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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 work 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 Committee. A document containing the names and other biographical details of the organizations which, before October 18, 2009, requested accreditation at the fifteenth session of the Committee, is annexed to this document. Applicants were invited to complete an application form and the biographical details of the organizations contained in the Annex are set out exactly as received from each organization.
3. *The 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 ACCREDITATION
AS OBSERVERS IN SESSIONS OF
THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

Association of Nepal Kirat Kulung Language and Cultural Development (ANKKLACD)

Engabu Za Tooro (Tooro Youth Platform for Action)

Fundación Ngäbe-Buglé (FUNGOBE-B)

Cercle d'initiative commune pour la recherche, l'environnement et la qualité (CICREQ)

Rift Valley Voluntary Counsellors

Southeast Indigenous Peoples' Center

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Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Mr. Dilip Singh Rai

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**BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT
ORGANIZATION**

Full name of the Organization:

Association of Nepal Kirat Kulung Language and Cultural Development (ANKKLACD)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Nepal Kirat Kulung Bhasha Sanskriti Utthan Sangh (Association of Nepal Kirat Kulung Language and Cultural Development) is an autonomous, and representative organization of Kulung community at the national level. It has been formally registered with the District Administration Office, Sunsari under the social Act of His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMGN) in 1993 (2049 BS).

The Association of Nepal Kirat Kulung Language and Cultural Development (ANKKLCD) has been working for social and economic development as well as for the linguistic and cultural development of the Kulung community since its inception. Its central office is located at Panchkanya-5, Dharam with a branch office in Kathmandu (Basanteshor Gully, Dillibazar). It also has district committee offices at six districts (Solukhumbu, Sakhwasabha, Sunsari, Morang, Jhapa and Kathmandu) and 18 village committees in different districts.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- To establish, protect, recognize and promote rights of the Kulung community
- To strengthen social and economic status of the Kulung community
- To explore, protect and develop Kulung language, culture, literature and arts,

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- To explore, protect and promote traditional knowledge and skills.
- To protect and promote bio-diversity.
- To participate in the works of global peace and development based on the Kulung community.

Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Organised various knowledge and skill development trainings for people of Kulung Community.
- Construction of Curriculum in indigenous Kulung language for Class I-V.
- Implementing Indigenous Empowerment and Inclusion Project with the support of NGO Federation of Nepalese Indigenous Nationalities (NGO-FONIN) and Danida HUGOU.
- Planted more than 10,000 Indigenous trees in the lap of Mountainous (communal land) area for to reduce the level of carbon dioxide.

Relationship of the Organization with intellectual property matters, including a full explanation of why you are interested in the issues under discussion by the Committee
(Maximum 150 words)

Association of Nepal Kirat Kulung Language Culture Development is the representative organization of Kulung community at the national level. Within the Kulung community, there are a lot ancient traditional intellectual properties. The Kulungs are one of the indigenous communities of Nepal, having their own language, culture, history and traditional skills and knowledge.

They have their own social structure for their whole social life cycle. But due to the discriminatory policy adopted by the past government, the Kulung community is marginalised from all development spheres. Accordingly their language, culture and traditional knowledge, skills are in shadow. Many of the knowledge and skills in the verge of extinction together with language, cultures.

ANKKLCD is making effort to protect and promote the traditional knowledge, skills and cultures. I would like to share the situation of Kulung community including its intellectual property matters.

I'm interested to learn intellectual property matters; I have not formal knowledge about it. Just I have been advocating of intellectual property on the basis of my informal knowledge.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Association of Nepal Kirat Kulung Language and Cultural Development has been mainly working in Solukhumbu, Sakhwasava, Bhojpur, Sunsari, Morang, Taplejung, Ilam, Terhathum, Dhankutta and Udyapur districts where the population of indigenous Kulung community is over 60%. Those districts are situated in the remote area of eastern part of Nepal which called as kingdom of mountains and hills.

Additional Information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words)

The Kulungs have their own social structure for their whole social life cycle. They are endogamous in particular. It has its own economic activities within the group prior to the modernization. Their traditional land is "Mahakulung" which falls under one of the remotest part of the country. Presently Mahakulung is known as Bung, Chheskam, Gudel and Sotang VDCs which is in Solukhumbu district in the eastern part of Nepal. At present, the Kulung communities are living in 22 districts of Nepal. However, the major settlements are found in Solukhumbu, Sankhuwasabha, Bhojpur, Khotang, Sunsari, Morang, Jhapa, Ilam, Tehrathum and Kathmandu. The total estimated population of the Kulungs in the region ranges from 150,000 to 200,000.

