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**Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore**

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WIPO Voluntary Fund for accredited INDIGENOUS and local communities: information note on contributions and applications for support

*Document prepared by the Secretariat*

This document contains information required to be reported to the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”) on the operation of the Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities (“the Fund”). The rules are set out in the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6, which was approved by the WIPO General Assembly at its Thirty-Second Session in September 2005 and subsequently amended by the General Assembly at its Thirty-Ninth Session in September 2010.

Article 6(f) of the rules states:

“(f) Before each Committee session, the WIPO Director General will communicate for the information of participants an information note setting out:

* + 1. the level of the voluntary contributions paid into the Fund on the date on which the document was drafted;
		2. the identity of the contributors (unless individual contributors have expressly requested to remain anonymous);
		3. the amount of the resources available taking into account the funds disbursed;
		4. the list of people who have benefited from the Fund’s support since the previous information memorandum;
		5. the people chosen to benefit from the Fund but who withdrew;
		6. the amount of the support allocated to each beneficiary; and
		7. a sufficiently detailed description of the applicants seeking support for the following session.

This document will also be addressed by name to the members of the Advisory Board for examination and deliberation.”

The present document constitutes the thirty-first such information note, as required by the decision of the WIPO General Assembly. The information required to be communicated to the participants in the Thirty-Ninth Session of the Committee is as follows:

Level of the voluntary contributions paid to the Fund until February 4, 2019 and names of the contributors:

86,092.60 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 500,000 Swedish crowns at the date) credited on November 7, 2006, by the Swedish International Biodiversity Programme (SwedBio/CBM);

31,684 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 20,000 Euros at the date) credited on
December 20, 2006, by the Government of France;

29,992.50 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 25,000 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on March 27, 2007, by the Christensen Fund;

150,000 Swiss francs credited on June 8, 2007, by the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Berne, Switzerland;

5,965.27 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 5,000 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on August 14, 2007, by the Ministry of Science and Technology, South Africa;

98,255.16 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 60,000 Euros at the date) credited on December 20, 2007, by the Government of Norway;

100,000 Swiss francs credited on February 7, 2008, by the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Berne, Switzerland;

12,500 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 13, 441 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on March 25, 2011, by the Ministry of Science and Technology, South Africa;

500 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 573 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on May 10, 2011, by an anonymous contributor;

89,500 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 100,000 Australian dollars at the date) credited on October 20, 2011, by the Government of Australia;

15,000 Swiss francs credited on June 20, 2013 by the Government of Australia[[1]](#footnote-2);

4,694.40 Swiss francs credited on June 20, 2013 by the Government of New Zealand; and

37,835 Swiss francs credited on February 28, 2017 by the Government of Australia;

Total amount of the voluntary contributions credited to the Fund until November 20, 2018: 661,236.71 Swiss francs.

Amount of the resources available:

* Amount available in the Fund on February 4, 2019, including bank fees and interest: 96.50 Swiss francs.
* Amount committed on February 4, 2019: None.
* Amount available in the Fund minus committed amount on February 4, 2019:
96.50 Swiss francs.

List of persons who benefited or were recommended for funding since the previous information note[[2]](#footnote-3):

Applicant who was recommended for funding with the view of the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Committee[[3]](#footnote-4)and was offered, as first in the order of priority, the possibility to be supported partially by the Fund, but who did not accept the offer:

Ms. Lucia Fernanda INACIO BELFORT SALES

Nationality: Brazil

Mailing address: Ronda Alta (RS), Brazil

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

*Instituto Indígena Brasilero da Propriedade Intelectual* (INBRAPI)

Seat of the accredited observer: Ronda Alta (RS), Brazil

Applicant who was recommended for funding with the view of the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Committee[[4]](#footnote-5), who was offered, as second in the order of priority, the possibility to be supported partially by the Fund, and who accepted the offer:

Ms. Jennifer TAULI CORPUZ

Nationality: Philippines

Mailing address: Quezon City, Philippines

Name of the accredited observer: Tebtebba Foundation – Indigenous Peoples’ International Centre for Policy Research and Education

Seat of the accredited observer: Baguio City, Philippines

Applicants who were recommended for funding with the view to the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Committee[[5]](#footnote-6) pending availability of funds, but for whom no sufficient means were available in the Fund on November 20, 2018 (respectively as third and fourth in the order of priority):

