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# **Participatory Mechanisms used by the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention**

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# Establishment of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions – SB8J



- COP 16 established the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity relating to indigenous peoples and local communities (**SB8J**) by decision 16/5.
- SB8J is mandated to **provide advice to the COP**, other subsidiary bodies and, subject to request, COP-MOP-CP and COP-MOP-NP, on matters of interest to indigenous peoples and local communities that fall within the scope of the CBD and its Protocols.
- The SB8J is tasked with **developing and finalizing its modus operandi at its first meeting** (decision 16/5).
- This topic appears as **item 4** on the SB8J-1 work agenda.

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- COP 16 adopted the Programme of Work on Article 8(j) up to 2030 (decision 16/4).
- **Task 6.1** calls for “implementing and further developing the enhanced participation mechanisms used by the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention”.



# Participation



In all CBD meetings (COP, SBSTTA, SBI, SB8J, other WGs):

- Accreditation under the “IPLC” category
- Voluntary Fund

## **WG8J participation mechanisms:**

- 7 representatives (one per sociocultural region) to comprise the COP Bureau, one of them nominated to co-chair the meeting.
- At WG8J-12 (Geneva, 2023), it was agreed to give the floor first to the caucus.

These arrangements were adopted by acclamation at the WG8J-12 plenary.

# Elements of Decision 16/5

Aspects that the SB8J must consider when developing its modus operandi:

1. Full and effective participation of the PlyLC
2. Cost efficiency compared to the GT8J
3. Recognition of SB8J as a Party-led process

PlyLC representatives as Friends of the Table

5. Interaction with other subsidiary bodies to minimize duplication and strengthen synergies

Base text: Recommendation 12/2 (GT8J-12)

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# Thank you!



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