Kulung community is one of the most marginalised ethnic groups in the country. As this community resides in the remote hilly areas, the basic infrastructures and services like motor roads, electricity, clean drinking water, education, communication and health services are not available to them. The majority of the Kulungs are depended on traditional agricultural practices. Due to the unproductive land conditions, they are not able to produce adequate food from their farms. They do not have education and therefore have no access to productive resources and decision making process. They are compelled to migrate in search of jobs of porter and agriculture labourers for their livelihood.

After the restoration of multi-party democracy in Nepal, the government has established National Foundation for Development of Indigenous Nationalities (NFDIN) under the NFDIN Act-2058 with the aim of mainstreaming the marginalised ethnic groups. The NFDIN, an autonomous body is established under the Ministry of Local Development being registered as a separate group under the special programmes for the development of indigenous nationalities chaired by the Prime Minister.

The Kulung community has adequate basis for being listed in the list as per the NFDIN Act-2058. But has been denied registration to establish its identity as the "Kulung Community" due to which, the Kulung community has been continuously deprived of the development opportunities. The ANKKLCD is continuously making efforts towards its solution.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT
ORGANIZATION**

Full name of the Organization:

Engabu Za Tooro (Tooro Youth Platform for Action)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Engabu Za Tooro is a Ugandan indigenous non-profit Non Governmental Organisation registered under the 1987 Non Governmental Organisation Statute and incorporated as a Company limited by guarantee under 1965 company Act. Registration Number S.5914/2609 and founded in 1996 based in mid western Uganda, built on the theme of Culture and Development. It has a Patron, a Board of Directors, management, a membership 50 cultural groups and associations.

The mission is promotion and development of cultural heritage in materials, environmental and human expression for sustainable development. Programmes include Culture in Development, Youth Talents skills and Culture, Youth Entrepreneurship and Culture. The Organisation has been outstanding in innovative programmes and made achievements in using culture for development.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- To preserve and develop culture as a resource for sustainable development.
- To reclaim culture and adapt it into contemporary development practice.
- To develop youth talents and skills in a cultural context for improved livelihood.
- To develop youth entrepreneurship skills in a cultural context for improved livelihood.

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Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Cultural research and documentation.
- Collection, preservation and display of cultural materials for education and tourism.
- Skills training to cultural service providers.
- Providing cultural services and consultancies.
- Production, promotion and marketing of culture products.
- Promotion of cultural approach to development.

Relationship of the Organization with intellectual property matters, including a full explanation of why you are interested in the issues under discussion by the Committee
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In pursuing her mission, Engabu Za Tooro empowers communities to gain control and develop indigenous, tangible and intangible cultural assets which include indigenous knowledge, genetic resources, folklore and material culture. Engabu Za Tooro promotes cultural artists who research on, and reproduce indigenous folklore into modern music. Develop cultural service providers who reclaim indigenous cultural services and modernize them. Develop traditional enterprise and adapt them in modern economy. In all these issues of Intellectual Property rights emerge. Achieving accreditation to WIPO will enable Engabu Za Tooro to share her experience in indigenous peoples' relationship with their cultural assets and gain knowledge on how best to enable communities and programmes understand issues of Intellectual Property rights.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Uganda.

Additional Information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words)

Engabu Za Tooro has made tremendous achievements in the field of Culture and Development.

- It was the first in Uganda to reclaim the dying traditional folklore and dance and now one part of the mainstream modern entertainment.
- It was the first in Uganda to introduce professionalization of traditional cultural service providers through introduction of cultural schools and documentation of services.
- It was the first to introduce and develop the concept of community museums as alternative to public museums. This is recognized by a UNESCO Community Museum mapping report.

- The Organisation introduced the use of traditional and ancient heroism to inspire today's development. This is recognized by international scholars of the relationship between cultural and development practice.
- The organisation has received wards from Rotary International and Pearl of Africa Music (PAM) Awards on culture and music.
- The organisation has worked on cultural projects with international cultural organisation like HIVOS- The Netherlands, Common Wealth Foundation-Culture and Diversity Department and UNESCO through Cross Cultural Foundation of Uganda.

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Mr. Francisco Carpintero Cortéz

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ORGANIZATION**

Full name of the Organization:

Fundación Ngäbe-Buglé (FUNGOBE-B)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Ngäbé-Buglé Fungobe-B Organization is a non-profit indigenous and legal organization under private law.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Supporting the region's management of the full development of communities and contributing to the fulfillment of established plans, programs and policies.
- Promoting social and effective assistance in contributing to the most urgent and emerging needs of the region.
- Designing projects and programs aimed at preserving, rescuing and highlighting the traditional culture of the Ngäbe people.
- Fostering the social and economic welfare, institutional culture and indigenous arts of the Ngäbe people.
- Training the Ngäbe people in IP rights with a gender-based approach.
- Promoting the education, training and research necessary to guarantee the self-sustainable social development of the Ngäbe and Buglé peoples.

