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# ABOUT THE UNFCCC

## SNAPSHOT

- The United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) aims to **stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations** in the atmosphere at a level that will prevent dangerous human interference with the climate system.
- The UNFCCC was **signed by 196 countries**. Each country is represented at a meeting once a year at a Conference of the Parties (COP).
- The COP reviews the effects of the measures taken by countries to achieve the goals of the Convention and makes decisions to promote its **effective implementation**.
- The **26th COP** will be held in Glasgow, Scotland from 1-12 November, 2021.

Source/learn more [here](#).

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO PARTICIPATE IN UNFCCC

To apply for the IFP, candidates

- Must be **indigenous**. non-indigenous persons will not be taken into consideration, even if they have close links with indigenous communities and/or organizations.
- Can be of **any age**.
- Don't need to have any specific formal education. Should agree to **train other indigenous persons** after the return to their respective communities/organizations.
- Should be proposed and his/her candidacy **supported by his/her indigenous organization and/or community**. It is desirable that the sponsoring organization has a firm constituency or membership and that it is representative.
- Should have a good **working knowledge of the language** in which the programme is imparted.

In order to participate in the UNFCCC your **organization needs to be admitted** by the Conference of the Parties (COP) as **observer organizations** to the UNFCCC before they can send representatives to attend any sessions or meetings of the UNFCCC. This process will only need to be completed once to be admitted, although your organization will be required to **register its representatives** through an online system before they are able to attend a session.

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# OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO PARTICIPATE IN UNFCCC

Alternatively you can.

- **Join** the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change
- **Participate** in the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform
  - The platform aims to strengthen the knowledge, technologies, practices, and efforts of local communities and indigenous peoples related to climate change.



# INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- Indigenous peoples (IP) are among the first to face the **direct consequences** of climate change. Given their widespread reliance on natural resources and ecosystems, indigenous peoples and local communities are especially vulnerable to, and disproportionately **impacted by, its effects**. Changes in temperature or rainfall can have an outsized effect on these communities, resulting in loss of land or resources, or in the worst of cases, even violent conflict.
- [Read more](#) on indigenous peoples and climate change from the **United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**.
- For more information on climate adaptation, mitigation, finance, FPIC, and other key issues, please see the **International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change** website at: <http://www.iipfcc.org/key-issues>



# HISTORY AND PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN THE UNFCCC

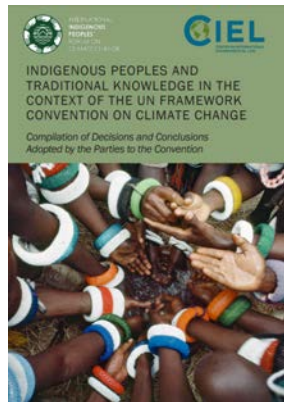
- Indigenous People and local communities have fought to be at the forefront of UNFCCC's **decision making** for decades. As the stewards of many crucial ecosystems they are integral to **developing climate action**.
- The Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform was established to strengthen the **knowledge, technologies, practices, and efforts** of local communities and indigenous peoples related to climate change. By creating a space for Indigenous Peoples and local communities to **share experiences and practices** the platform increases their involvement in the UNFCCC processes.



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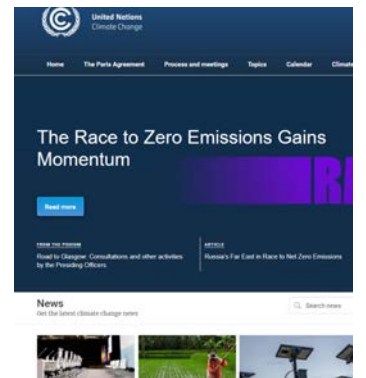
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