

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

Twenty-Second Session
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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 May 9, 2012, requested accreditation at the Twenty-Second 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]

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

Andean Cultural and Folklore Research Association (*Asociación de Investigación Cultural y Folklórico Andino*) (ASICFA)

Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)

Associazione Sant'Antuono & le Battuglie di Pastellessa

Department of Sociology, University of Essex (UK)

Foundation for the Regional Development of Araucanía (*Fundación de Desarrollo Regional de la Araucanía*) (FUDEAR)

International Association of IT Lawyers (IAITL)

International Trade Center for Development (*Centre du Commerce International pour le Développement*) (CECIDE)

National Center for Human Rights (*Centre National des Droits Humaines*) (CNDH)

National League of Indigenous Pygmy Associations of the Congo (*Ligue nationale des associations autochtones Pygmées du Congo*) (LINAPYCO)

Patrice BINGOTO Foundation (*Fondation Patrice BINGOTO*) (FPB)

People's Action for Development (PAD)

Rulu Arts Promoters (RAP)

The Intellectual Property Institute Nigeria LTD/GTE (IPIN)

World Mountain People Association (WMPA) (*Association des Populations des Montagnes du Monde*) (APMM)

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Yours sincerely,

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Vitaliano Fernández Plata

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Application Form for Accreditation as *Ad Hoc* Observer to the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore^{1,2}

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Andean Cultural and Folklore Research Association (*Asociación de Investigación Cultural y Folklórico Andino*) (ASICFA)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Association was founded with the sole aim of researching and fostering Andean culture and folklore in communities living in the altiplano region and the high valleys of a number of departments. We aim, in particular, to promote the ancestral folklore of the original Aymara and Quechua nations. The Association was set up in conjunction with individuals with a background in Andean culture given that, in the regions where cultural activities are planned, work must also be carried out to save, update and study the historical record through research involving elderly members of indigenous communities.

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

- Holding seminars and training courses;
- Researching various expressions of culture and folklore at a community level;
- Researching the meaning of ancestral folklore;
- Compiling archaeological artifacts remaining in the communities;
- Studying samples of archaeological treasures present in ruins and *pucarás* (indigenous fortifications);
- Publishing leaflets and books on Andean culture and folklore.

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

- Holding courses, seminars and workshops on Andean culture;
- Organizing and holding folklore events in various communities;
- Holding ancestral Andean folklore dances in schools in various Aymara and Quechua communities;
- Exchanging of information on folklore between cultural institutions;

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- Attending regional, national and international events, seminars and congresses on culture and folklore;
- Disseminating of the folklore and customs of the Aymara and Quechua Andean cultures.

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)

It is extremely important for our organization to be associated with an international institution such as WIPO in order to allow us to disseminate our culture and, in particular, our folklore, from the comprehensive point of view of our ancestral cultural Andean heritage. We have an extremely rich folklore and cultural heritage in this part of America. Cultural concepts are important in this regard and we will demonstrate that previously in this part of the continent (*Kollasuyo*, the pre-Colombian name for the area that is now modern-day Bolivia) rituals and ceremonies were carried out that were above all linked to Mother Earth.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

The Association operates in the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

Additional Information:

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

It is important for us to forge links with international organizations in order to disseminate our cultural and folklore activities. In Bolivia we have kept our rich cultural traditions alive and they are very much grounded in the natural world. Unfortunately, however, our folklore is being stolen and copied by neighboring countries. Our musical tradition includes a plethora of musical instruments such as the *zampoña* (pan pipes), the *charango* (a small guitar-like instrument, with up to 12 strings), the *pífano* (a type of flute) and other wind instruments, which are being copied by other countries. Therefore, we, as an Andean country, wish to raise awareness about our property through participation in international events.

