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### ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

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1. The Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”), at its first session, held in Geneva, from April 30 to May 3, 2001, approved certain organizational and procedural matters, including according *ad hoc* observer status to a number of organizations that had expressed their wish to have a role in the works of the Committee (see the Report adopted by the Committee, WIPO/GRKTF/IC/1/13, paragraph 18).
2. Since then, an additional number of organizations have expressed to the Secretariat their wish to obtain the same status for the subsequent sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee. A document containing the names and other biographical details of the organizations which, before May 15, 2007, requested representation in the eleventh session of the Intergovernmental Committee is annexed to this document. The biographical details on the organizations contained in the Annex were received from each organization.
3. *The Intergovernmental Committee is invited to approve the accreditation of the organizations referred to in the Annex to this document as ad hoc observers.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE REQUESTED REPRESENTATION  
AS OBSERVERS IN SESSIONS OF  
THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

Art Law Center/*Fondation pour le droit de l'art*

Altin Shore

Bioresources Development and Conservation Programme - Cameroon (BDCPC)

Busoga Youth Environment Protection Association (BYEPA)

Center for Peace Building and Poverty Reduction among Indigenous African Peoples  
(CEPPER)

Centre for Research & Action on Developing Locales, Regions & the Environment  
(CRADLE)

Kanuri Development Association

L'auravetl'an Information & Education Network of Indigenous Peoples (LIENIP)

MAMACILA Apo Ginopakan Higaonon Tribal Council Inc.

Mannheim Centre for European Social Research/  
*Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung (MZES)*

Matonyok Nomads Development Organization (MANDO)

Nainyoi Community Development Organization (NCDO)

Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency (NNMDA)

Organization for Social Action & Development (OSAD)

Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute (QMIPRI)

Rural Women Environmental Protection Association (RWEPA)

Satasanga Pallikally Samity (SPS)

Art-Law Center/*Fondation pour le droit de l'art*

Main objectives of the Organization:

The Art-Law Centre was created in 1991 and is headquartered at the Law School of the University of Geneva. It is organized as a Swiss non-profit foundation (the Art-Law Foundation) which is closely linked to the Law School of the University of Geneva (a formal Center will be created at the Law School in the coming months). A board of trustees, directors, and a scientific committee comprise the Centre's governance. These bodies are composed of representatives from academia, who assure the Centre's scientific activity, as well as of people from the art world, who advise the Centre in its practical orientation.

The goal of the Art-Law Centre is to promote and coordinate research and work on issues relating to art law. For this purpose, the Art-Law Center has chosen an interdisciplinary approach by including people from both the art world and the legal world. The Centre can thus better diffuse its competence and information directly to the public, as well as to specifically interested entities (such as artists, collectors, auction houses, dealers, museums, etc.). Because of the idiosyncratic legal problems that have emerged in the province of art and culture, art law has more and more become a branch of law in and of itself. It encompasses all the aspects of law that are connected with the creation, exhibition, reproduction, sale and transfer of property of works of art and with the protection of tangible and intangible cultural property goods. Art law intersects with different legal fields as varied as international law (both public and private), property law, intellectual property law, intangible and tangible cultural property law, insurance, customs and tax laws.

Main activities of the Organization:

The Activities of the Art Law Center are as follows:

A. Conferences

The Centre regularly organizes symposia and seminars regarding current art law topics to which internationally renowned academics and specialists of the art world participate. By inviting specialists from different backgrounds, the Centre achieves its goal of providing a fruitful and interdisciplinary exchange of knowledge through the legal and artistic experiences of both the speakers and the audience. To date, more than twenty symposia have been organized by the Centre. In addition, the Center has co-organized, or been associated with other Swiss and foreign institutions, various events and conferences both in Switzerland and abroad.

B. Teaching, Research and Publishing Activities

Courses and seminars in art law are given at the Law School of the University of Geneva by one of the Centre's Directors (Prof. Marc-André Renold). The Centre's Directors contribute to various postgraduate programs in Switzerland and abroad in all areas relevant to

art law. The Art-Law Center also conducts research projects at the local and international levels (with other scientific partners) in its fields of scientific interest.

The Centre is the editor of a series of works entitled the “Studies in Art Law”, which has come to be used and read as a reference series. The collection includes the papers given at symposia organized by the Centre, as well as books written by specialists. To date, seventeen volumes have been published in the series.

The Centre also publishes the “Art-Law Centre News”, a newsletter presenting the latest developments in the world of art law. The Centre is also frequently requested by public and private entities to render legal opinions relating to specific issues of interest in the field of art law and is also offered by Swiss governmental bodies the opportunity to express its opinion on proposals of regulations in the context of the informal consultation process which generally precedes the adoption of regulations in Switzerland.

### C. Documentation Center

The Art-Law Centre has put together a documentation centre in the form of a specialized library containing books and documents relating to art law which is located at the Law School of the University of Geneva. This library comprises reference works (in international, comparative and domestic law), specialized periodicals and numerous other documents relevant to the subject.

### Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property Matters:

The Art-Law Center has since its very inception had a strong interest for all intellectual property issues relating to art and tangible and intangible cultural property goods.

As a result of this, the Art-Law Center has become extremely interested by the issues which are discussed in the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) and most particularly by the interplay between intellectual property, traditional knowledge, genetic resources, and traditional cultural expressions (folklore).

In this context, one of the co-directors of the Art Law Center (Prof. Jacques de Werra) has recently participated in an international conference in New Delhi the topic of which was the interaction between intellectual property rights and the protection of the intangible cultural heritage (in view of the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage). This conference confirmed the need for interdisciplinary discussions in order to try to work out solutions to the delicate issues raised by the potential conflicting relationships between different legal fields.

On this basis, the discussion taking place in the IGC is of highest interest to the Art-Law Center given that it raises challenging interdisciplinary issues in the context of the protection of cultural expressions, given that, as emphasized above, the goal of the Center was from its very beginning and still is to adopt an interdisciplinary approach to legal issues arising in the field of art law.

As a result of this, the Art-Law Center is extremely interested by the issues which are discussed in the IGC and would be extremely honored to have the ability to follow closely the discussions taking place in this forum as an *ad hoc* observer.

Countries in which the Organization is primarily active:

Mainly Switzerland, but also France and other European countries (through cooperative partnerships with local scientific partners in the context of international cooperation projects, such as for instance the one based on a “*Convention créant un Groupement de recherche internationale (GDRI)*” in which the Art-Law Center is involved and which is conducted under the leadership of the French *Conseil National de la Recherche Scientifique*, CNRS).

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Public Movement Mezhdurechenskoe Community  
of Indigenous People “Altin Shore”

Main objectives of the Organization:

1. Protection of the rights of indigenous peoples;
2. development and preservation of the traditions, culture, customs of the Shore people;
3. preservation of the indigenous lands.

Main activities of the Organization:

The organization was founded in 1995. Within 5 years, the NGO had been participating in the municipal projects and has been receiving grants so far. The activity is aimed at the remote villages where the indigenous communities live. The organization is composed of 50 staff members. There are 7 activists who work in the field of education, health, culture, environment protection, preservation of indigenous lands and youth involvement.

The information bulletin “Tuganicher” (Native Land) has been published for 15 years and deals with problems of the indigenous people and the solutions to them.

The organization covers different fields of activities: traditional sport team, folklore dancing and singing groups, centers for the studying of the Shore language. Annually, the participants of the public movement “Altin Shore” participate in the regional and municipal activities dedicated to the preservation and development of the culture, folklore, traditions and customs of the Shore people.

Nowadays the organization has established strong relationship with the administration of the city of Mezhdurechensk. Under the mayor of the city is the advisory council on indigenous issues. This council raises and solves problems relating to the social, economic and cultural development. The Regional Department of Culture and National Politics has a short-term social and economic development programme which provides for financial support for the construction of houses, hospitals, etc, and traditional holidays, language and cultural preservation through the publishing of books and text-books in the Shore language.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

The public movement Altin Shore is involved in the preservation of the cultural heritage of the Shore people, in the field of traditional medicine and preservation of biodiversity in the region.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

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Bioresources Development  
and Conservation Programme - Cameroon (BDCPC)

Main objectives of the Organization:

The main objectives of the Association have been summarized into four Focus Areas as follows:

- to promote Good Governance in Environmental Management and Development of Natural Resources;
- to undertake Research into New Natural Products with Pharmaceutical and Feed values for both humans and animals through Participatory Development of Indigenous Knowledge Systems;
- to develop and to promote Alternative Practices or Alternatives that will curb Impacts on Natural Resources and avert Biodiversity Loss;
- Capacity Development and Sharing of Experiences through Consultancies in Environmental Management.

Main activities of the Organization:

Bioresources Development and Conservation Programme - Cameroon abbreviated as BDCPC-C is a non-government and non-profit making organization registered in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Its existence is an expression of the desire worldwide to protect the environment and its resources taking into consideration the necessity to sustain human livelihoods. It is a forum for a pluri-disciplinary team of Scientists, Environmentalists, Policy Makers, Individuals and other Organizations with vested interests and active involvement in environmental protection and the survival of mankind.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

- involvement in bio-prospecting with Shaman Pharmaceuticals in the U.S and the National Cancer Research Institute in the U.S;
- involvement in Access and Benefit Sharing Initiative with activities targeting local communities;
- a collaboration agreement in a Biotrust Project involving bioprospecting in Cameroon under formulation;
- participation in the elaboration of the National Biodiversity Prospecting Law.

Countries in which the Organization is primarily active:

The Association is active primarily in Cameroon for now with enormous possibilities of extending activities in the Central African Sub-region with the translation of the TAI Tool Kit currently initiated by the Association with collaboration from the British High Commission in Yaounde - Cameroon.

