



Indigenous and Traditional Territories (ITTs) International Workshop and Biodiversity Conservation

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PANEL 5

Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities



Full and effective participation

A fundamental principle of the programme of work for Article 8(j) has been the participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the work of the CBD.

The principle mechanism is

- the **Subsidiary Body on Article 8 (J) and other provisions of the Convention (SB8J)**





Subsidiary Body (SB8J)

Simplified Illustration of the CBD-Structure

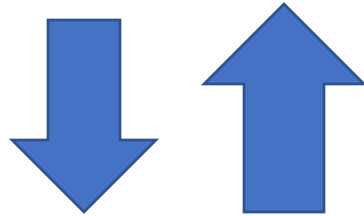


Subsidiary Body on Article 8 (J) and other provisions of the convention (SB8J)

Overview of participation mechanisms for Indigenous Peoples and local communities under the CBD



Secretariat of the
CBD
Focal Points on
TK/CSU



International
Indigenous Forum
on Biodiversity
(IIFB)



Traditional Knowledge Information Portal
<https://www.cbd.int/traditional/>



The SBJ8



Registration at the CBD meetings, as IPLCs representatives,



A Voluntary Funding Mechanism



Capacity-building Development Programmes



Modus operandi

The Working Group on Art. 8 (j)



- the nomination of an Indigenous Peoples and local community co-chair to assist the **Chairperson** of the meeting, as
- an Indigenous Peoples and local community friend of the **bureau**,
- Indigenous Peoples and local communities **co-chairs** for **sub-working groups** and **contact groups**, and
- enhanced opportunities to make **interventions on all agenda items**.

The SB8J





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Submission of views and information in preparation for the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

IIFB Submission- Modus Operandi

The International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) suggests applying the practices and procedures to promote the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) (Working Group on Article 8(j), mutatis mutandis to the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the convention on biological diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities (Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j)).

These practices and procedures of the Working Group on Article 8(j) include but not limited to the following:

- (a) The nomination of an Indigenous Peoples and local communities' Co-chair to assist the Chairperson of the meeting, as well as Indigenous Peoples and local communities' co-chairs for sub-working groups and contact groups;
- (b) The nomination of one representative from each of the seven (7) sociocultural regions nominated by their region, comprising a total of seven (7) representatives of Indigenous Peoples and local communities as an Indigenous Peoples and local communities' Bureau, to work as friends of the Government Bureau (of the meeting);
- (c) Enhanced opportunities to make interventions first on all agenda items; Inclusion of Indigenous Peoples and local communities' spiritual guide, preferably from the host region, for the opening of the meeting; and
- (d) Indigenous Peoples and local communities' participation at the High-Level Segment of the Conference of the Parties.

https://www.cbd.int/api/v2013/documents/51765342-D2AF-182D-E155-6AD52B9F1B7C/attachments/617698/IIFB_Modus%20Operandi.pdf

and <https://iifb-indigenous.org/modus-operandi-of-the-sb8j-and-other-provisions-of-the-cbd/>



Elements that the SB8J could contain

IIFB views on:

- The need for the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities;
- The cost efficiency of its operations and management compared with those of the Working Group;
- The full recognition of its operations as Party-led processes;
- The criteria and process for the selection of representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities to be designated at the beginning of each of its meetings from the seven sociocultural regions to participate in its work as friends of the Bureau, and the role of Parties and the Bureau in those modalities;
- Interaction with the other subsidiary bodies, with a view to minimizing duplication and any additional burden to those subsidiary bodies, while enhancing synergies



Many thanks