

Curriculum Capacity Building for Indigenous Peoples: UNFCCC and related process

1. Introduction

Climate change poses significant challenges to Indigenous Peoples, who are often among the most vulnerable to its impacts despite being the least responsible for causing it. Their unique relationship with the environment and traditional knowledge make their perspectives and contributions critical in global climate discussions. However, Indigenous Peoples have historically been marginalized and underrepresented in these processes, often due to a lack of access to relevant information, tools, and platforms that enable meaningful participation.

This course is designed to address these gaps by building the capacity of Indigenous Peoples to engage effectively in the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) and related international processes. It recognizes the importance of empowering Indigenous Peoples to advocate for their rights, contribute their knowledge, and influence climate policies that affect their rights to lands, cultures, and livelihoods. By equipping participants with the necessary skills and knowledge, this course aims to strengthen the role of Indigenous Peoples in global climate governance, ensuring that their voices are heard and their interests are protected in climate negotiations and decision-making.

2. Objectives

The course aims to enhance Indigenous Peoples' knowledge and understanding of the UNFCCC and related international processes. By developing the capacity to understand climate change frameworks, negotiations, and decisions within the UNFCCC, the course will prepare participants to effectively participate in and advocate for their rights and interests on the global platform, especially in the Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC.

The course will provide Indigenous Peoples with the tools and knowledge necessary to participate effectively in climate change discussions and negotiations. This includes sharing strategies in negotiation, policy analysis, and advocacy to ensure Indigenous Peoples' voices are represented and heard in climate change talks at all levels.

Throughout the course, participants will foster a deeper understanding of the intersections between climate change, Indigenous Peoples' rights, and self-determined development. They will gain knowledge of Indigenous Peoples' unique vulnerabilities and contributions in the context of climate change, emphasizing the importance of traditional knowledge and the need for culturally appropriate solutions.

The course will also facilitate networking and collaboration between Indigenous Peoples and other stakeholders involved in the UNFCCC process, providing a platform for exchange, learning, collaboration, and strengthening partnerships.

In addition to these general objectives, the course objectives are linked to specific thematic areas, such as the Global Stocktake (GST), the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) decisions, loss and damage, climate finance and the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG), among others.

3. Core structure of the course

The course will be built based on seven modules developed in 2 hours. It integrates two developed modules and will be delivered by the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP). The proposed structure is as follows:

Session 1: UN Mechanisms on Climate Change and the Introduction to the UNFCCC. (Oct 4)

Objective: To provide participants with an understanding of the various UN mechanisms related to climate change, specifically focusing on the UNFCCC, its history, key agreements, and their significance for Indigenous Peoples.

Content: Introduction to the UN mechanism and structure, and to mechanisms related to climate change, discussion on how the structure operates, their role in global climate governance, and the importance of Indigenous Peoples's representation within the mechanism.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83807941175?pwd=MafpZgtDThuzMksBc3ytkJF7mEGBiV.1>

Session 2: Loss and Damage and Article 6. (Oct 9)

Objective: To understand Loss and Damage resulting from Climate change and how Indigenous Peoples' experiences and perspectives may be incorporated into the global discussion. The session will also discuss the implications of Article 6 discussions for Indigenous Peoples.

Content: Overview of the Loss and Damage discussion, the Article 6 negotiations, Just Energy Transition, and developments in relation to the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage, vis-à-vis Indigenous Peoples' interests.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88621324578?pwd=NeSVsgig5qPljdgNuTbJEJXQOwwTui.1>

Session 3. UNFCCC Virtual Training Workshop - Session 1. (Oct 15)

Back-to-back with the Informal Contributors' Briefing. Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlucuqqDMrGdHFkYka50thnKkny49IPBtE#/registration>.

Session 4. UNFCCC Virtual Training Workshop - Session 2. (Oct 17)

Back-to-back with the Informal Contributors' Briefing. Registration here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrfumurjMpGdcQo8qhJbLtrfqNqY3tiRj-#/registration>.

Session 5: Global Stocktake and Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA). (Oct 29)

Objective: To understand the Global Stocktake and the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), focusing on its implications for Indigenous Peoples.

Content: Explanation of the Global stocktake process, its relevance, and the role of Indigenous Peoples in its contribution and benefit. Detailed discussion on the GGA, its purpose, and its impact on Indigenous communities.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82500962187?pwd=WUMw7hB3Aws4v8uHerht41R6bH1sXe.1>

Session 6: Climate Finance and Indigenous Peoples. (Nov 1).

Objective: To explore the concept of climate finance, focusing on the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) and its implications for Indigenous Peoples.

Content: Overview of climate finance mechanisms, key funds, and financing opportunities for Indigenous Peoples. Discuss the NCQG, its development, and how Indigenous Peoples can participate and benefit from it.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81197656122?pwd=c3sEgZUZkfaSPN5vh5J13NLcW6BUR.1>

Session 7: COP28 decisions related to Indigenous Peoples. (Nov 4).

Objective: To analyze the decisions related to the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) taken in COP28, their implication to national implementation, and their relevance for COP29 in Azerbaijan.

Content: Review of the last COP decisions relating to Indigenous Peoples. Discuss what these decisions mean in practice, how they can be operationalized at the national level, and what to expect from COP29.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88990796237?pwd=zyu7lvPPsfMO3NTb8Lm1A8mnZU4Ypb.1>

12th meeting of the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP).

Baku, Azerbaijan, 5 to 8 November 2024.

4. Format

Course: Training for Indigenous Peoples on the UNFCCC and Related Processes.

Duration: 7 sessions of 2.5 hours each, for 12.5 hours of training.

Format: Synchronous virtual class.

Number of facilitators: 2 lead trainers, with speakers from UNFCCC and UNDP

Interpretation: Spanish, Portuguese, French, Russian (if needed)

5. Schedule.

Date	Time	Topic	Speakers
4 Oct.	8:00 - 10:00 am Bogotá, 9:00 - 10:00 am NYC, 3:00 - 5:00 pm Ginebra.	UN Mechanisms on Climate Change and the Introduction to the UNFCCC	Eileen Mairena and Helen Magata
9 Oct.	8:00 - 10:00 am Bogotá, 9:00 - 10:00 am NYC, 3:00 - 5:00 pm Ginebra.	Loss and Damage and Article 6	Eileen Mairena and Helen Magata
15 Oct.	9:00 am Bogotá, 10:00 am NYC, 4:00 pm Ginebra.	UNFCCC Virtual Training Workshop (LCIPP)	UNFCCC
17 Oct.	2:00 am Bogotá, 3:00 am NYC, 9:00 am Ginebra.	UNFCCC Virtual Training Workshop (LCIPP)	UNFCCC

29 Oct.	8:00 - 10:00 am Bogotá, 9:00 - 10:00 am NYC, 3:00 - 5:00 pm Ginebra.	Global Inventory and Global Goal on Adaptation	Helen Magata
1 Nov.	8:00 - 10:00 am Bogotá, 9:00 - 10:00 am NYC, 3:00 - 5:00 pm Ginebra.	Climate Finance and Indigenous Peoples	Helen Magata and Eileen Mairena
4 Nov.	8:00 - 10:00 am Bogotá, 9:00 - 10:00 am NYC, 3:00 - 5:00 pm Ginebra.	COP28 decisions related to Indigenous Peoples	Eileen Mairena and Helen Magata