

Speaker: Co-Chairs of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

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Description: Intervention

Greetings excellencies, colleagues.

Climate change is a common concern of human kind.

To stabilize the global climate system, people urgently need to work together and reorient how society interacts with nature.

How can Parties bring together people and their experiences towards achieving the ultimate objectives of the Convention and the Paris Agreement?

Decisions under the Convention have acknowledged the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as safeguards for the knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems.

By engaging with indigenous peoples and local communities, who steward and regenerate nature, Parties could unlock sustainable and resilient ways to meet the Paris Agreement commitments and reverse biodiversity decline.

The COP established the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform to exchange experiences and good practices for the design and implementation of climate policies and actions.

The Facilitative Working Group has put forward a draft second three-year workplan of the LCIPP, on the basis of consensus. Parties will consider this draft workplan at this session.

As co-chairs of the Facilitative Working Group, we hope Parties will welcome the draft workplan at this session. Doing so would facilitate continued collaboration between Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities to address climate change in a holistic way.

Working together, this process can elevate climate action and ambition that is necessary to ensure the long-term health and wellbeing of people, and integrity of all ecosystems.