

Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples *under the UNFCCC*

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Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

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Context

- **2015 & 2016:**
 - **Commitment to multilateral cooperation to secure a climate resilient, sustainable future that leaves no vulnerable groups behind**
 - **Contrasted with geopolitical developments that bear on trust, collaboration, & participation**
- **Questions**
 - **Who could the platform primarily serve?**
 - **What could be its value added, and what will be different once the platform is implemented?**
 - **How can the platform be designed to provide space for learning communities?**

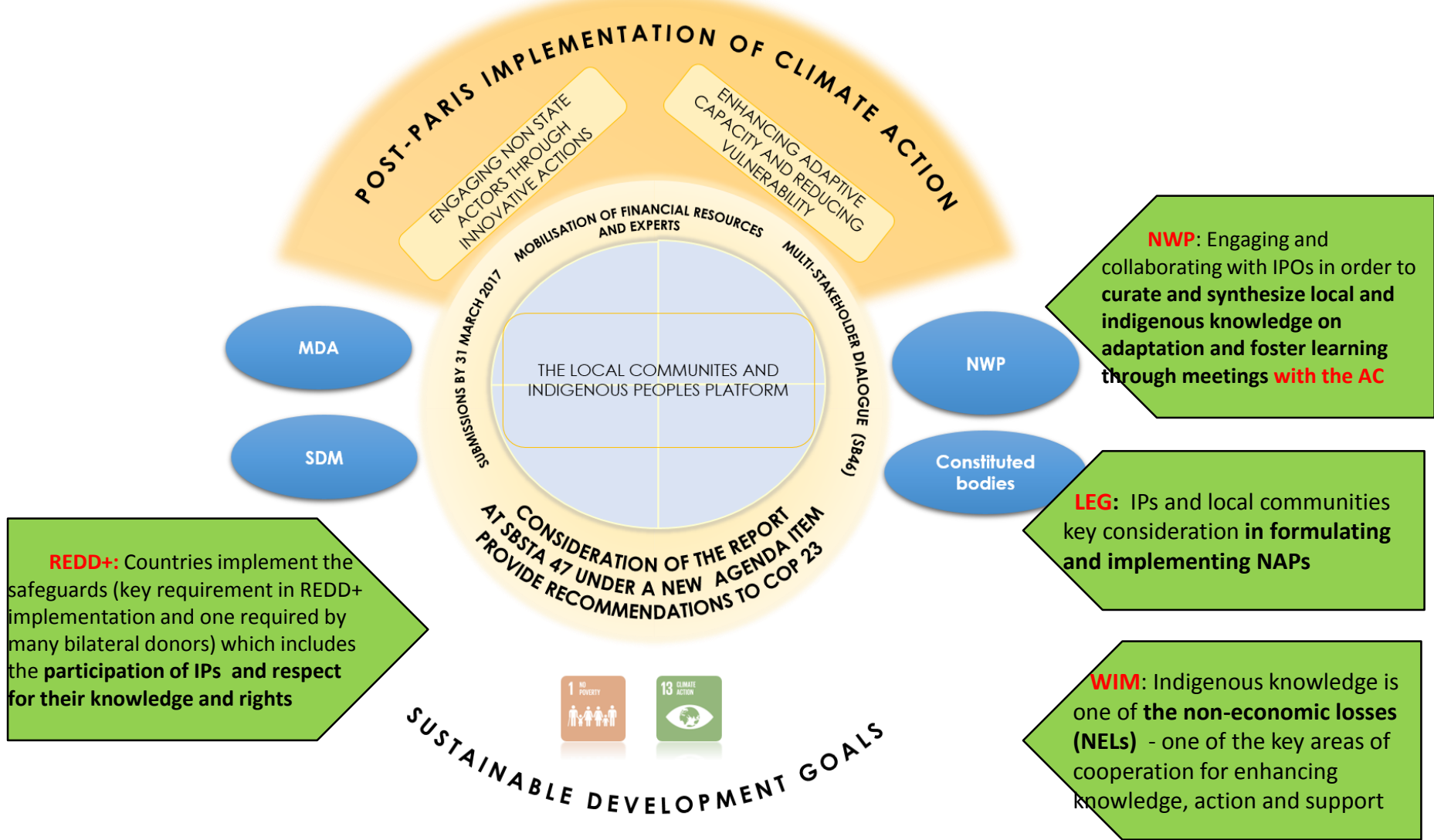


Outline

- **Context**
- **Historical evolution: How local communities and IPs and their knowledge are considered/engaged in the UNFCCC process?**
- **Outcomes in Paris**
- **Operationalizing the platform: Marrakech and beyond**
- **Conclusions**



Historical evolution



Outcomes in Paris

Recognized the **need to strengthen knowledge, technologies, practices and efforts of local communities and indigenous peoples** related to addressing and responding to climate change



Established a platform for the exchange of experiences and sharing of best practices on mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner

Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 135



Operationalizing the platform: Marrakech and beyond



- **Make the voices of indigenous peoples heard** in the climate negotiations, as well as in various related bodies
- **Facilitate the implementation of concrete mitigation and adaptation action** through:
 - sharing of information between indigenous peoples, and from indigenous peoples to other relevant stakeholders;
 - Foster collaboration with scientists and policy-makers
- **Indigenous peoples contribute to designing and implementing the platform** through a participatory process.



Operationalizing the platform: Marrakech and beyond

President conducted **informal consultations** on the local communities and indigenous peoples platform



The COP agreed to **adopt an incremental approach to developing the local communities and indigenous peoples platform** with a view to ensuring its effective operationalization.



Operationalizing the platform: Marrakech and beyond

Upcoming activities on the local communities and indigenous peoples platform

31 March 2017



Submissions on purpose, content and structure of the platform.

May 2017
(SB 46)



An open multi-stakeholder dialogue to operationalize the platform. The dialogue will be co-moderated by the Chair of the SBSTA and a representative of indigenous peoples' organizations.



A report on the multi-stakeholder dialogue and submissions.

November 2017
(SB 47)



Consideration of the report under a new agenda item "local communities and indigenous peoples' platform" and conclusion of the consideration at SBSTA47 by forwarding recommendations for operationalization of the platform to COP 23.



Conclusions

- **Building on important work that has come before**
 - **What would make the greatest difference with the platform?**
 - **What innovative ways can the platform be designed to address the challenges of participation and meaningful engagement?**
- **Success down the road could look like**
 - **Clear options for purpose, content, and structure...**
 - **Who the platform could primarily serve,**
 - **Clear suggestions about what value might be added, and**
 - **Ideas about how the platform can foster learning.**

