

# Item 3 Ensure the sustainability and strategic use of the Global Facilitators Network



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# Contributions and challenges

## Global Facilitators Network

- Established in 2011
- First decade: a first cohort for the global network of facilitators trained by the Secretariat to support communities, States Parties and other relevant stakeholders

## Key Contributions

- Delivering capacity-building workshops, providing policy advice and conducting pilot activities
- Supporting national nominations, periodic reporting and other initiatives
- Engaging in research and teaching

## Challenges Identified (2021 IOS Evaluation)

- Uneven geographical coverage
- Need for expertise in emerging areas
- Limited availability of facilitators



# Recent developments and requirements

## Network Growth (through global call 2022)

- Expanded to 248 members across all regions
- Global webinar+ Regional training-of-trainers sessions conducted for new members

## New Requirements

- Sustain meaningful engagement and exchange
- Develop competencies to address evolving themes
- Keep facilitators updated on 2003 Convention developments



# Network support

## Training

- Global online training series
- Regional training offered by Category 2 Centres

## Visibility

- Webpage on network members
- Reporting to the Committee and General Assembly
- Specific activities i.e. side events statutory meetings -> 11. GA

## Information sharing

- New resources
- Calls for expression of interests
- Information on relevant UNESCO events

## Facilitating collaboration

- With Category II Centres
- With State Parties
- ...

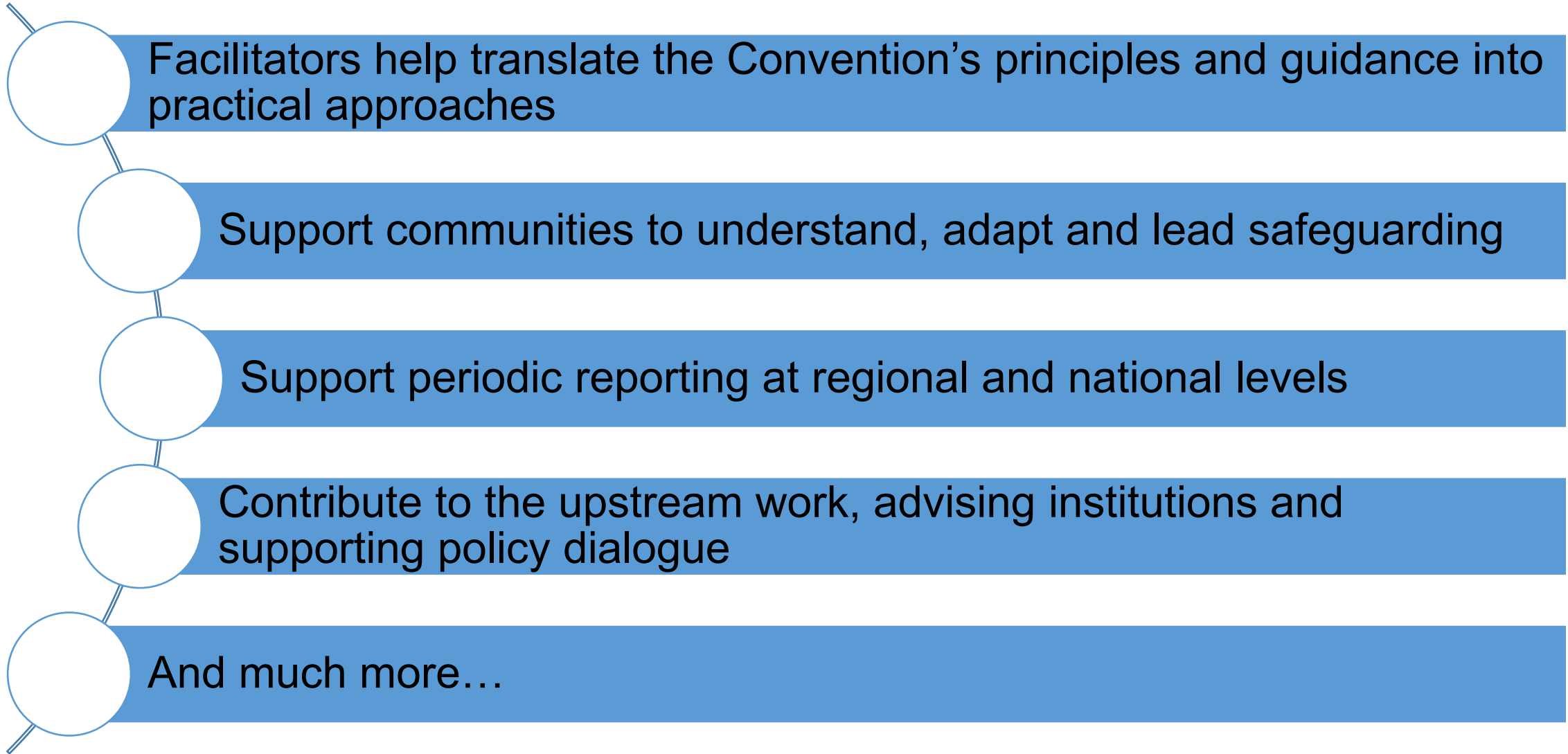


## **Kind request to all network members:**

- **Please send updated CV by mid June 2026 (circular email will follow)**



# Facilitators network – engine for the Convention and capacity building



How can we work together to:

- Enhance collaboration and strengthen connections within the network and with States Parties
- Ensure long-term sustainability through shared commitment and visibility
- Maximize impact by strategically positioning the network within the broader ecosystem of actors under the Convention

*Your ideas will help shape the future of our network.*