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Vitaliano Fernández Plata – Acting General Secretary

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Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

AIPP is a regional organization founded in 1988 by indigenous peoples' movements. In 1992, AIPP established its Secretariat in Bangkok. It is now based in Chiang Mai. AIPP is committed to the cause of promoting and defending indigenous peoples' rights, human rights and related issues. Through the years, AIPP has sustained lobbying and advocacy on indigenous peoples' issues and concerns at various levels. It has continued to strengthen indigenous leaders and organizations at the local and national levels through capacity building activities. In the process, AIPP has become a dynamic regional organization, responding to key issues and concerns of indigenous peoples. At present, AIPP has 39 members (including 11 candidate members) from 14 countries in Asia. Of the 39 organizations, 9 are national indigenous peoples organizations, 5 indigenous women's federation and networks, 3 youth organizations and the rest belongs to local and sub-national indigenous peoples organizations.

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

- To empower indigenous peoples in Asia to promote and defend and claim legal recognition of their identities and human rights;
- To build the broadest solidarity and cooperation of indigenous peoples in Asia to strengthen indigenous movements;
- To facilitate opportunities for sustainable livelihoods and self-determined development of indigenous peoples, and to have full control over their lands, territories and resources;
- To attain full and effective participation of indigenous peoples, particularly indigenous women at all levels of decision-making;
- To strengthen solidarity and cooperation with other social movements towards achieving equality, peace, democracy and justice.

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

- Capacity Building and Awareness Raising on:
 - Knowledge and skills, training on leadership, lobby, advocacy, documentation, facilitation etc;
 - Organize workshops, seminars, and promotional activities of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), ILO 169, CEDAW, on indigenous women's rights, climate change and REDD etc;
 - Facilitate participation of indigenous delegates, above all indigenous women in regional and global knowledge sharing events.

- Advocacy, campaigns and networking- actively participating in the sessions of the:
 - UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII);
 - The Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP);
 - Conference of the Parties on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
 - Convention Biological Diversity (CBD), etc
 - Engage with the various intergovernmental and governmental bodies such as ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights, National Human Rights Institutions and civil society platforms.

- Documentation and publication:
 - Studies and research on topics critical to IP;
 - Briefing papers;
 - Production of popular educational materials in the form of simplified information posters and training manuals on indigenous rights in general and on indigenous women's rights issues in particular, in local languages.

- Information sharing:
 - Collection of information from AIPP members, partners and other sources on recent developments on indigenous issues;
 - Share relevant information on a daily basis throughout the year through emails, website, face book and twitter;
 - Maintain websites dedicated to indigenous peoples' issues in general and specific ones on environment e.g. latest developments in climate change, climate change adaptation and mitigation and CBD and on indigenous human rights defenders.

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)

One of AIPP's activity is to promote and protect indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge, innovation and practices, including protection of genetic resources. Therefore AIPP has been actively involved in the negotiations in the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the CBD and in the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing.

Moreover, AIPP has been organizing *Asia regional preparatory conferences on Indigenous Knowledge and Biodiversity (IKB)* in collaboration with other regional and local partners prior to the Conference of the Parties (COP) in the Convention on Biological Diversity. The conferences have served as a platform for analyzing developments on CBD, coordination and preparation of the Asian representatives to the COPs besides others.

AIPP is interested in the issues under discussion by the Committee to ensure recognition of indigenous peoples' rights to their TK and genetic resources through the proper of application of free prior informed consent.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Bangladesh
Cambodia
India
Indonesia
Lao PDR
Malaysia
Philippines
Nepal
Thailand
Vietnam

Additional Information:

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

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Name of Organization Representative and Title:

AIPP Executive Council Members:

No	Name	Designation	Country
1	Mr. Famark Hlawningch	Chairperson	Burma
2	Mr Yupo Abe	Member	Japan
3	Mr Egilino Vincenta	Member	Timor Leste
4	Ms Rukka Sombolinggi	Member	Indonesia
5	Ms Luong Thi Troung	Member	Vietnam
6	Mr Shankar Limbu	Member	Nepal
7	Ms Joan Carling	Secretary General	Philippines

AIPP Foundation Board:

