

## **CONCEPT NOTE: IIPFCC Caucus Meetings At COP24**

### **Background**

1. The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the Declaration, see A/RES/61/295), adopted by the General Assembly in 2007 is considered a milestone in the recognition of the rights of Indigenous Peoples. It is the result of an open and inclusive process of dialogue and negotiations among and between member states and Indigenous Peoples. The General Assembly sought to continue and build on this achievement by 'deciding to organize a high level plenary meeting....to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, to be held in 2014 (See A/RES/65/198, paragraph 8). This reflected the ongoing 'concern' of the General Assembly, 'about the extreme disadvantages that Indigenous Peoples have typically faced across a range of social and economic indicators and about the impediments to their full enjoyment of their rights' (See A/RES/65/198, preamble)
2. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change adopted the Paris Agreement (See 1/CP.21) in 2015, the Agreement outlined ambitious efforts to combat climate change, counting 5 specific references to Indigenous Peoples and their traditional knowledge, including the establishment of a traditional knowledge platform (See 1/CP.21, paragraph 135). Parties recognized the need to strengthen knowledge, technologies, practices and efforts of local communities and indigenous peoples related to addressing and responding to climate change and established a traditional knowledge platform for local communities and Indigenous Peoples (LCIP platform) for the exchange of experiences and sharing of best practices on mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner.
3. The 24th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP24) is expected to finalize the rules for implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change under the Paris Agreement work programme (Paris Rulebook), as well as to conclude its considerations on the modalities for the work programme of the facilitative working group by making recommendations to COP24.
4. Building upon the common practice of the previous the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC), the convening forum for the Indigenous Peoples Organisations (IPO) constituency, it organizes coordination meetings and briefings: e.g. a 2-day preparatory meeting and daily morning meetings.

### **Objective**

5. The main objective of the IIPFCC caucus meetings (indigenous caucus) is to further the implementation of the 5 references to Indigenous Peoples in the Paris Agreement, and to coordinate internally towards participating in and informing the decision-making process of COP24.
6. To discuss emerging climate change priorities and continue to improve the organizational matters of the indigenous caucus.

### **Participation**

7. A wide range of representatives from Indigenous Peoples' Organizations are expected to attend COP24.
8. Caucus meetings are open to representatives of Indigenous Peoples.
9. Simultaneous interpretation into English, Spanish, French will be provided.
10. Parties, UN agencies constituency representatives and other non-indigenous representatives interested in attending any caucus meetings are requested to respect the processes of Indigenous Peoples, and require the approval of the co-chairs prior to entering caucus meetings.

## Meetings

11. The IIPFCCC proposes the following scheduled meetings:

- November 30: Preparatory meeting IIPFCC Day 1

Time: 10:00 - 17:00

Venue: Hotel Focus Chorzów, ul. Armii Krajowej 15, 41-506 Chorzów

Venue 1 December: The Quality Silesian Hotel, Szybowcowa 1A, 40-502 Katowice

Access: No registration required, open to all Indigenous Peoples organisations and representatives.

- December 1: Preparatory meeting IIPFCC Day 2

Time: 10:00 - 14:00

Venue: The Quality Silesian Hotel, Szybowcowa 1A, 40-502 Katowice

Access: No registration required, open to all Indigenous Peoples organisations and representatives.

- December 1: Special dialogue organized by the IIPFCC

Time: 14:00 - 17:00

Venue: The Quality Silesian Hotel, Szybowcowa 1A, 40-502 Katowice

Access: No registration required, open to all Indigenous Peoples organisations and representatives.

- December 7: Indigenous Peoples Day

Time: TBD

Venue: TBC

Access: Limited. Open to all Indigenous Peoples organisations and representatives that have access to the negotiations zone.

- December 2 - December 14: Daily Indigenous Peoples Caucus meeting

To coordinate the daily activities of the indigenous caucus

Time: 9:00 - 10:00

Venue: TBC

Access: Limited. Open to all Indigenous Peoples organisations and representatives that have access to the negotiations zone.

12. Specifically around the negotiations for the LCIP platform, ad-hoc unscheduled briefings and debriefings can be held. The negotiations are scheduled approximately 3 hours in advance, the co-chairs aim to alert the indigenous caucus in a timely manner.

### **Themes to be discussed**

13. Talanoa dialogue
  - Aims to assess progress towards the temperature goals enshrined in the Paris Agreement.
14. Paris Rulebook
  - Key objective of COP24, the adoption of the implementation guidelines of the Paris Agreement.
15. Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples platform
  - The adoption of the modalities of the work plan of the facilitative working group
16. Other relevant emerging themes

### **(Social) media arrangements**

17. At the time of writing this concept note, no organized personal or professional (social) media has been arranged.

### **Technical support**

18. Interpretation on Nov 30: Spanish - English, provided by IWGIA
19. Interpretation on Dec 1: English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese, provided by DGM/CI
20. Interpretation Dec 2 - Dec 14: TBC
21. Remote document translation service provided by DOCIP. Contact: Johanna Massa, Technical Secretariat coordinator at [johanna.massa@docip.org](mailto:johanna.massa@docip.org)

### **Internet**

22. A web page for the Indigenous Peoples' participation at the sessions of the UNFCCC since COP21 has been established on: [www.iipfcc.org](http://www.iipfcc.org)
23. This web page contains information and links to important documents that may inform the negotiations for the LCIP platform, as well as the event programme for the December 1st interactive dialogue.