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Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Creation of Ngäbé Nagua works of art, chacaras and chaquiras.
- Training in the collective rights of IP Law No. 20 of June 22, 2000.
- Rescue program for the native fiber plants used in making works of art and natural dyes such as Pita and Cabuya.
- Drafting of a trainer's manual.

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Our interest in working on this issue stems from the fact that in our communities we have riches including traditional knowledge, resources, arts, culture and language. Therefore, it is important for us to know both the national and international norms connected with our knowledge of traditional works of art and dances. Our aim is to familiarize ourselves with international instruments and to participate in areas connected with indigenous peoples.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Panama.

Additional Information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words)

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ORGANIZATION**

Full name of the Organization:

Cercle d'initiative commune pour la recherche, l'environnement et la qualité (CICREQ)
(Joint Initiative Society for Research, the Environment and Quality).

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

CICREQ is an indigenous Cameroonian organization created in 1997 by a group of Mbo graduates whose aim is to defend the interests of the Mbo indigenous peoples, as marginalized minorities, and to promote their culture. CICREQ headquarters are in Douala and coverage is national. Authorization No. 138/RDDA/C.19/BAPP of November 26, 1997.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

CICREQ's aims are to:

- Promote quality.
- Promote research.
- Promote human rights and in particular those of the indigenous and marginalized communities.
- Protect consumers and the environment.
- Work for sustainable development and the Millennium Development Goals.
- Promote Mbo indigenous culture.

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Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Training members to achieve quality.
- Training Mbo women in human rights and creating human rights' clubs in schools.
- Creating and organizing the dance group "EKALE".
- Participating in various national and international meetings of civil society followed by debriefing meetings.
- Carrying out the project "A job for street children", financed by UN-HABITAT.

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- Our folklore dance group "EKALE" whose aim is to promote Mbo culture, deserves to be protected and encouraged by WIPO.
- In the context of promoting the self-employment of its members, we have recently implemented a training program on the processing of local products, such as the production of hand-made juices and chocolates. When the project enters its production stage, the trademarks of the goods processed accordingly will be protected.
- CICREQ also encourages indigenous young artists who are inspired by the wealth of Mbo culture and has a duty to protect the works of its artists.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Cameroon.

Additional Information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words)

- CICREQ is a member of the International Dance Committee with its headquarters at UNESCO.
- CICREQ has been accredited with UNPFII since 2007 to participate in the various sessions of expert meetings.
- CICREQ is accredited with some UN Organizations such as UNCTAD and UNAIDS.

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Mr. John Ndafa Nyumu

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ORGANIZATION**

Full name of the Organization:

Rift Valley Voluntary Counsellors.

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Rift Valley Voluntary Counsellors (Rivvoco) was registered NGO in 2005. The current executive director is the one who mobilized formation of the NGO. He himself had experienced hard life caring for his deceased father who was then mentally unfit and in addition his own first born son Daniel Gutu was born deafblind.

He mobilized other people with similar experiences. Because deafblind are voiceless due to communication barrier the registered members became the voice of the DEAFBLIND (DB). The DB in this case, is defined as people who have lost both hearing and visual senses either totally or partially. Rivvoco membership includes a deafblind man called Daniel Gutu and a girl called Gladys Njeri.

Mandate: Rivvoco advocates for the voiceless deafblind, not only as a matter of human rights, but also as a fundamental prerequisite for social justice, global security, and sustainable peace. Rivvoco is a member of global health council.

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Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Vision: an admirable society for all.
- Mission: to untie the cord and set free the oppressed, stigmatized and discriminated people with disability through psychological healing, capacity empowerment and linkages to philanthropic service provision.
- Main goal: to participate in IGC forums.
- Specific objective of this application: at the end of the accreditation committee review I, Rivvoco's representative, shall qualify to further application to participate in the next IGA.

Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

Rivvoco current activities in support of the mission

- The organization mainly creates awareness of deafblindness, this being a unique disability left out by support groups, unknown by governments, society, and links the identified clients to support groups e.g. Sense International-E.Africa and Christensen Blind Mission (CBM). DVDs and leaflets and oral presentation in public rallies are communication tools mostly used by RIVVOCO to disseminate information about deafblind (DB).
- Trains handicapped group managers in project design, accountability and reporting skills. In addition advocacy skills. For instance, Mumo mothers of the handicapped children and Nyawira mothers of handicapped children in Molo District, Jishinde Ushinde Handicapped Self Help Group in Nakuru District, etc.
- Links caregivers of handicapped people with support services for mitigation of socio-economic impact.