No	Name	Designation	Country
1	Mr. Chupinit Kesmanee	President	Thailand
2	Mr. Prasert Trakansupakorn	Vice President	Thailand
3	Mr.. Samart Srijumnong	Secretary	Thailand
4	Mr. Sakda Saenmi	Treasurer	Thailand
5	Ms. Narumon Arunotai		Thailand
6	Mr. Luingam Luithui	Member	North East India
7	Ms. Jannie Lasimbang	Member	Malaysia
8	Ms. Joan Carling	Member	Philippines

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

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Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The "*Associazione Sant'Antuono & le Battuglie Pastellessa*" is an apolitical, non-partisan and non-profit Association that from 2008 has been carrying out activities for the promotion and safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage of the "*Battuglia di Pastellessa*", otherwise referred to as "*Carro di Sant'Antuono*" of Macerata Campania (Caserta, Italy).

The "*Battuglia di Pastellessa*" are ornamental wagons, part of the celebration of Saint Anthony the Abbot in January which started 700 years ago in Macerata Campania. "*Pastellessa*" is the name of the special sound, executed by members of the "*Battuglia di Pastellessa*", called "*bottari*", or barrel-beaters, which comes from unusual rural instruments such as barrels, vats and sickles.

Membership to the Association is free, without any kind of discrimination with regard to race, citizenship, sex or religious belief. Other associations, committees, institutions and foundations that have objectives that are similar to those of the Association, can apply for membership.

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

- To organize the religious and civic celebration of Saint Anthony the Abbot in Macerata Campania (Caserta, Italy);
- To valorize and to promote to the general public the arts of the ancient rural tradition of the "*Battuglia di Pastellessa*";
- To make concrete the values of solidarity and participation, through actions and initiatives aimed at solving social problems of all sections of the people, especially those most affected by the injustices and imbalances of the dominant development model today;
- To defend and promote the territory in all its aspects - ecological, urban, artistic, social and religious - and all its potential - tourism, sports, production, management of free time -

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- against all forms of exploitation and degradation; and
- To translate the popular culture of the "*Battuglia di Pastellessa*" in research, studies, and events of all kinds.

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

- Intangible heritage safeguarding: The "*Associazione Sant'Antuono & le Battuglie di Pastellessa*" is actively engaged in the organization of the ancient Feast of Saint Anthony the Abbot in Macerata Campania (Caserta, Italy), and promoting and safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage of the "*Battuglia di Pastellessa*" of Macerata Campania. At the event, the Association coordinates about 1.000 "*bottari*". The event is organized by the Association with sponsorship from the Commune of Macerata Campania, Province of Caserta and Campania Region, and with the participation of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Network (ICHNet);
- Dissemination: With the aim of disseminating knowledge about intangible heritage, the Association has developed the project *Sant'Antuono Web 2.0*, i.e. a network of Internet facilities (Official website, YouTube channel, Facebook group, etc...) that enables communication and interaction with the world. The Association's web site has more than 1.000 subscribers;
- Dissemination: The "*Associazione Sant'Antuono & le Battuglie di Pastellessa*" is actively engaged in the organization of the "*Pastellessa Folk Festival*" in Macerata Campania, i.e. a musical cultural festival in order to meet and to analyze the intangible cultural heritage of the "*Pastellessa*" of Macerata Campania and "*Ballo e Canto sul Tamburo*" (Dance & Song on the Drum) of the Italian region Campania;
- Education: Cooperation agreements established with primary and secondary schools of Macerata Campania for the project "*Scuole Aperte*" promoted by Campania Region;
- Education: Establishment of the Study Centre "*Historia Loci*" in order to fulfill safeguarding activities of the intangible cultural heritage of Macerata Campania through research, studies, and events;
- Education: "*La festa di Sant'Antuono, patrimonio culturale immateriale di Macerata Campania*" (the feast of Saint Anthony the Abbot, intangible cultural heritage of Macerata Campania) - Research work on the Feast of Saint Anthony the Abbot in Macerata Campania.