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### Busoga Youth Environment Protection Association (BYEPA)

#### Main objectives of the Organization:

Busoga Youth Environment Protection Association (BYEPA) was established in 1993. It was fundamentally created to address some of the environmental problems in the region of Busoga. Its primary focus was the use of the community, mainly youth, women and the vulnerable groups in the respective districts, actively participate and revitalize environmental awareness, contact possible environmental degradation and issues that had started in other areas of the country. Primarily it was to put both youth and women into some collective thinking and effects, but rather and better to steer them into economic activities (poverty alleviation) within the cooperative background, advocacy for prospective policy(ies) and development.

The front of environmental issues has taken off with increased awareness in the communities and actual enhancement on the ground for instance, re-forestation programme into implementation, knowledge of prosperous health with emphasis on HIV/AIDS, sustainable agricultural farming methods, shelter improvement and income generating to small-scale entrepreneurship. Environmental consciousness has shown slight impact but still needs more efforts in the strengthening of capacity-building and appropriate policy mechanisms.

#### Main activities of the Organization:

1. To increase environmental awareness in the community.
2. To improve the physical environment.
3. To improve agricultural methods to promote soil fertility.
4. To examine the hygiene situations of rural with suppliers.
5. To encourage and empower youth, women into income generating projects.
6. To engage in rural and urban shelter/housing improvement schemes using low cost affordable resources.
7. Advocacy, lobby and dissemination of information flows.
8. To reduce and minimize the gender imbalance in development and increase the male contributions.
9. Revolving a credit scheme for income generating.
10. Establishment of resource centre in the town to facilitate education.

#### Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

The activities of the organizations are to enhance sustainable development in environmental issues in line with biodiversity and climate change.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

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Center for Peace Building and Poverty Reduction  
among Indigenous African Peoples (CEPPER)

Main objectives of the Organization:

1. Rediscovery and promotion of the intellectual and traditional knowledge of the Igbos relating to its traditional medical knowledge and practices;
2. Protection of the masquerade and oracular prophetic practices of the Igbos, Wawa people as they extend in Nigeria, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal;
3. Defense and sustenance of the natural and customary practices of the indigenous African people under the context of foreign religion and globalization which exterminate the population's social and economic existence;
4. Sensitization of the intellectual class in Africa on the issues that border on African intellectual property and folklore;
5. Research and publications on African intellectual and folklore history and issues by collating end reports of conferences and workshops.
6. Poverty reduction programs to ensure environmental and economic sustainability for the Wawas in Igboland spread through the four West African states;
7. Designing relevant programs that will impact positively and contextualize the millennium development goals in the lives and customs of the Wawas in Igboland, especially those in tension soaked Niger delta of Nigeria.

Main activities of the Organization:

1. We have embarked upon documentation and profiling of the intellectual properties and folklore of the Wawa people of West Africa with a view to seeking legislative and copyright protection of these activities, previously undocumented;
2. Publication of well-researched articles and books on Wawa indigenous people that will itemize the various cultural properties and rights of the people to sensitize the world and national governments on the areas which are threatened with distinction.
3. Organizing workshops and attending global fora of world indigenous peoples to present the perceived areas of injustice and marginalization which have threatened them with extinction and permanent dislocation in the geography of their present locations in West Africa.
4. Collaboration with all other individuals and organizations which promote and defend the intellectual property and folklore of indigenous people worldwide with a view to exchanging information and visits from other parts of the world;

5. Making representation to governments in the four West African countries to recognize and adopt best practices and conventions on world indigenous intellectual rights and properties.

6. Policy advocacy on curriculum change, legal reform and cultural promotion of the intellectual property of the Wawas and Igbos in West Africa.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

CEPPER is interested in the following areas of intellectual property:

1. Documenting and updating of traditional medical practices of the Wawa Igbos in West Africa;

2. Legal reform in West Africa to recognize copyright and patents for individual traditional musicians and herbalists;

3. Government protection of critical sites and environment for the preservation and growth of herbal trees in the Wawa land;

4. Generating proposals and programs that will protect and promote the traditional knowledge of prophecy, folklore and masquerade in West Africa;

5. Lobbying for government's recognition of the human rights of the Wawas and Igbos to poverty reduction and inclusion in the mainstream of affairs in the context of the MDGS.

Countries in which the Organization is primarily active:

Nigeria, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal.

