

WIPO INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES,  
TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE

FACILITIES FOR ACCREDITED ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL  
COMMUNITIES

**PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS & LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

The WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (the "IGC") has encouraged the active participation in its work of representatives of indigenous and local communities. In line with this general support, additional arrangements have been set up to assist accredited organizations that represent indigenous and local communities. This leaflet provides a brief summary of these additional services. A separate leaflet provides general practical information for all delegates, including NGO representatives.

**MEETING SUPPORT**

Practical support will be provided for accredited indigenous and local communities:

**Secretarial and documentary support:** A fully equipped office with multilingual secretarial support will be made available to help representatives of accredited indigenous and local communities in preparing and translating statements and other documentation. A fax machine and computer with printer and internet connection is available, and wireless connectivity is available for those with Wi-Fi - ready laptop computers.

**WIPO VOLUNTARY FUND**

To enhance and support the participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the IGC, a Voluntary Contribution Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities has been set up. Only already accredited observers, which are representatives of local or indigenous communities, may apply for this funding. For more information on the Voluntary Fund, please visit our website: [http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/ngoparticipation/voluntary\\_fund/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/ngoparticipation/voluntary_fund/index.html)

A booklet has been published providing details of the Voluntary Fund and how to apply for support.

**INDIGENOUS PANEL**

The IGC has set aside the first morning of IGC sessions for a panel, chaired by an Indigenous representative. Indigenous and local community representatives share their communities' concerns and experiences relation to traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions and genetic resources. The panel accordingly takes place immediately before commencement of the IGC, in Room A at the WIPO main building.

A document which gives more details may be found at the documents counter.