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)

The Association is directly involved in safeguarding intellectual property rights connected with the local communities which are the first producers of cultural expressions such as art, music, dance, craftsmanship, etc. The respect of intellectual property rights of the communities and local groups constitutes an essential element for maintaining democracy and guaranteeing sustainable development. Moreover, respect of cultural diversity and rights is pivotal to guarantee the survival and development of culture taking into consideration heritage and change as dynamic elements for the future.

Accordingly, the Association performs all activities in order to sustain intellectual property matters, typical of the "*Battuglia di Pastellessa*" and the Feast of Saint Anthony the Abbot in Macerata Campania.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Italy

Additional Information:

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The "*Associazione Sant'Antuono & le Battuglie di Pastellessa*" cooperates with the local communities, e.g. about 1.000 "*bottari*" split into twenty local groups, in order to create, maintain and transmit intangible cultural heritage. In addition, the Association actively collaborates with other associations, committees, institutions and foundations, in order to execute safeguarding activities on the intangible cultural heritage of Macerata Campania.

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Department of Sociology, University of Essex (UK)

Description of the Organization:(maximum 150 words)

Department of Sociology at Essex is one of the leading research and higher education institutions in the UK for its research excellence. It is the only sociology department in the country to have been awarded the highest rating in all six of the national Research Assessment Exercises (RAE) that have been undertaken since 1986. In the 2008 RAE, Essex Sociology achieved joint first position nationally. 90% of our research was judged to be of international standard, with 60% being classed as "world-leading" or "internationally excellent". Essex University as a whole was ranked as 9th best university in the UK for the quality of its research in The Times and The Guardian newspapers

The University of Essex is a research-intensive, Higher Education establishment, founded in 1964, which focuses on teaching and research across three campuses in Essex.

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

- Teaching
- Research Intensive
- Focus on Global Issues
- Deepen Human Knowledge
- Globally Competitive

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

- Teaching
- Research
- Knowledge Exchange

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Issues concerning intellectual property and indigenous communities are among the challenging topics for contemporary scholars in social sciences from theoretical, applied or policy perspective. PhD students and researchers working on such issues at Department of Sociology at Essex are attuned to current issues and debates from the orientation of sociology of human rights, law and society, among others, and are encouraged to observe the processes at key forums such as the WIPO IGC where crucial negotiations are taking place by stakeholders. Therefore we support our PhD student and researcher whose research is on intellectual property and indigenous peoples to attend the WIPO IGC sessions in order to contribute to this growing area of study for future scholars and policy makers alike via research.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Additional Information:

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Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Foundation for the Regional Development of Araucanía (FUDEAR)'s task is to contribute to efforts to improve the quality of life of all, regardless of race, age or sex.

As a part of our work, we actively support vulnerable groups, providing targeted assistance for those in need and awarding the Martín Alonqueo indigenous grant. FUDEAR also carries out activities designed to protect and preserve Mapuche culture and promotes actions to foster indigenous efforts to protect Mapuche cultural and technological knowledge and know-how. Our Foundation strives to bring a positive and humane approach to the development strategy implemented by the Chilean State. FUDEAR is currently working with two organizations, the consultants WE ANTU and the *Asociación Indígena Roble Huacho* (Roble Huacho Indigenous Association), on issues related to intercultural education, biodiversity, indigenous technology transfer and the application of ILO Convention No. 169.

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

- Contributing to efforts to improve the quality of life of all, regardless of race, age, sex, political affiliation or religious beliefs;
- The protection, preservation and dissemination of abstract ancestral heritage and knowledge regarding all aspects of indigenous culture, in particular Mapuche culture; and
- As a part of our work we actively support vulnerable groups, providing targeted support to those in need.

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

- Awarding of the Annual Professor Martín Alonqueo (1916 – 1982) Grant. In 2011, two grants were awarded to Mapuche pupils in Year Seven Basic at the *Escuela Martín Alonqueo* (Martín Alonqueo School), in the village of General López, Municipality of Vilcún, Araucanía Region, Chile.