Additional Information:

1. In the year 2000, a group of twenty catholic priests acting under an overzealous religious inclination went around the twenty towns within Abor, Ukana and Obeleagu Umana, all in Enugu State, Nigeria, destroying all the masquerade houses, artifacts and cultural instruments. They also injured and maimed the Wawa indigenous people who were the traditional worshippers, throwing away all the documented scrolls used in initiation, invocation and prophecy in Wawa land for over a century. Not only were these things burnt, some of the physical representation of the Wawa gods were taken away and hidden in the church at Enugu, the operational base of the reverends who perpetrated this violation against the people are known faces to the Government. The local people were angry and protest was carried which led to Government setting up a probe panel which indicted the priests. The bishop disclaimed their activities. CEPPER was at the heart of the mobilization and sensitization that not only stopped the group but also stopped further violation because CEPPER took them to court to obtain an injunction against their fanatical action against the indigenous people of the Wawas.

2. Nkwo Nnabuchi has been one of the foremost herbalist and folk singer in the Wawa cultural milieu. CEPPER is in the process of documenting native Wawa herbal practices and folklore with his collaboration. The project started in 1999 and is ongoing. CEPPER needs research funding and assistance which Government has promised but is not coming forth.

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Centre for Research & Action  
on Developing Locales, Regions & the Environment (CRADLE)

Main objectives of the Organization:

- To promote sustainable development in Nigeria and Africa;
- To contribute towards strengthening institutions, processes, structures and attitudes that stimulate or determine Sustainable development;
- To provide reliable services that are cost-effective in catalyzing sustainable development;
- To assist and collaborate with indigenous people, communities to manage natural and human resources including traditional knowledge;
- To facilitate policy that accommodates the interests of a broad spectrum of the population including indigenous people and communities.

Main activities of the Organization:

- Natural resources management: integrated resource inventory; Livelihoods development.
- Promotion and documentation of indigenous knowledge.
- Development of environmental technologies.
- Capacity building in sustainable development.
- Sustainable energy: renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.
- Research and Development.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

CRADLE's work in the area of integrated resource inventory and research and development in sustainable development involves analyzing contexts and conditions on which development expresses itself. CRADLE believes that traditional knowledge, folklore and general culture are key factors in determining the way development occurs. Therefore, the solutions CRADLE formulates are based on its analysis place high premium of people's culture (traditional knowledge, folklore and so forth).

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Nigeria.

Additional Information:

CRADLE believes that the achievement of sustainable development must involve sound management of resources. Traditional knowledge constitute resources that deserve nurturing, understanding and promotion. Sadly, this point is yet to get the attention it deserves in most development work.

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Kanuri Development Association

Main objectives of the Organization:

Towards finding solutions to problems relating to culture, environment, oppressions and under-development of the Kanuri indigenous people of Africa.

Main activities of the Organization:

Educating the Kanuri indigenous people towards cultural preservation, desert control, small scale industries, standing for their rights and the way forward in reviving their pastoral economy that is facing lots of challenges (including natural and man made).

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property Matters:

I would like to use the Committee to call for the attention of the international community to the cultural decay going on in the Kanuri land as a result of desert encroachment invading towns and villages including grazing lands at an alarming rate.

Countries in which the Organization is primarily active:

Nigeria, Niger, Chad, Cameroon and Sudan.

Additional Information:

The Kanuri Development Association is registered and recognized by IPACC, United Nations and the Conference of NGOs in consultative relationship with the United Nations "CONGO".

In addition, we are also a participant at the sixth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, 2007.

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L'auravetl'an Information & Education Network  
of Indigenous Peoples (LIENIP)

Main objectives of the Organization:

LIENIP's activities are directed to improve the abilities of indigenous peoples of the Russian Federation to fully participate in the Russian multicultural society. By these activities LIENIP is striving to diminish discrimination of indigenous peoples in the Russian Federation.

Main activities of the Organization:

Educational mechanism of LIENIP consists of informational centers, where indigenous interns, selected by their own communities, take internship and learn about indigenous rights and Human Rights at national and international levels. This knowledge is then transferred by the interns to their communities through their teaching activities and publications; thus, multiplying knowledge effect is created.

This knowledge is the first step to create bonds of mutual understanding between indigenous communities and the rest of the world. This understanding will work to diminish conflict potential, help multicultural cooperation within Russian society, enable indigenous people to become functional participants in the democracy building process, break the isolation of the indigenous communities and will, therefore, contribute to ability of indigenous peoples to protect their rights.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

Activities of LIENIP are not limited to instrumental functions of the educational matters. Preservation of indigenous cultures, in particular, Traditional indigenous Knowledge resources, is among the prime responsibilities of LIENIP.

The following matters are considered of the prime concern of LIENIP with Intellectual Property matters:

- lack of a comprehensive, workable mechanism to insure preservation of collective knowledge by international and national law;
- lack of knowledge and educational mechanisms among indigenous peoples on how to protect their knowledge resources from being destroyed;
- a continuous threat of illegal appropriation of Traditional indigenous Knowledge resources by global and national corporations, pharmaceutical companies, and scientific enterprises;
- lack of understanding among the national governmental bodies of the Russian Federation of the importance of preserving Traditional indigenous Knowledge.

Participation in the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee would enhance knowledge of the LIENIP representatives on how to act properly in order to preserve and develop knowledge resources of indigenous communities of the Russian Federation.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

The Russian Federation.

