

Technical Chamber of Climate Change  
Steering Committee of the National Policy on Territorial and Environmental Management of  
Indigenous Lands  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 2.00 pm, Brazil Pavilion  
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CONCEPT NOTE

"From global to local: the Brazilian experience for the Indigenous People and Local  
communities platform"

In accordance with the Paris Agreement and Decision 1/CP.21, climate change is a common concern of humankind. When taking action to address climate change, the respective obligations on, *inter alia*, the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities should be respected, promoted and considered.

The COP has recognized the need to strengthen knowledge, technologies, practices and efforts of local communities and indigenous peoples related to addressing and responding to climate change. In this context, the Local Community and Indigenous People Platform (LCIPP) was established, for the exchange of experiences and sharing of best practices on mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner.

Three main functions of the LCIPP were defined, during COP23: (1) **Knowledge**: the platform would promote the exchange of experience and best practices with a view to applying, strengthening, protecting and preserving traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems, as well as technologies, practices and efforts of local communities and indigenous peoples related to addressing and responding to climate change, taking into account the free, prior and informed consent of the holders of such knowledge, innovations and practices; (2) **Capacity for engagement**: the platform would build the capacity of indigenous peoples and local communities to enable their engagement in the UNFCCC process as well as the capacity of Parties and other relevant stakeholders to engage with the platform and with local communities and indigenous peoples, including in the context of the implementation of the Paris Agreement and other climate change related processes; (3) **Climate change policies and actions**: the platform would facilitate the integration of diverse knowledge systems, practices and innovations in designing and implementing international and national actions, programmes and policies in a manner that respects and promotes the rights and interests of local communities and indigenous peoples. The platform also facilitates the undertaking of stronger and more ambitious climate action by indigenous peoples and local communities that could contribute to the achievement of the nationally determined contribution of the Parties concerned.

The decision further recommends that processes under the Platform, including its operationalization, take into account, always and in all related issues, the interests and visions of local communities and indigenous peoples, as well as the principles proposed by indigenous participation organizations full and effective; equality between indigenous peoples and Parties, including that relating to leadership roles; self-selection of representatives of indigenous peoples in accordance with their own procedures; and adequate funding of the UNFCCC secretariat and voluntary contributions to enable the implementation of its functions.

The Technical Chamber of Climate Change of the Management Committee of the National Policy of Territorial and Environmental Management of Indigenous Lands – PNGATI

The Technical Chamber for Climate Change (CT-MC) was established during the 8th Meeting of the Management Committee of PNGATI in 2016, and serves as the Committee's auxiliary body on the subject of climate change.

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PNGATI's general objective is to guarantee and promote the protection, recovery, conservation and sustainable use of the natural resources of indigenous lands and territories, ensuring the integrity of indigenous heritage, improving the quality of life and full conditions of physical reproduction and cultural development of the present and future generations of indigenous peoples, respecting their socio-cultural autonomy.

The implementation of the actions foreseen in the PNGATI provides an important basis for the implementation of several national policies and initiatives related to climate change, among which we can highlight: the National Policy for Climate Change (PNMC); the National Strategy for REDD + (ENREDD +); and the National Adaptation Plan (PNA). In addition, PNGATI should be seen as a relevant instrument for Brazil to comply with the commitments set out in its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), presented under the Paris Agreement. Brazilian indigenous lands correspond to 13.8% of the national territory and 22.6% of the Amazon region. In addition to the fundamental role played by these territories in the conservation of biodiversity and in the maintenance of the ethnic and cultural wealth of the indigenous peoples - there are 305 different peoples speaking 274 indigenous languages, 26 registers of isolated indigenous peoples and conservation of natural resources and local and regional biodiversity, it is important to highlight the central role in addressing the effects of climate change through the long-term conservation of stored carbon stocks in their areas. Indigenous lands have, on average, lower rates of deforestation than other forms of protected areas in the country, including protected areas of integral protection.

In this context, the CT-MC was created with the objectives of promoting: i) subsidies for the leveling of information and for the decision-making of the GC PNGATI regarding the theme of climate change; (ii) the incidence of indigenous and indigenous representatives in the context of initiatives related to the theme, mainly through participation in governance bodies that discuss the subject and the production of subsidy documents in the elaboration and implementation of policies and initiatives related to climate change ; (iii) the identification of interfaces and synergies between initiatives related to climate change and PNGATI.

In the event entitled "From global to national: the Brazilian experience for the Platform of Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples", the experience of the CT-MC will be presented in the focus on climate policies and institutional engagement, and a debate will be held with participants from IIPFCCC/ Caucus on experience in other countries and articulation with the UNFCCC Platform of Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples.

The event will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2.00 pm. in Brazil Pavilion.

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