



**Regional Training Capacity-Building Workshop for the African Region
on Community Protocols, Indicators on Traditional Knowledge and
Customary Sustainable Use of Biodiversity under the CBD**

**Participation of indigenous peoples and
local communities in the work of the
Convention**

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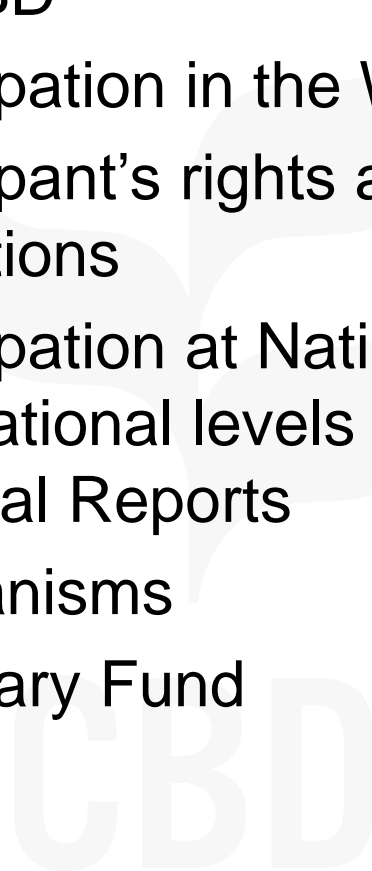
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Outline



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- ✓ Participation in the WG8J
- ✓ Participant's rights and obligations
- ✓ Participation at National and Sub-national levels – the National Reports
- ✓ Mechanisms
- ✓ Voluntary Fund



Participation in meetings held the CBD



A fundamental principle of the programme of work for Article 8(j) has been the participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the CBD.

The principle mechanism is the ad hoc open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) (WG8J)

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Ad hoc open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) (WG8J)



Participation in the WG8J



- The **WG8(j)** includes enhanced participation mechanism for IPLCs including :
- the nomination of an indigenous co-chair to assist the **Chairperson** of the meeting, as well as
 - an indigenous and local community **bureau**,
 - and **co-chairs** for **sub-working groups** and **contact groups**, and
 - enhanced opportunities to make **interventions on all agenda items.**

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Participation in the WG8J



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Chairperson of the meeting



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co-chairs for sub-working groups and contact groups

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Participants rights and obligations



Parties	Actives Negotiators	Adopt, propose amendments or block
Indigenous and Local Communities	Observers but viewed as rights holders under the Convention and the Nagoya Protocol	Advocate Recommend Advise
NGOs	Observers	
UN Organizations	Observers	

Participation at the National and Sub-national Level-National Reports



The CBD is a legally binding Convention.

The legal obligation includes providing:

- a national report every 4 years on the national state of implication of the CBD.
- national biodiversity action plans (NPSAPs)

Parties are invited to include in these process with the effective participation of IPLCs and civil society.

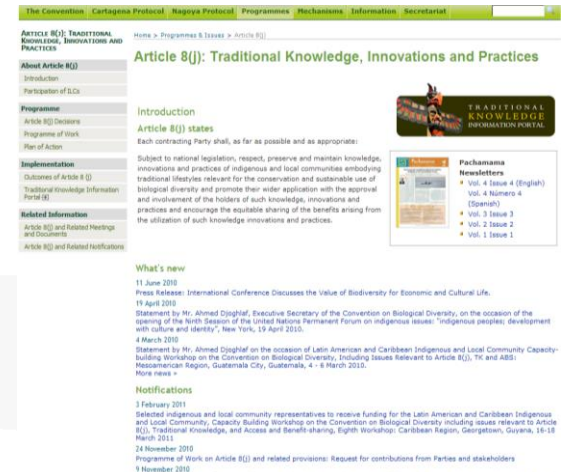
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Mechanisms



Participation has notably improved over time through such mechanisms as:

- the **Clearing House Mechanism** (and specifically the Article 8(j) web-pages and Traditional Knowledge Information Portal),
- **capacity building** efforts, and through
- the **voluntary funding mechanism**
- Improved participation at national and sub-national levels.



Voluntary Fund for the Participation of ILCs in the work of the Convention



Facilitate the participation of indigenous and local communities in meetings under the Convention, and relevant meetings of ad hoc technical expert groups.

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UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY VOLUNTARY FUNDING MECHANISM FOR INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES (THE FUND)

APPLICATION FORM FOR APPLICANTS FROM INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES OR ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF:

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Please identify the meeting that you wish to participate in and quote the notification reference number. In the case you apply for more than one meeting, please indicate your preference/priority using the numbers 1 to 3 (1 being your first priority)

YEAR: _____

The application form must be completed in one of the United Nations' official languages: (e.g. English, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, and Arabic) and all questions must be answered. Please use additional pages if needed to properly answer all questions.

Please mark this box if your organization's is accredited to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

I. INFORMATION ON THE APPLICANT

1. *Name of the indigenous and/or local community applicant proposed for a grant. (If the organization and/or community wishes to nominate two applicants, a separate application form must be filled out for each applicant; a maximum two applicants per organization/community will be considered. The Secretariat encourages indigenous and local community organizations to propose, if possible, one woman and one man.) Individuals must hold a national passport that permits them to travel internationally.*

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First name: _____

Gender: _____ Nationality: _____

Date of birth (day/month/year): _____

Role and/or Responsibility of applicant in the organization/community: _____

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In the selection of beneficiaries the executive secretary will consult, through electronic means with an advisory selection committee consisting of **7 representatives of indigenous and local communities nominated by indigenous and local communities** from the 7 geo-cultural regions of the UNPFII, as well as with the bureau of the Conference of the Parties.

The SC members are changed every 2 years after the COP.

* Regions are: Africa, North America, South America and Caribbean, Arctic (Europe), Asia, Caucasus and Eastern Europe (CEE), and Pacific

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Selection criteria for beneficiaries of the fund - Main criteria:

- (a) **Special priority** is given to **participants** from indigenous and local communities **from developing countries** and countries with economies in transition and small island developing States but not excluding applicants from indigenous and local communities in developed countries.
- (b) **Gender balance** should be applied, recognizing the special role of indigenous and local community women (in knowledge, innovations and practices) from indigenous and local communities.
- (c) Broad **geographical representation** according to the UNPFII's seven geo-cultural regions, while recognizing that issues under discussion at specific meetings may require the representation of particular indigenous and local experts.

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Selection criteria for beneficiaries of the fund

Other criteria

- (a) **Age balance** should be applied recognizing the important role of Elders and youth in the intergenerational transfer of traditional knowledge
- (b) Priority is given to **applicants living in their own community** and territory and/or country (vis-à-vis applicants living abroad).

Requirements

Beneficiaries of assistance from the Fund shall be representatives of indigenous and local communities and their organizations

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Application forms are available in <https://www.cbd.int/traditional/fund.shtml>

Applicants must **apply 3 months before** the meeting in question.

Final decision is the Executive Secretary who is directly accountable to the donors.

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Thank you for your attention!

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