Additional Information:

Traditional indigenous Knowledge is the vital source for the survival of indigenous people with distinct identity. At present, however, illegally inappropriated knowledge resources of indigenous people have gained importance for the most part as resources to influence global economy. To prevent illegal appropriation of knowledge resources of indigenous peoples by the actors of the information market, it is imperative to include representatives of indigenous communities to the global fora on development of laws and mechanisms of protection of intellectual property, where WIPO is the major and most influential one. Therefore, LIENIP considers it to be a prime responsibility to participate in the working sessions of WIPO and try to serve the international community to enhance understanding of issues concerning preservation of Traditional indigenous Knowledge resources.

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Main objectives of the Organization:

1. To protect the remaining tropical forest at Mount Kimangkil, Kalanawan, Sumagaya and Pamalihi ranges within the Ancestral Domain of the Higaonon tribe in accordance with the customary laws and tradition.
2. To seek livelihood assistance from any funding agencies for the marginalized peoples.
3. To secure Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT) of MAMACILA tribal community ancestral domain.
4. To educate younger generation about indigenous Knowledge System and Practices (IKSP) of the Higaonon tribe.
5. To develop partnership, networking and alliances with government and non-government agencies and other local organizations that support the goal of the association.

Main activities of the Organization:

1. Seuring Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT) of the remaining ancestral mountains tropical forest of the Higaonon tribal community to protect the forest from any illegal activities and intruders.
2. Strengthening cultural integrity, indigenous knowledge system and practices, tribal guards and cultural education.
3. Federation building among different tribal communities of the Higaonon ethnic group.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

MAMACILA Higaonon tribal community ancestral mountains have an abundance of natural resources wherein the communities are innocent when somebody gets inside the forest and collects plants for example the buyers of natural forest orchid flowers of different species without free prior and informed consent by the community. It is just one example of what is happening inside the ancestral territory of the Higaonon tribe among any other activities of exploitation carried out by strangers. The community, especially our elders, is afraid of the possible effect of these activities if these are not prohibited. Participating in the Intergovernmental committee would help us be aware of what can be done with people who try to destroy the natural resources in the forest from which we get our daily subsistence (medicine, food, fruit, wild animals, etc.)

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

The Philippines.

Additional Information:

The main purpose of sending delegates to WIPO is to solicit ideas and international support to exercise our rights to protect our intellectual property that belong to the tribal community within the ancestral mountains because our cultural survival depends on the richness of the forest for it is where we get our food, it serves as our pharmacy as a source of medicine, poultry, fishpond, church or worshipping place, etc.

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Main objectives of the Organization:

The MZES is an interdisciplinary research institute of the University of Mannheim. In close association with the Department of Social Sciences it has dedicated itself since its founding in 1989 to the investigation of political and societal developments in Europe. Its foci are on comparative research on Europe and an exploration of the European integration process.

The research at the MZES is organized within two research departments and their respective foci.

- A. European societies and their integration
- B. European political systems and their integration.

Main activities of the Organization:

In its research the MZES concentrates on:

- long-term fundamental research of an interdisciplinary and international nature
- cooperation with similar institutions in Germany and abroad
- the regular convening of international conferences and workshops
- education of young scholars

The research in *Department A* concentrates on the cultural, social, economic and welfare state foundations for the living conditions of the populations in the European countries, as well as on changes in these foundations and the variations among the different societies.

*Department B* links comparative research on the national political systems with research on European integration and international relations. The foci in the first of these two topic areas are political participation, voter behaviour, political parties and electoral systems in the individual European states and their development on the European level. The second topic area examines the political system of the EU and the international embeddedness of European institutions; the institutionalization of international negotiation systems, and the development of a broader European regional system in Eastern Europe.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property Matters:

One of the projects the MZES is currently engaged in is “Governance in International Trade: Judicialisation and Positive Integration in the WTO”. Positive integration among states, defined as the correction of negative externalities from liberalisation, is generally assumed to be very difficult to achieve on the European level, let alone on the international level. Yet, states have concluded a number of agreements that impose positive obligations to

adopt new policy measures in fields traditionally restricted to the sovereign nation-state. There has been consistent political pressure to graft other, non-trade issues onto the WTO framework, i.e. to enlarge an organisation that formerly dealt exclusively with trade into a governance structure that also has regulatory competences in other areas of public policy.

WTO member states have indeed introduced the obligation to protect intellectual property rights internationally, and they have concluded agreements on health, on technical barriers to trade, and on investment – each of these being fields of public policy for which more specialised agencies within the United Nations system would seem to have been the more natural focus for such agreements.

