

Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)

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ACCREDITATION OF OBSERVERS

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1. The Rules of Procedure for the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) provide for *ad hoc* accreditation as observers of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for a period of one year (document CDIP/1/2 Rev.).
2. The Annexes to this document contain information about two non-governmental organizations (NGOs), namely, Local Community Development Association (LCDA), and Black Lion Juridiques, which have requested to be granted *ad hoc* observer status.
3. *The CDIP is invited to take a decision on the request for accreditation of the NGOs contained in the Annexes to this document as ad hoc observers for a period of one year.*

[Annexes follow]

ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE REQUESTED ACCREDITATION AS OBSERVER IN
SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
(CDIP)

Full Name of the Organization:

Local Community Development Association (LCDA)

Description of the Organization:

Local Community Development Association (LCDA) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization committed to promoting sustainable community development and poverty alleviation. Established to serve as a catalyst for positive social and economic transformation, LCDA operates with a people-centered approach that emphasizes empowerment, capacity building, and innovation.

The organization works across diverse sectors including environmental management, sustainable agriculture, education, health counseling services, aquaculture, entrepreneurship, and human rights protection. LCDA also engages in preventive initiatives addressing drug abuse and crime, recognizing their impact on community stability and youth development.

Through advocacy, training, and grassroots projects, LCDA seeks to strengthen local institutions, support small-scale innovators, and promote environmentally sound and socially inclusive development. Our programs are guided by the principles of sustainability, equity, and innovation, ensuring that communities are equipped with the knowledge and tools to achieve long-term self-reliance.

By fostering creativity and awareness of intellectual property rights, LCDA also encourages individuals and community groups to protect and commercialize their traditional knowledge, inventions, and creative works, transforming local ideas into viable solutions for development.

Main Aim and Objectives of the Organization:

The main aim of LCDA is to empower communities through programs that advance environmental management, sustainable agriculture, education, health counseling services, aquaculture, entrepreneurship, human rights, and initiatives to combat drug abuse and crime.

Main Field of Intellectual Property (IP) of the Organization:

LCDA's main field of Intellectual Property (IP) focuses on promoting innovation at the grassroots level by encouraging creativity, protecting traditional knowledge, and supporting local entrepreneurs and creators to understand and utilize IP rights as tools for sustainable development.

Country in which the Organization is Primarily Active:

Buea, Fako Division, Cameroon, since December 2, 2008.

Full List of Officers:

- President: Mr. Njoka Walter Laye
- Project Coordinator: Dr. Achingale Queen Anyifuet
- Field Supervisor: Mr. Njoya Kelvin
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Name of Organization Representative and Title:

Mr. Njoka Walter Laye, President

[Annex II follows]

Full Name of the Organization:

Black Lion Juridiques

Description of the Organization:

Black Lion Juridiques is a law firm committed to promoting law services, particularly in African communities. We offer legal advice, consultation and drafting services to those who require our assistance.

Main Aim and Objectives of the Organization:

The BLJ/APROD-IPROND Young Elites of Senegal Association (Black Lion Juridiques/ Association for the Promotion of Law and the Professional Integration of New Graduates) aims to promote legal awareness and practice throughout Senegal and internationally.

Its mission is to popularize law in all its branches to ensure respect for legal norms that guarantee a peaceful, secure, and equitable society.

1. Promotion of Law and Citizenship

BLJ/APROD-IPROND is committed to raising awareness among Senegalese and African citizens about their rights and duties, in order to encourage active participation in the economic, social, and institutional development of the continent.

By strengthening legal literacy, the association contributes to the gradual formalization of the informal sector, supporting economic actors in achieving legal compliance and sustainability.

2. Equality, Social Justice, and Fundamental Rights

The association is dedicated to women's empowerment, the promotion of gender equality, and the protection of the rights of women and children, which are considered absolute priorities.

It promotes a peaceful and constructive approach to gender parity in professional, educational, and family settings, fostering mutual respect and social justice.

3. Access to Legal Advice and Conflict Prevention

BLJ/APROD-IPROND advocates for a renewed perception of positive law in Africa, combating prejudices and mistrust toward the legal system.

The association encourages citizens to seek legal or professional advice before entering into any contractual or commercial commitment, in order to prevent disputes and strengthen social peace.

It also works toward the prevention and resolution of legal conflicts between individuals and organizations, emphasizing dialogue, mediation, and legal education.

4. Intellectual Property and Innovation

As part of its Black Lion Juridiques initiative, the association has developed a specialized department dedicated to the protection, promotion, and valorization of intellectual property in Senegal and across Africa.

It supports entrepreneurs, artists, inventors, and start-ups in protecting their creations, trademarks, patents, and intellectual works, thereby contributing to the growth of Africa's creative and digital economy.

This area of focus also aims to raise youth awareness about copyright and related rights, while encouraging local creativity and technological innovation.

5. Professional Integration and Youth Entrepreneurship

BLJ/APROD-IPROND actively supports the professional integration of new graduates, regardless of their field of expertise.

The association works to establish partnerships with ministries, public institutions, and private companies to facilitate access for young graduates to internships, employment, or apprenticeship opportunities.

It organizes workshops, seminars, and professional networking events between graduates and employers, promoting employability, entrepreneurship, and skill development.

Furthermore, it encourages youth entrepreneurship through legal and administrative support tailored to their business projects.

Main Field of Intellectual Property (IP) of the Organization:

Black Lion Juridiques has developed a specialized division dedicated to the protection, promotion, and enhancement of intellectual property in Senegal and across Africa. This division operates in key areas of intellectual property law, including copyright, related rights, trademarks, patents, and industrial designs.

Black Lion Juridiques provides legal support to entrepreneurs, artists, inventors, cultural creators, and start-ups in securing the legal protection of their works, innovations, and creations, thereby contributing to the growth of Africa's creative and digital economy.

The organization is also deeply committed to the protection and promotion of cultural rights, with a particular focus on safeguarding Senegal's intangible cultural heritage, especially the Lébou and Sérère cultures, which represent essential components of the country's identity and symbolic richness.

Black Lion Juridiques advocates for the empowerment of cultural and artistic actors by offering tailored legal solutions for the prevention and resolution of disputes arising between artists, media outlets, producers, or cultural institutions. This approach emphasizes mediation, dialogue, and respect for the moral and patrimonial rights of creators.

The Intellectual Property Division of Black Lion Juridiques also provides comprehensive legal and administrative assistance for the registration and protection of copyright and related rights with national authorities such as SODAV (Société Sénégalaise du Droit d'Auteur et des Droits Voisins) and BSDA (Bureau Sénégalais du Droit d'Auteur).

It offers consulting, training, and personalized legal assistance to help creators and innovators protect their works, defend their interests, and enhance the market value of their creative productions both nationally and internationally. This field of action aims to raise awareness among young people, artists, and cultural entrepreneurs about the importance of intellectual property, while promoting local creation, the preservation of traditional knowledge, and

technological innovation as key drivers of sustainable and autonomous cultural development in Africa.

Country in Which the Organization is Primarily Active:

Dakar, Senegal, legal status granted on March 2, 2023

Full List of Officers:

- President Black Lion Juridiques & Young Elites of Senegal: Mr. Pathé Ba
- General Secretary: Mr. Mouhamadou Ngorba Ba
- Treasurer: Ms. Ndeye Codou Sylla

Executive Board:

- President: Mr. Pathé Ba
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- General Secretary: Mr. Mouhamadou Ngorba Ba
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Pathé Ba, Founder of Black Lion Juridiques

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