

Workplan of the National Committee on Participation: the first phase of the process for the participation of society (the design phase)

Paragraph 4 of Agreement No. 9, entitled “Process of participation of society in peacebuilding (first Cuba Agreement)” states that “the participation process covers the first three sections of the Mexico Agreement. It shall run until May 2025, when the results of sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Mexico Agreement will be determined and the corresponding agreements shall be signed”. It also establishes that this process will be divided into four phases: 4.1, design phase; 4.2, diagnosis and dialogue on democracy for peace; 4.3, building an agenda on democracy and transformation; and 4.4, systematize results.

Timing of the phases for the development of the process for the participation of society

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Timing</i>
1. Design of the participation process	July 2023–February 2024
2. Diagnosis and dialogue on democracy for peace	February 2024–July 2024
3. Building an agenda on democracy and transformation	July 2024–January 2025
4. Systematization of the results	January 2025–May 2025

For the development of the design phase, the peace talks panel will adopt the present workplan for the National Committee on Participation, a roadmap designed to ensure that the general and specific objectives are met effectively and efficiently and to specify the outcomes that are expected from the design phase.

I. Design of the participation process

In the design phase, the ways in which society will participate shall be established. The process shall be facilitated by the National Committee on Participation, a special and temporary body of the peace talks panel that has a specific mandate and is coordinated by the latter. As Agreement No. 9 stipulates, “the first phase shall mark the beginning of the process of participation of society, specifying the criteria and scope to guarantee its central role in developing the issues agreed upon, and defining the methodology and scenarios for participation through a national, deliberative and proactive exercise”.

This phase will last between four and six months, starting from the signing of Agreement No. 9 and the official public establishment of the National Committee on Participation, on 3 August 2023, and conclude with a national meeting at which the results of the phase will be presented to the public.

II. The National Committee on Participation as a temporary and special body of the peace talks panel for the design of the participation process

The National Committee on Participation is a temporary special body attached to the peace talks panel. It is composed of 81 members, representatives of the 30 social movements, ethnic peoples, organizations, trade associations and institutions listed in annex 1 to Agreement No. 9. The Committee is led by the peace talks panel, and should achieve the following objectives of the design phase:

- Present a conceptual, operational and logistical plan to promote and facilitate the involvement of society in the design of the participation process.
- Promote and develop spaces for dialogue with a differential approach, in which the various components of society can present their proposals to design the participation method.
- Systematize the proposals of the social groups convened.
- Contribute to the formulation of the national agreement.

Once the design phase is completed, the fulfilment of the aforementioned objectives shall be reflected in the submission to the peace talks panel of three products: a model for participation, a set of recommendations and the national participation plan.

Milestones of the workplan of the National Committee on Participation

1. Establishment and operationalization of the National Committee on Participation
2. Regional, local and sectoral dialogues
3. Systematization and formulation of the final products of the design process.

1. Establishment and operationalization of the National Committee on Participation

<i>Main activities</i>	<i>Targets</i>	<i>Responsible party/parties</i>	<i>Start date</i>	<i>Completion date</i>
Establishment of the technical secretariat	Technical secretariat composed of four persons, two appointed by each of the parties, to ensure that National Committee on Participation functions and achieves the expected outcomes of the participation design phase.	Delegations on the peace talks panel	20 June 2023	14 July 2023
Formation of technical and logistical teams with the support of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia	<p>Five technical and logistical teams established to support the Committee's ongoing work.</p> <p>(a) Logistics and management of events and activities</p> <p>(b) Financial and administrative support</p> <p>(c) Education and communications</p> <p>(d) Document and information management</p> <p>(e) Security and protection safeguards</p> <p>Ensuring that the nine regional meetings are held should be the priority when establishing the teams.</p> <p>Five technical and logistical teams established and trained in methodological design and in the approaches and contents of the participation design phase, in line with the agreements adopted by the peace talks panel, especially the Mexico Agreement and Agreement No. 9 on the participation of society.</p> <p>Specific strategies and methodologies developed and implemented by the technical and logistical teams to ensure that the Committee's objectives are met, in particular, the methodologies for the organization of the national and regional meetings.</p>	Delegations and technical secretariat	26 June 2023	30 July 2023 ¹
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		Delegations and technical secretariat	7 Aug. 2023	12 Aug. 2023
Establishment and operation of the working groups of the National Committee on Participation	Working groups formed to cover the main activities of the National Committee on Participation (regional and national meetings, dialogue with various stakeholders and systematization).	Technical secretariat and National Committee on Participation	3 Aug. 2023	24 Feb. 2024

¹ Systematization, communications and logistics teams: 25 July 2023.