The hypothesis of the project is that judicialization - the presence of binding third party enforcement - makes WTO commitments more credible. Since it facilitates enforcement, it exerts force on political actors in the legislative arm of the organisation to bring positive integration issues under the jurisdiction of the WTO. The aim of the project is to explore the explanatory force of this general hypothesis in empirical cases of positive integration (intellectual property, health, technical barriers to trade, and investment) and to come to new theoretical and empirical insights about the sources of and conditions for international cooperation.

The interest of the project is however not restricted to the WTO but on the contrary pursues a broader comparative approach looking into activities of other international organizations that deal with positive integration matters. Regarding the case of intellectual property rights, the adoption of the TRIPs agreement in the context of the WTO raises the question of the relationship between the WTO and WIPO. While some IP issues as set forth in a range of international treaties administered by WIPO do fall under the scope of jurisdiction of TRIPs and thus the dispute settlement system of the WTO, for issues such as traditional knowledge and genetic resources the jurisdiction is rather ambiguous or at best unregulated so far. The aim of the project is therefore to further examine the ongoing negotiations regarding these issues and to particularly investigate which role the WIPO plays particularly given the importance some member states attach to the above mentioned judicialized dispute settlement mechanism of the WTO. The ongoing negotiation activities of the WTO but more in particular in WIPO on various intellectual property issues are closely related to the research emphasis of the MZES in general and in particular to that of the above mentioned project. An additional research focus of the MZES is the institutionalization of international negotiation systems; the EU as one of the main actors specifically in the field of intellectual property rights in addition plays an integral part in these multilevel governance systems.

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Matonyok Nomads Development Organization (MANDO)

Main objectives of the Organization:

To ensure the entrenchment of pastoralists in natural laws and policies, to ensure ownership/control and use of their own resources.

Capacity building of the indigenous communities so that they can participate in protecting their land rights at the national and community levels.

To increase and enhance land rights awareness amongst the nomadic communities.

To improve the systems of land use and management so as to maximize on the utility and productivity of land and increase benefits to the community members.

To establish a legal aid scheme to offer legal advice and representation to public interest litigation in matters involving land and environment.

Protection of their cultural practices and their natural knowledge.

Promotion of the implementation of Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) among the nomadic people.

Facilitate the development of human rights networks (local and international).

Main activities of the Organization:

- Girl-child education and women empowerment/Gender issue.
- Public interest litigation.
- Lobbying and advocacy to influence the national reform processes in Kenya.
- Capacity-building of the nomadic communities, to ensure participation, protection of their land both at national and community level.
- Awareness creation to the community through workshops and community meetings.
- Conducting community trainings through paralegals.
- Community exchange programmes.

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Nainyoie Community Development Organization (NCDO)

Main objectives of the Organization:

Nainyoie Community Development Organization is an indigenous organization working with the nomadic people in Samburu, Kenya. The organization creates a forum where nomadic communities in the district develop appropriate development strategies that are used to develop and implement NCDO's programs in order to reduce hunger and poverty. NCDO operates at the grassroots level and maintains the communities trust in program implementation and ownership. NCDO was established in 2004 as a community based organization to address the health, nutrition, food security, water, sanitation and education needs of the pastoralists in Samburu with special focus on women and children.

NCDO's vision is to empower the marginalized Samburu pastoralists to effectively realize and exploit their potential, improve their livelihood while safeguarding the interests of the future generations.

NCDO's mission is to fight poverty disease and illiteracy among the Samburu in order to make them self-sufficient and reduce dependence on external support.

The objectives of NCDO are as follows:

- To improve the quality of life of the nomadic pastoralists in Samburu District.
- To initiate and support community initiatives that discourages child labor
- To promote education for all in the Samburu community especially child herders.
- To promote the sustainable utilization and conservation of the environment and natural resources.
- To increase income opportunities among the disadvantaged and marginalized members of the community.
- To facilitate community development initiatives.
- To advocate for the human rights of Samburu community who have remained marginalized for years.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

The organization works at the grassroots with the indigenous Samburu people of Northern Kenya on ways in which they may use their traditional knowledge in a practical way to conserve the environment, create wealth, for healthcare for sustainable development. The organization has been working with the community to sensitize them on their intellectual property rights to be gained from plants and herbs e.g Aloe Vera which the community used for centuries to cure diseases have been bought from them at low prices thus the community cannot benefit fully. The organization is enlightening the community on how to use their ancient wisdom and traditional knowledge to their full advantage.