Mr. John Kolol OLE TINGOI

Nationality: Kenya

Mailing address: Nanyuki, Kenya
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
Maasai Cultural Heritage Foundation
Seat of the accredited observer: Nanyuki, Kenya

Ms. June LORENZO

Nationality: United States of America

Mailing address: Pueblo of Laguna (NM), United States of America

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: Indigenous World Association

Seat of the accredited observer: Kahnawake (QC), Canada

Applicants who were recommended for funding[[6]](#footnote-7), pending availability of funds, with the view to the Thirty-Ninth Session of the Committee, but for whom no sufficient means were available in the Fund on February 4, 2019 (in order of priority)

Mr. Odon NSUMBU KABU

Nationality: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mailing address: Mbuji-Mayi, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

*Centre de Recherche et de Promotion du Droit*

Seat of the accredited observer: Mbuji-Mayi, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mr. Q”apaj CONDE CHOQUE

Nationality: Bolivia

Mailing address: La Paz, Bolivia

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

*Centro de Estudios Multidisciplinarios Aymara (CEM-Aymara)/*Center for Multidisciplinary Studies Aymara (CEM-Aymara)
Seat of the accredited observer: La Paz, Bolivia

Disbursed with the view to the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Committee:

Mrs. Jennifer TAULI CORPUZ: 1,650 Swiss francs.

Committed in view of the Thirty-Ninth Session of the Committee:

No commitment made.

List of the applicants seeking support for the next Session of the Committee:

(in alphabetical order)

Mr. Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA

Nationality: Mali

Mailing address: Timbuktu, Mali

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: ADJMOR

Seat of the accredited observer: Timbuktu, Mali

Mr. Agoussou Marcellin AIGBE

Nationality: Benin
Mailing address: Cotonou, Benin
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
*Jeunesse Sans Frontières Bénin*
Seat of the accredited observer: Cotonou, Bénin

Ms. Bibi BARBA

Nationality: Australia

Mailing address: Kirribilli Sydney, Australia

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: Arts Law Centre of Australia

Seat of the accredited observer: Woolloomooloo, Australia

Mr. Q”apaj CONDE CHOQUE

Nationality: Bolivia

Mailing address: La Paz, Bolivia

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

*Centro de Estudios Multidisciplinarios Aymara (CEM-Aymara)/*Center for Multidisciplinary Studies Aymara (CEM-Aymara)
Seat of the accredited observer: La Paz, Bolivia

Mr. Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ INLAGO

Nationality: Ecuador

Mailing address: Quito, Ecuador

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

Call of the Earth/*Llamado de la Tierra*

Seat of the accredited observer: Cusco, Peru

Mr. Nelson DE LEÓN KANTULE

Nationality: Panama

Mailing address: Panama City, Panama

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

*Asociación Kunas Unidos por Napguana*/Association of *Kunas* United for Mother Earth (KUNA)

Seat of the accredited observer: Corregimiento Vista Alegre, Arraijan, Panama

Ms. Sonia Patricia MURCIA ROA

Nationality: Colombia

Mailing address: Bogota, Colombia

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

*Maloca Internationale*

Seat of the accredited observer: Bogota, Colombia

Mr. Odon NSUMBU KABU

Nationality: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mailing address: Mbuji-Mayi, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

*Centre de Recherche et de Promotion du Droit*

Seat of the accredited observer: Mbuji-Mayi, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mr. Ndiaga SALL

Nationality: Senegal

Mailing address: Dakar, Senegal
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: Enda Santé
Seat of the accredited observer: Dakar, Senegal

Ms. Jennifer TAULI CORPUZ

Nationality: Philippines

Mailing address: Quezon City, Philippines

Name of the accredited observer: Tebtebba Foundation – Indigenous Peoples’ International Centre for Policy Research and Education

Seat of the accredited observer: Baguio City, Philippines

*The Committee is invited to take note of the content of this document.*

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1. 782.22 Swiss francs were reimbursed on September 2, 2013 in accordance with the agreed terms for the use of the contribution made by the Government of Australia. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. See document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/38/INF/4 dated November 21, 2018. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/37/INF/6 dated August 30, 2018. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Idem. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. Idem. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/38/INF/6 dated December 13, 2018. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)