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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Outline

- Participation in meetings held the CBD
- Participation in the WG8J
- Participant’s rights and obligations
- Participation at National and Sub-national levels – the National Reports
- Mechanisms
- Voluntary Fund
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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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**.
Participation in the WG8J

Chairperson of the meeting

co-chairs for sub-working groups and contact groups
Participation in the WG8J interventions on all agenda items.
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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.
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.
Facilitate the participation of indigenous and local communities in meetings under the Convention, and relevant meetings of ad hoc technical expert groups.
In the selection of beneficiaries the executive secretary will consults, though 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, Caucus and Eastern Europe (CEE), and Pacific
Voluntary Fund for the Participation of ILCs in the work of the Convention

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

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.
Thank you for your attention!

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