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Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency (NNMDA)

Main objectives of the Organization:

i. Research, collate, document, develop, promote and preserve the knowledge, practice and products of Natural Medicine (Traditional Health Systems, Indigenous Traditional Medication and Non Medication Healing Arts, Sciences and technology) with a view to facilitate its integration into the national healthcare Delivery System.

ii. Identify, document and maintain a comprehensive National Inventory of Nigeria's Medicinal, Aromatic and Pesticidal Plants (MAPs), Animal and Animal Parts and Minerals and other natural products, used for human and veterinary/livestock healthcare management, maintenance, care and support.

iii. Promote the production of standardized extracts, nutraceutical, health foods, dietary supplements, body care products and galenicals of traditional remedies from local herbs and MAPs through appropriate public-private partnership schemes, for further research and commercialization.

iv. Facilitate the development of low cost and appropriate production process and packaging technology for small and medium scale industrial production and commercialization of Traditional Medicine.

v. Initiate policy that would enhance the knowledge, attitude, practice, products, science and technology and potentials of Natural Medicine with a view to fully developing and integrating it into the National Healthcare Delivery System.

vi. Facilitate the cultivation, preservation and conservation of MAPs plants and maintain pilot or experimental medicinal farms, gardens and herbaria in the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria and promote sustainable use of natural medicine resources through the development of Agro-techniques for the cultivation and conservation of medicinal plants.

vii. Stimulate the development of policies for Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), facilitate the development of IPR regimes for the protection of the indigenous traditional medicine knowledge and promote awareness about issues of IPR with regards to traditional medicine knowledge, biodiversity and bioresources.

viii. Promote manpower development and training, public sensitization and awareness creation in all areas of Natural Medicines (indigenous traditional health systems, medication and non medication healing arts, sciences and technologies.)

Main activities of the Organization:

Our organization has among its key strategic activities/projects, the facilitation for the development of an IPR protection mechanism for Traditional Medicine Knowledge and Practice (TMKP) in Nigeria and also to use IPR for the development, growth and promotion

of TMKP for improved healthcare delivery and national socio-economic growth and development.

As part of this project, our organization along with other key stakeholders; including AU-STRC, PROMETRA, ARIPO, South African Government, Senegalese Government, NOTAP, National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI), among others in December, 2005, organized an international workshop with the theme “Appropriate IPR regime-A necessity for maximizing the potentials of TMKP for improved healthcare and economic development”.

One of the outcomes of this workshop was the constitution of a consultative committee to develop an IPR policy and legal framework for Traditional Knowledge and Biological Resources.

Participating in the IGC would allow for wider interaction of the members of the organization, expose them further and increase their intellectual depth which would facilitate their work on the project.

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### Organization for Social Action & Development (OSAD)

#### Main objectives of the Organization:

OSAD's primary objective is to uplift the socio-economic condition of the poor living mostly in rural areas as well as in the urban centers of Bangladesh and developing the natural and social environment, around the people's habitats.

#### Specific Objectives:

- To promote people's participation in afforestation/social forestry, nursery development activity by involving local people, especially rural poor and the disadvantaged women in raising horticulture/medicinal plants, trees plantation on public/khas lands/common property resources;
- To assist improved agriculture farming practices, promote agro-based industries, animal husbandry, fish culture/aquaculture by mobilization of local resources and supplementing government efforts in these fields with a view to add value and increase national production;
- -To launch various income generation activities in the non-farm sector for the rural poor for creating self employment and increased income opportunities for them;
- To build awareness about the environmental impacts, problems and issues on environmental pollution, affects of use of chemicals and insecticides, land erosion, brackish water in the upstream regions, destruction of certain species of animals and insects and to take appropriate measures thereof;
- To undertake and implement various education intervention programs for children, adolescent and adults and participatory community/social action programs;
- To launch campaign on health, food-habit, nutrition, sanitation, Arsenic mitigation, gender equity, drug and substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention;
- To conduct research/ study, organize training programs, workshops and meetings, conferences, seminars, symposia etc. both at the national and the international levels on the relevant topics of OSAD's areas of concern, documentation and publications.

#### Main activities of the Organization:

- Institution building;
- Human Resource Development;
- Environmental Development;
- Capital Resource Development.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

The relationship of the organization with intellectual property matters is yet to be established.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

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Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute (QMIPRI)

Main objectives of the Organization:

QMIPRI is a research institute within the Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS), Queen Mary University of London. It was established in following a substantial bequest from the inventor, Sir Herchel Smith. The institute is concerned with research, development and training in all areas of intellectual property and related policy areas. As well as UK practitioners, QMIPRI regularly undertakes training both in London and abroad to practitioners, industry and government in various jurisdictions. Members of the Institute regularly consult to various government organizations, as well as international and non-governmental organizations, and the Institute boasts a depth of expertise in various specialist areas of intellectual property. All faculty members of the Institute are highly respected leaders in the international field of intellectual property research and development and their biographies include professional practice, industry and government experience. In addition to the full-time faculty members, QMIPRI attracts visiting research fellows and doctoral students from around the world, including many researchers from developing economies. QMIPRI also participates in international networks of intellectual property institutes throughout the world and has directed a number of internationally and European funded research and training projects around the world.

The aims and purposes of the organization shall be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of WIPO and the United Nations.

QMIPRI is dedicated to the dissemination of research and training in all areas of intellectual property. One of the priorities of QMIPRI is service to the community and the general public, contributing at all levels including the local (through legal advice centers and workshops with practitioners, industry and consumer groups), regional (including many European funded projects, accession programs and development work) and international (including various international research networks and projects in intellectual property and development, policy and all areas of the law).

