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# Summary of advice of the seventh meeting of the Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group

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## **Summary**

The following document contains the outcomes of the seventh formal meeting of the GCF Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group (IPAG-7) held 16-19 December 2025, Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea.

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### **Welcome, opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)**

The seventh meeting of the Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group (IPAG-7) was opened at 9.30 a.m. on 16 December in Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea with Eleni Kyrou, Head of Sustainability and Inclusion, providing welcoming remarks on behalf of the Secretariat.

### **Election of Chair of the seventh meeting of the Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group (agenda item 2)**

Helen Biangalen-Magata, Indigenous Kadaclan woman from the Philippines, was elected Chair of IPAG-7.

### **Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (agenda item 3)**

The agenda for this meeting was adopted as given above.

### **Update from the IPAG on implementation, including from related bodies and processes at international and regional levels (agenda item 4)**

The IPAG:

1. *Notes* the importance of raising awareness of the GCF Indigenous Peoples Policy (IP Policy) at related bodies and processes at international and regional levels;
2. *Also noting* the usefulness of the Members of IPAG participating in relevant global processes including the thirtieth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; the thirteenth meeting of the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, the fourth meetings of the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage, the 2025 New York Climate Week, the 2025 World Conservation Congress, and the twenty fourth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, *encourages* further engagement in related bodies and processes at

international and regional levels and *emphasizes* these types of engagements should be considered as part of IPAG external engagement.

### **Update and report from the Secretariat on the implementation of the Indigenous Peoples Policy (agenda item 5)**

The IPAG:

3. *Notes* with appreciation the update from Secretariat on GCF funded activities, both those recently adopted at the forty-third meeting of the Board and those currently under implementation and *requests* continued updates at future meetings;

4. *Notes* the importance of the Secretariat undertaking further work on metrics and portfolio analysis related to IPs;

#### GCF Regional Dialogues

5. *Welcomes* the inclusion of IPAG members in the GCF regional dialogues, which enable the IPAG to help GCF strengthen awareness of the IP Policy and its operationalization;

6. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue including IPAG members in future GCF regional especially the Global Programming Conference planned for 2026;

7. *Also requests* the Secretariat to consider the following for future agendas of regional dialogues and the Global Programming Conference: a dedicated session on the Indigenous Peoples Policy, proposals for IP-focused and IP-led projects in marketplace sessions, a brief review of ongoing IP-focused projects, and side events showcasing good practices with participation of Indigenous Peoples from the projects.

#### Country ownership guidelines

8. *Notes with appreciation* the update on country ownership;

9. *Highlights* that persistent structural barriers and the concentration of decision-making authority within a limited number of government institutions limit the effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in country ownership pathways. This results in symbolic engagement of IPs and limited integration of their priorities into planning instruments such as nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans and development of projects;

10. *Invites* the Secretariat to reflect these constraints in ongoing and future work on country ownership guidance, including by identifying entry points for strengthening the role of Indigenous Peoples in national planning, prioritization and decision-making processes, consistent with the Indigenous Peoples Policy.

#### Investment services: accreditation and the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme

11. *Notes with appreciation* the updates from Investment Services on the topics of accreditation and the Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme (RPSP);

12. *Highlights* weaknesses in current readiness pathways that limit effective participation of Indigenous Peoples, uneven understanding by many national designated authorities (NDAs) of how to engage Indigenous Peoples and other stakeholders, and the lack of systematic mechanisms to demonstrate inclusive consultation in readiness submissions;

13. *Invites* the Secretariat to take into account these gaps in ongoing and future work on readiness programming, including by identifying entry points to strengthen NDA capacity, improve transparency and accountability on Indigenous Peoples engagement, and enhance capacity-building support for Indigenous Peoples to engage with GCF, including in the readiness processes and accountability mechanisms, consistent with the Indigenous Peoples Policy;

14. Agrees to support ongoing initiatives to improve the ability of Indigenous Peoples to engage in accreditation and readiness processes;
15. Identifies the need for more targeted approaches within RPSP and accreditation approaches, including through enhanced access modalities for Indigenous Peoples.

#### Locally-led climate action

16. Notes with appreciation the update on locally-led climate action (LLCA) and welcomes the launch of the LLCA framework and guidance;
17. Notes that annex II. “Local, Traditional and Indigenous Knowledge in Locally Led Climate Investments” needs to distinguish between traditional, local communities and Indigenous Peoples’ knowledge systems;
18. Invites the Secretariat to develop, with the help of the IPAG, guidance on how to engage Indigenous Peoples’ organizations in LLCA;
19. Calls upon the LLCA team to provide further updates on case studies, targets, indicators and definitions in relation to LLCA and to engage the IPAG on the development of the financing and delivery model of LLCA.