The following activities were carried out through a subsidiary of FUDEAR:

- A proposed sociolinguistic regulation and its respective evaluation instruments for accreditation of the ability to speak and write the Mapuzugun language;
- Two workshops on the teaching of written and spoken Mapudungun;
- Implementation of a campaign to highlight the importance and meaning of the Mapuche language and culture at the regional level, using various means of dissemination and through State bodies. The campaign must contain at least:
 - Use of cultural content highlighting the importance of the concepts covered by Itxofill Mogen (diversity of life) and their relationship with the thematic environmental axes set out by the Ministry for the Environment;
 - Support for the recording of the transfer of Mapuche technological knowledge to young indigenous people (Teaching and learning processes related to the use of material techniques of the culture), including:
 - how the need to use natural inputs arises and how technology is selected;
 - method of gathering inputs, taking into consideration timing, seasons, extraction ceremony, preservation methods;
 - fabrication of objects;
 - preservation and care techniques;
 - uses;
 - techniques for re-use and disposal at the end of useful material life; and
 - technology transfer as a part of the establishment of a tourist circuit including the indigenous communities of Lof Mapu Lican Ray, Municipality of Villarrica, Araucanía Region.

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Chile's development agenda refers to labor markets, equity and productivity, as well as to innovation, science and technology, areas in which work must be carried out to strengthen the protection of indigenous intellectual property, as well as collective rights and the application of ILO Convention No. 169.

The focus on indigenous enterprise and entrepreneurship may lead to traditional knowledge and its multiple forms and applications being put at risk, as well as being devalued and left without protection. The indigenous peoples are affected only by low productivity, a lack of links between indigenous agricultural production and the market and, in urban areas, gaps in terms of human capital and income, as well as a paucity of culturally relevant areas.

Consequently, there is a real need to apply the Committee's recommendations, in particular in sectors combining handicrafts, gastronomy, textile-production and cultural events, such as tourism, which has grown by 40 per cent in Araucanía Region.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Chile

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

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Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Prof. Sylvia Kierkegaard

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

International Association of IT Lawyers (IAITL)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The International Association of IT Lawyers (IAITL) is a politically neutral, non-profit organization constituted primarily of lawyers, judges, policy makers, academics and practitioners who have an interest in Information Technology law and IPR. The IAITL seeks to promote study and research in Computer Law, IPR and related disciplines through international conferences, networking, publication of member's research works, academic programs, consultancy and the provision of internet resources. It is devoted to promoting research and development in the field of Law and with members throughout the world. The organization is devoted to expanding understanding and developing international relationships among those who are working with issues dealing with public and private law. The guiding principle is to encourage communication and discussion of ideas at the frontiers of research. IAITL provides a forum for the presentation and discussion of the latest research results and practical applications and stimulates interdisciplinary and international collaboration.

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

- To foster the exchange of knowledge about regulatory concepts to Information Society and their implementation and jointly work on concepts of regulatory choice to meet new challenges that are brought about through social and technological change;
- To encourage practitioners, scholars and students of law to engage more fully with the IT industry, policymakers and members of the general public to become more fully involved with the way IT affects the law, policy and the way IT is used;
- To keep members up-to-date with current developments in the field of computer law, IPR and related law;
- To promote and support the exchange of ideas between practitioners, scholars and students of IPR and IT law across the world;
- To establish links for sustainable research cooperation;
- To benefit from comparative studies to solve several significant legal issues that remains unclear in all legal systems;

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- In view of the constant evolution of the online environment, to study how the legal framework should be rendered capable of adapting to changes in the technology and the market situation and of contributing to the establishment of a balance of interests between rights owners and users while enhancing the creative industries' value for society; and
- To engage in discussions with a wider range of external parties including those responsible for the formulation of laws and policies in the copyright , privacy, e-commerce fields and for the enforcement of legislation.

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

- Publishes scholarly books every year;
- Participates in policy meetings and workshops organized by the EU, UN, CoE;
- Publishes the world's highest circulated A-ranked academic law journal on IPR, IT law;
- Conducts summer school programs in IPR, IT law;
- Holds a yearly academic legal conference now on its 8th year;
- Issues Position-Consultation papers on a variety of issues such as ACTA - Promotes discussions of issues through seminars and workshops;
- Promotes Career Development;
- Conducts Research and publication of scholarly works; and
- Conducts Capacity building for finding adequate solutions to upcoming regulatory questions.