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

The organization shall be essentially concerned with intellectual property matters within the competence of WIPO and shall, in the view of the Director General, be able to offer constructive, substantive contributions to the deliberations of the Assemblies of WIPO.

Countries in which the Organization is primarily active:

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### Rural Women Environmental Protection Association (RWEPA)

#### Main objectives of the Organization:

Rural Women Environmental Protection Association (RWEPA) is a people centered organization working towards the protection of the traditional and cultural rights of the indigenous peoples of the Moghamo area in Batibo Sub-Division, Protection of the cultural and intellectual rights of traditional healers from the Widikum tribe, the promotion of environment friendly farming methods, promotion of the education of marginalized communities especially the Fulani girl child, empowerment of the rural woman through the encouragement of income generating activities, and best health practices.

RWEPA's objective is to sensitize the populations of Cameroon on the need to protect Africa's vast diversity of both cultural and biological diversity, which is naturally rich in traditional knowledge (TK), practices and innovations. African knowledge systems are linked to a spectrum of economic and cultural systems, ranging from hunting and gathering, to transhumance pastoralism, to traditional agriculture, traditional myths and beliefs.

#### Main activities of the Organization:

In Africa in general, and Cameroon in particular, there have been changes which are creating new opportunities for partnerships between the state and its citizens to protect and promote traditional knowledge and its application to the monitoring and protection of biological diversity.

The General Coordinator of RWEPA participated fully in the elaboration of Law N° 2003/006 of 21 April 2003 laying down safety regulations governing modern biotechnology in Cameroon. In this light, RWEPA organized two seminars in 2004 and 2005, for 23 traditional rulers of the Moghamo Area in Momo Division, and 75 Aldos in Sabga. The objective was to sensitize them on the rules and regulations governing biotechnology in Cameroon, since they are like the custodians of the native laws and customs of the people. These seminar participants have been sensitizing their subjects to practice safe farming methods, thereby protecting the environment and biological diversity.

RWEPA sensitizes the traditional healers of the North West province and Traditional Rulers on the right to their traditional practices and beliefs and educates them on their cultural heritage rights, advising them to use the traditional myths in a way that can help improve their living standards.

#### Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property Matters:

RWEPA is active in the area of traditional knowledge sensitizing traditional knowledge holders on their rights and is involved in the protection of the environment and biological diversity.

Countries in which the Organization is primarily active :

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Satasanga Pallikally Samity (SPS)

Main objectives of the Organization:

- To create an enabling environment for the people where they have access to all sorts of information leading to their enhanced bargaining capacity to buy-in the rights they are entitled to get.
- To provide the target people with the technical know how about more result-oriented sustainable initiatives in agriculture, fisheries, on-farm and off-farm entrepreneurship, health and sanitation, quality education etc. to secure people's livelihood.
- To build institutional capacity at individual and organization level to ensure self-led, self-reflective and self-generated development benefits to be provided to the poor.
- To mainstream the socially excluded people like the disabled and the minority.
- To hold the policy makers at the national level accountable through policy advocacy to ensure good governance.
- To promote the indigenous culture and knowledge.
- To promote media for ensuring the raise of people's voices and establish social justice in the society as democratic state.
- To explore different mechanisms, for example network, collaboration, partnership and consortium to deliver demand driven services to the poor to ensure representation of diverse range of skills.
- To establish rights, social justice and institutional governance for reducing discrimination and vulnerability through advocacy with lobbying, networking and negotiation with win-win compromise to reinforce, moderate and newly create institutional policies towards the people.
- To promote knowledge management with promoting diversified knowledge-use system by applying need-based indigenous practices in change environment context.
- To create employment opportunities with alleviating acute problems of landlessness and unemployment youth.
- To develop institutional communication by developing deliverables, articles, organizational bulletins, leaflets and the like as the Initiatives for Communication and Development are desirable or helpful in the promotion of the objectives.

Main activities of the Organization:

Current programs of SPS:

- Health and rights (Promoting indigenous treatment knowledge and uses of herbal plants through collecting and disseminating information, facilitating exchange of Indigenous Health Knowledge (IHK) among communities and social partners, applying IHK in development process, enhancing sustainable livelihoods and building partnerships).
- Networking and research.
- Health formation and Journalists Forum (media advocacy).
- Network on domestic violence issue
- Awareness rising on HIV/AIDS.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

Proper documentation of ethnobotanical knowledge produces a written cultural heritage that can be passed on from generation to generation. As such, it can be a source of cultural pride for the community that can help revitalize traditional culture. It is also culturally relevant as one of our core program is promotion of indigenous health knowledge and the use of herbal plants among the community. The knowledge itself generated from the community and it is their property. So they have preserved the property of these issues.

The organization has been working in the field of indigenous health knowledge.

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