the review referred to in paragraph 12 above;
14. *Notes with appreciation* the support provided by Canada, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, the Russian Federation and Sweden for implementing the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, including as part of the initial two-year workplan;
15. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to support and facilitate the work of the Facilitative Working Group;
16. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in this decision;
17. *Invites* interested Parties and organizations to provide financial support for implementation of the functions of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform;

³ FCCC/SBSTA/2021/1, annex IV.

⁴ The workplan should not be read as creating new rights or obligations under international law.

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