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Traditional knowledge and IPR are part of computer law issues as they relate to the use of computers. The preservation of information through databases or computer, or the making available illegally of copyrighted information about cultural expressions, heritage (etc) in the digital environment are subjects of study within the area of IT law. More people are using databases to assert community rights to strengthen control and management of community commons. The use of software to restrict access falls also within the ambit of computer law. Computer law is not restricted to privacy or e-commerce issues but any legal issues that may arise through the use of computers. The discussions on cultural heritage, traditional knowledge, cultural expressions and genetic resources are currently being discussed and researched by our IPR Working Committee. Therefore, the IAITL has a strong interest to participate and contribute in the issues under discussion.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

China, Thailand, Hong Kong, Malaysia, United Kingdom, Germany, Brazil, Belgium. Switzerland, Denmark, Finland, Egypt, South Africa, Greece, the Netherlands, Australia, United States, Spain, Malta, Cyprus, Turkey, Czech Republic, Belgium, Israel, Jordan, India, Singapore

Additional Information:

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The IAITL has been involved in numerous projects and dialogues concerning intellectual property rights. The IAITL has hosted several conferences, workshops and summer schools dealing with copyright issues in the new media. The members of the executive committee of the IAITL are editor-in-chief of the 3 leading law journals, including an open-access journal, dealing with copyright and computer law. The IAITL was the organiser and co-host of the 2010 IPR workshops dealing with traditional knowledge issues together with UNESCO and COREACH among others, and the new law on protection of cultural heritage in China. The IAITL, which publishes books and journals, has just published in 2012 a book dealing with IPR and the Protection of Cultural Heritage as well as several articles dealing with similar issues in its journals.

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Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The International Trade Center for Development (CECIDE) is a non-governmental organization that analyzes international economic policies. To this end, since its creation in 2000, CECIDE has worked to promote: grass-roots participation; the drawing-up and implementation of economic development policies, such as mining policies; public awareness of social and economic rights and the integration of those rights into development policies; the organization and mobilization of local communities.

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

The Center brings together actors involved in discussions and activism regarding development issues (good governance, international trade, human rights, etc) directly linked to the rights and needs of grassroots groups (associations and federations of agricultural producers, artisans, mining communities, local elected representatives, women's and youth organizations, representatives of local and national administrative bodies and of the private sector) who are the focus of the Center's actions. These groups take part in the identification, design, carrying-out and follow-up/evaluation of the NGO's activities through the provision of useful information.

Specific aims and objectives:

- The dissemination of information on issues concerning the inclusion of the countries of the South into the international trade system and economic development policies;
- Advocacy and campaigning regarding issues linked to international trade integration policies;
- Strengthening the capacities of the development actors in terms of analysis and action; and

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- Promoting the economic and social rights of grass-root populations, as well as encouraging good governance;

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

In line with its tasks, CECIDE has developed a number of complementary programs in support of the promotion of social and economic rights, including:

- The Intellectual Property Rights Program (DPI):

This program is a part of advocacy efforts to establish a legal basis for the protection of traditional African knowledge under the TRIPS Agreement and rights in terms of access to scientific knowledge.

- The Gender and Trade Program (GECOM):

This pilot program was born out of the realization on the part of CECIDE that, in terms of development policy, little had been done to integrate the gender dimension into the development process concerning the countries of the South. Women constitute the group most affected by economic liberalization and neo-liberal economic policies. Therefore, the main role of CECIDE's Gender and Trade Program is to promote women's social and economic activities, as well as to develop related aspects. The main activities of the program are capacity-building and the provision of support (material and financial).