#### REDD+ results-based payments and the Tropical Forest Forever Facility

20. Notes with appreciation the update on the Financing of results-based payments for REDD+ (REDD+ RBP) and the Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF);
21. Emphasizes that compliance and consistency in the REDD+ RBP requirements should still meet all the requirements of the Indigenous Peoples Policy;
22. Underscores the importance of fully recognizing and financing the non-carbon benefits associated with REDD+ RBP;
23. Supports GCF providing readiness funding for countries to engage in the TFFF;
24. Underscores the importance of taking equal account of the different biomes and ecosystems across regions.

#### Experiences from supporting IP-led proposals, dialogue and feedback session in Latin America and the Caribbean

25. Notes with appreciation the update on projects in Latin America and the Caribbean, and looks forward to updates on the development of IP-led projects;
26. Requests the Secretariat to organize discussions with other regional teams of GCF.

### **Progress and monitoring of the IPAG rolling workplan (agenda item 6)**

The IPAG:

27. Agrees to the update to the Terms of Reference of the IPAG presented to the meeting;
28. Notes the need to consider further, with the Secretariat and relevant independent units, ethical guidelines for the IPAG;
29. Notes the progress made in the IPAG rolling workplan;
30. Requests the Secretariat to provide a draft supportive process for nominating and onboarding new members of the IPAG at its next meeting including a session during the first meeting of the IPAG in 2027 that has both outgoing and incoming members of IPAG;
31. Notes with appreciation the budgetary support approved by the Board.

## Enhancing access for Indigenous Peoples and proposed global initiatives (agenda item 7)

The IPAG:

32. *Welcomes* the scoping by the Secretariat of options for enhancing the access of Indigenous Peoples to GCF resources, and underscores the critical importance of dedicated funding and fit-for-purpose funding modalities that address the structural and institutional barriers faced by Indigenous Peoples and their organizations in accessing the GCF;
33. *Requests* the Secretariat to further elaborate the options presented to the IPAG, including with regard to dedicated funding allocations, accreditation and readiness pathways, and programmatic or facility-type approaches, with a view to enabling sustained, predictable and Indigenous-led access to the GCF;
34. *Also welcomes again* a GCF Global Conference with Indigenous Peoples and looks forward to the implementation of this pioneering initiative in 2026, which will facilitate an exchange between GCF and Indigenous Peoples and present an opportunity for early lessons on enhancing access to finance for Indigenous Peoples with a view to presenting these outcomes to the Board;
35. *Recommends* that the GCF Global Conference with Indigenous Peoples should take place on 7-10 April 2026;
36. *Agrees* to work with the Secretariat to convene the Global Conference with Indigenous Peoples, in particular, to:
  - (a) further develop the list of participants, in particular of Indigenous Peoples,
  - (b) co-develop the agenda, including: a dedicated session on the Indigenous Peoples Policy, proposals for IP-focused and IP-led projects in marketplace sessions, a brief review of ongoing IP-focused projects, and side events showcasing good practices with participation of Indigenous Peoples from the projects,
  - (c) promote awareness of the GCF Global Conference with Indigenous Peoples at meetings attended by members of the IPAG, and
  - (d) agree upon and review the meeting documentation.

## Dates and venues of upcoming meetings of the IPAG (agenda item 8)

37. *Agrees* that the eighth meeting of IPAG shall take place in May 2026, at GCF headquarters in Songdo, and requests the Secretariat to make arrangements necessary towards the organization of IPAG-8;
38. *Agrees* that the ninth meeting of IPAG shall take place early September 2026, at GCF headquarters in Songdo and requests the Secretariat to make arrangements as necessary towards the organization of IPAG-9;

## Other matters (agenda item 9)

39. There were no other matters.

## Dialogue with GCF executive leadership (agenda item 10)

Thanks to the Executive Director and her executive leadership team

40. *Being* deeply appreciative of the special courtesy and warm hospitality extended by GCF, the IPAG members *express* their sincere gratitude to Mafalda Duarte, Executive Director, Henry Gonzalez, Chief Investment Officer, and Artur Cardoso de Lacerda, Director of Governance Affairs and Secretary to the Board, for their strong commitment to the work of the IPAG and for

facilitating and promoting intentional access modalities and participation of Indigenous Peoples in GCF.

**Close of meeting (agenda item 11)**

41. IPAG-7 was closed at 5.30 p.m. on 19 December by the Chair of IPAG-7.
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