# *Can Local and Indigenous Knowledge*

# *strengthen adaptation and mitigation actions in ACP countries?*

***The Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and the Intra-ACP GCCA+***

***webinar series***

# CONCEPT NOTE

# Background

The 21st session of the Conference of parties (COP21) to the United nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) established the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) to strengthen practises, technologies and knowledge of local communities and indigenous people to address and to respond to climate change.

The Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) together with the Intra-ACP GCCA+ Programme will host a webinar on **April 29th, 2020** at **1pm** (CEST) focusing on Local and Indigenous Knowledge (LIK) and its role in tackling climate change in ACP countries.

In line with the main purpose of the Platform to share best practises, the webinar will serve to share the recently published Policy Paper *“Can Local and Indigenous Knowledge strengthen adaptation and mitigation actions in ACP countries?”* with partners and other stakeholders. The intent is to enrich the paper with testimonials from ACP countries and bring their voices to the LCIPP.

# Objectives

In particular the webinar will:

* Promote dialogue and raise awareness of the challenges, efforts and successes, on the use of LIK for climate change adaptation and mitigation in ACP countries and regions
* Identify good examples/success stories and research findings on the use of LIK for climate change adaptation and mitigation in ACP countries and regions;
* Share knowledge of and encourage appropriate participation and representation of LIK holders and/or experts from ACP countries/regions in the various international Platforms and debates, specifically those under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);

# Participants

Expected participants feature:

* OACPS Secretariat;
* The Technical Assistance (TA) team of the Intra-ACP GCCA+ Programme;
* A representative of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC);
* A representative of UNESCO;
* Representatives of the Intra-ACP GCCA+ Programme regional organisations;
* Representatives of Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs);
* Representatives of EU institutions (TBC);

# Tentative programme:

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| **Time** | **Session** | **Speaker** |
| 10min | Opening session: Welcome remarksPresentation of the LIK Policy Paper | Representative from the OACPS Secretariat**Dr. Pendo Maro**, Team Leader of the Intra-ACP GCCA+ Programme |
| 5min | FAO’s work on Indigenous people’s food systems  | **Mr. Yon Fernández-de-Larrinoa**, Head of Unit, Indigenous Peoples Unit (PSPI), Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) |
| 5min | Current work of the LCIPP | **Ms Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, member of the Facilitative Working Group of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC)  |
| 5min | UNESCO’s work on LIK | **Dr Nigel Crawhall**, Chief of Section, Small Islands and Indigenous Knowledge, UNESCO |
| 15min | Best practises from ACP regions | **Mr. Mclay Kanyangarara**, Climate Change Advisor, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)**Mr. Carlos Fuller**, International and Regional Liaison Officer, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) **Ms. Siosinamele Lui**, Climate Traditional Knowledge Officer, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) |
| 5min | Community based forest management - Case studies in ACP countries and results  | **Ms. Marie-Ange Kalenga**, Policy Advsior, Forests, Governance & Development, FERN |
| 30min | Open discussion | All participants |
| 15min | Wrap up and Closing remarks | **Dr. Pendo Maro**, Team Leader of the Intra-ACP GCCA+ Programme |

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