- The Conflict Prevention and Management Program (PGC):

PGC focuses on human rights and the fostering of a climate of security and good relations between the various actors in the Guinean society who serve as a vector for the sustainable development strongly encouraged by CECIDE. This program is based on research and training activities linked to the social and economic aspects of conflicts. The training activities target citizens (young people, women, local elected representatives, civil society organizations and the defense and security forces).

- The Training and Communication Program (CECIDE FECOM):

CECIDE's training and communication program concentrates primarily on strengthening the capacities of the various CECIDE target groups referred to above, since development necessarily requires training. CECIDE PROFORCOM is a horizontal program that interacts with all the other CECIDE programs, providing training centered on subjects such as mediation techniques and good governance.

- The Agriculture Program (this program is designed to):

- Promote food self-sufficiency;
- Train farmers in production, storage and product commercialization techniques;
- Address issues concerning agreements linked to agriculture within the framework of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other international institutions;
- Strengthen the capacity of rural dwellers' organizations, the driving force in terms of national economic development, to analyze, take action and carry out advocacy.

- The System and Policy Program (SYSPO):

This program addresses theoretical and practical issues in terms of international economic relations through the policies and institutions concerned. The aim of these activities is to promote alternative development policies in an environment marked by significant asymmetry in terms of international exchanges.

- The Natural Resources Program (CECIDE RESNAT):

CECIDE RESNAT is responsible for three areas:

- The trade aspect of environmental issues;
- The mining industry and economic development strategies;
- The protection and promotion of the social and economic rights of local communities.

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CECIDE contributes to the dissemination of information on the impact of the WTO TRIPS Agreement on the economies of developing countries and the stakes involved through the following actions:

- Organizing seminars and workshops on TRIPS and the multilateral trade system in order to ensure that local actors understand the dissymmetrical relationship between developed and developing countries, with the aim of seeking an acceptable alternative solution;
- Fostering the building of capacities and of local mutual assistance mechanisms in terms of innovation in African countries; encouraging debate in order to allow the Doha Declaration to act as a springboard for the reconciliation of the TRIPS Agreement with the Millennium Development Goals; and
- Informing the authorities of the consequences of the TRIPS Agreement for public health, technology, knowledge and biological resources.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Republic of Guinea and in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

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Full name of the Organization:

National Center for Human Rights (*Centre National des Droits Humaines*) (CNDH)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Our organization promotes, protects and defends human rights in general and the traditional rights of indigenous peoples regarding their cultural knowledge, in particular. CNDH is a local organization which operates at the national level.

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

- Enhancing the prestige of and promoting indigenous cultural knowledge among future generations;
- Protecting and defending traditional intellectual property rights regarding traditional knowledge, folk dances and the genetic knowledge of indigenous peoples; and
- Helping indigenous peoples to preserve their traditional rights and to pass them on to the young in order to ensure their protection, as well as denouncing any violations of such rights.

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

- Identifying the various traditional intellectual property rights concerning traditional knowledge, genetic knowledge and folklore in the field;
- Comparing such knowledge with that of other tribes;
- Subsequently running workshops with the elderly and young people in order to inform them of the importance of traditional intellectual property rights and to ensure that such rights are preserved;
- Carrying out studies in the field in order to ascertain the number of young people in towns and villages who are familiar with traditional knowledge or traditional intellectual property rights; and

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- Providing indigenous peoples with information on the traditional rights held by other peoples but not by themselves.

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Given that our organization was set up in order to defend human rights and that traditional intellectual property rights constitute the heritage of a people, it is in our interest to ensure that we are in a position to look into the issues under discussion by the Committee.

By offering more assistance to indigenous peoples wishing to reclaim their traditional knowledge, we aim to make each of them aware of their origins, thus encouraging them to preserve their culture and helping them to understand why they think and behave differently from one another.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Our country is the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Additional Information:

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

The indigenous peoples of the DRC have a rich heritage in terms of ancestral traditions but are unaware of the protective value of their knowledge. They are unable to transmit this knowledge to the rest of the world because they do not know how to develop it; indeed, they are still unable to transmit their traditional knowledge to their own children because they lack the means to raise awareness.