² Monthly training sessions will be held after the first introductory session.

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Plenary meetings of the National Committee on Participation	Five plenary meetings of the Committee held, which will include workshops on: analysis and discussion of criteria and workplan; partial systematization and methodological adjustments to field work; and final systematization.	Coordinating body	To be determined	To be determined

2. Regional, local and sectoral dialogues

<i>Main activities</i>	<i>Targets</i>	<i>Responsible party/parties</i>	<i>Start date</i>	<i>Completion date</i>
Preparation for regional and national meetings	Plan for convening regional and national meetings agreed. The plan should include convening strategies, methodologies and preparation of reports and other systematization documents.	Coordinating body, National Committee on Participation and technical secretariat	1 Aug. 2023	31 Aug. 2023
Regional meetings (two days each, with 150–200 people)	Nine meetings held (one for each region agreed ³) as optimal spaces for dialogue with a differential approach, in which the various components of society can present their proposals for the design of the participation process.	National Committee on Participation and its various working groups	1 Nov. 2023	15 Dec. 2023
National meetings [thematic, sectoral, population-based] (two days each, with 150 people)	15 meetings held (one for each agreed sector, population group and theme ⁴) as optimal spaces for dialogue with a differential approach, in which the various components of society can present their proposals for the design of the participation process.	National Committee on Participation and its various working groups	1 Sept. 2023 2 and 3 Sept. 2023 9 and 10 Sept. 2023 16 and 27 Sept. 2023 23 and 24 Sept. 2023 30 Sept. 2023 and 1 Oct. 2023 7 and 8 Oct. 2023 14 and 15 Oct. 2023	31 Oct. 2023
Dialogue with sectors or organizations that request it	Ancillary spaces available for dialogue with a differential approach provided, in which the various components of society can present their proposals for the design of the participation process.	Delegations and technical secretariat	3 Aug. 2023	15 Dec. 2023

³ Amazonia, Antioquia, Caribbean region, Central region, coffee-producing region, Northeast, Orinoco region, Pacific Coast and Southwest.

⁴ Workers; peasants; women; Indigenous Peoples; environmentalists; Black, Afro-Colombian, Raizal and Palenquero communities; Roma People; urban social movements; students; young people; trade associations; prison population; housing advocates; informal workers; children and adolescents; and persons with disabilities.

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Design, management and operationalization of a repository of proposals on participation	Supplementary platform established for the compilation of initiatives, suggestions and proposals on the design of the participation process.	Delegations and technical secretariat	3 Aug. 2023	15 Dec. 2023

3. Systematization and development of the participation design: model for participation, recommendations for participation and national participation plan

<i>Main activities</i>	<i>Targets</i>	<i>Responsible party/parties</i>	<i>Start date</i>	<i>Completion date</i>
Compilation of reports	Reports, including conclusions, of all the meetings and discussions that the National Committee on Participation holds with the public. These reports will be shared at the meetings and immediately submitted to the technical secretariat.	National Committee on Participation	1 Sept. 2023	15 Dec. 2023
Processing and systematization of information collected	All of the information collected (reports, documentation from the repository) processed and systematized.	Systematization team	3 Aug. 2023	15 Dec. 2023
Preparation of documents	Availability of the three documents required of the National Committee on Participation for the participation design phase: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation model • Set of recommendations • National participation plan 	National Committee on Participation (technical secretariat and systematization team)	1 Nov. 2023	31 Jan. 2024
National event: conclusion of the design phase; presentation of the participation model and launch of the second and third phases of Agreement No. 9.	Presentation of the results of the participation design phase at a large-scale public event, as an opening and kick-off event for participation in agenda items 2 and 3.	Peace talks panel and National Committee on Participation	Jan.–Feb. 2024	Jan.–Feb. 2024

4. General schedule for phase 1: participation design

Main activities	June 2023		July 2023				Aug. 2023					Sept. 2023				Oct. 2023				Nov. 2023				Dec. 2023				Jan. 2024				Feb. 2024	
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Establishment of the technical secretariat	█		█																														
Establishment of technical and logistical teams with the support of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia	█		█																														
Establishment and functioning of working groups for the operational effectiveness of the National Committee on Participation							█																										
Plenary meetings of the National Committee on Participation (to be defined)							█																										
Preparation for regional and national meetings							█																										
Regional meetings																	█																
National meetings [thematic, sectoral, population-based]																	█																
Dialogue with sectors or organizations							█																										
Design, management and operationalization of repository							█																										

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