Organization's most recent accomplishments:

- The organization has created awareness of deafblindness to over 1,000,000 people Through national public ceremonies, workshops conducted by national AIDS Control Council meetings, meetings of stake holders and DVDs supplied. Deafblindness is a unique disability left out by support groups, governments officers, society, etc. Rivvoco links the identified clients to support groups e.g. Sense International-E.Africa and Christensen Blind Mission (CBM). DVD and leaflets and oral presentation in public rallies are communication tools mostly used by RIVVOCO to disseminate information about deafblind (DB).
- Trained 36 handicapped group managers in project design, accountability and reporting skills. In addition advocacy skills and resource mobilization.
- Managed to get membership at Global Health Council-USA.

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The purpose of this application is to request for accreditation in order to participate in future IGC for the benefit of the deafblind indigenous community of rift valley province of Kenya, especially among the turkana, maasai, Samburu, pokot and samburu nomadic people that have lagged behind sustainable socio-economic development. Rivvoco anticipates funding in order to participate in the IGC meetings and to further its mission of capacity building to deafblind group. It is hoped during deliberations of the IGC, limelight will be cast towards deafblind empowerment, unlimited to laying strategies to mitigate the socio-economic impact and improvement of quality of life.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Kenya.

Additional Information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words)

The Kenya government is in the process of receiving information about indigenous peoples interests to be included in the long awaited constitutional reforms to be held mid next year. Thus, sharing with global partners in IGC will have additional value in our endeavored preparation to participate in the constitutional review as the voice of the deafblind.

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Yours sincerely,

Mr. Lori Johnston

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Johnston", is positioned below the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Full name of the Organization:

Southeast Indigenous Peoples' Center.

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The mission of Southeast Indigenous Peoples' Center, a new NGO, is to protect the rights of culture, subsistence, and heritage needed to preserve and restore the lands and Peoples' continued existence. Our mission is based on a value for healthy ecosystems, which are testaments to our Peoples' lives, ways, values, and work. We are fulfilling our mission through research, monitoring, reporting and advocating for a community that has historically had little voice in the decisions affecting it. SIPC's intent is to provide safety and support to southeast natives as we try to recover our power, lives, and lands from the colonial processes of consumption and destruction. SIPC envisions healthy ecosystems so that indigenous Peoples and their other neighbors in the lands, winds, and waters may live well in safe habitat. Restoration of our ecosystems will provide for the food, shelter, health care, and education that we need to survive.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Protect indigenous rights to practice and manage culture and cultural development.
- Research and document our needs for food, shelter, education, and health care while collaborating with other groups: learn from and teach other Natives.
- Build infrastructure for indigenous Peoples and emerging initiatives, non-profits.
- Promote respectful, productive relationships with colonial powers according to the needs of each People's waters, winds, lands, culture, history, and future goals.

Please do not enclose any attachment with your application.

¹ Please note that the decision on accreditation will not be made by the Secretariat, but by the Member States at the beginning of the session of the Intergovernmental Committee. It is therefore possible that certain organizations may not receive accreditation. Therefore, if the requesting organization is not based in Geneva, it might not be advisable to travel to Geneva for the sole purpose of participating in the session of the Committee until accreditation has been granted.

² Please note that this application form may be presented to the Committee exactly in the form received. Please therefore, as far as possible, complete the form using a type-writer or word processor. The completed form should preferably be emailed to **grtkf@wipo.int**

Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Research needs, options, and opportunities of southeast indigenous Peoples.
- Monitor environmental and human rights situations; cultural, social, political, and economic conditions, and other circumstances affecting southeast indigenous peoples.
- Report to IPs, colonial powers, and general public the needs, options, opportunities, situations, conditions, circumstances, and events related to southeast indigenous peoples.
- Advocate for southeast indigenous peoples on issues affecting our cultural, political, and daily lives.

Relationship of the Organization with intellectual property matters, including a full explanation of why you are interested in the issues under discussion by the Committee
(Maximum 150 words)

We have not been active in intellectual property matters. We do work with the Committee against Racism in Education, which addresses the use of Native mascots. As there are no other organization addressing indigenous intellectual property rights that serve the Southeast SIPC seeks to fill the void by providing indigenous peoples with information and opportunities to use the information about traditional knowledge and cultural heritage with regards to intellectual property.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

SIPC is located in the US state of Georgia. The United States claims jurisdiction over the Southeast of North America and all that it contains, including indigenous Peoples, lands, and culture.

Additional Information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words)

We would like to develop a template that would enable indigenous peoples to more easily document the particulars related to the theft of our culture, heritage, plants, and knowledge. Most people don't know what information is needed to assert our rights and contest the theft.

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