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Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The National League of Indigenous Pygmy Associations of the Congo (LINAPYCO) is a platform made up of associations and networks of the indigenous peoples of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The League was established by and for the indigenous peoples of the Congo in order to defend and protect their rights, cultures, traditional knowledge and folklore, which are fast disappearing and are threatened by the three main tribal groups of the Congo – the Bantu, Nilotic and Sudanese peoples. Along with the Pygmies (the original inhabitants), these three groups make up the four major ethnic groups present in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Bantu, Nilotic and Sudanese peoples have appropriated the culture, language and traditional knowledge of the Pygmies because they know that the Pygmies do not leave their homeland and 99 per cent of the indigenous peoples (Bambuti, Batwa, Bilangi, Ekonda, Baburuko, Bambote, Barhwa, Bayanda, Bachwa, Batoa...) have not yet learnt to read or write and thus the other tribes/peoples plunder their dances, culture, traditional knowledge and folklore without their prior informed and freely-given consent.

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

- Defense and protection of the rights of the indigenous Pygmy peoples of the Democratic Republic of Congo;
- Enhancement of the prestige of the cultural identity of the indigenous Pygmy peoples;
- Promotion of gender and youth issues;
- Protection of biological ecosystems; and
- Promotion of sustainable development.

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

- Advocacy and lobbying;
- Organization of cultural festivals at the local and national levels;
- Agriculture and small-scale livestock breeding for indigenous populations that have already settled;
- Celebration of the International Day of the World's Indigenous People;
- Improvement of the environment of indigenous populations;
- Schooling for young indigenous persons;
- Income-generating activities;
- Training and retraining; and
- Pharmacopoeia.

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The situation of the indigenous Pygmy peoples of Central Africa in general and that of the Pygmies of the Democratic Republic of Congo in particular is well-known. The latter are considered by the rest of the population to be sub-human and their basic rights are flouted and violated, both by the State and by the other tribes. The Pygmies of the DRC have managed to preserve their original indigenous culture in all its richness. However, this culture is now under threat and many of its constituent elements have been stolen by other peoples present in the DRC. Neighboring tribes have appropriated Pygmy folk dances and now travel abroad. The pharmacopoeia of the Pygmies has been looted by researchers, herbalists and traditional healers from other tribes, as well as by religious groups. Indigenous artworks can now be found in museums in Africa, Europe, America and Asia owing to the large number of visitors to indigenous communities. In order to protect the traditional knowledge and folklore of the indigenous Pygmies of the DRC, it is vital that LINAPYCO build a relationship with WIPO.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Democratic Republic of Congo

Additional Information:

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

The indigenous Pygmy peoples of the DRC are subject to levels of discrimination greater than those experienced anywhere else in the world and are still held in slavery by the Bantu and Nilotic peoples. Most of the indigenous peoples of the DRC do not have access to land, education or healthcare and cannot even celebrate their own culture like other human beings. The indigenous Pygmy peoples are excluded from the public decision-making process and their children are denied the right to birth certificates, national identity cards and any other administrative documents attesting to their status as citizens of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Other tribes have appropriated all of their songs, tales and musical instruments. All of these issues must be addressed.

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Serge Bingoto Mandoko Elonga

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Patrice BINGOTO Foundation (*Fondation Patrice BINGOTO*) (FPB)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The aim of the Patrice BINGOTO Foundation is to exploit the advantages offered by intellectual property in order to promote creativity, innovation and technology transfer in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The Foundation focuses in particular on the rational use of traditional knowledge, as well as, on the exploitation of genetic resources.

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

- Contributing to the promotion of sciences, arts and literature, as well as intellectual property rights and related rights, in particular traditional cultural expressions (TCEs);
- Establishing a scientific and technological database;
- Establishing collaborative research networks involving universities and research centers in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in other countries;
- Contributing to efforts to protect against and combat the illegal trafficking of traditional cultural expressions;
- Identifying the holders of traditional knowledge, in particular with regard to plant varieties and medical practices, with the aim of encouraging the development of new medicines in the Democratic Republic of Congo; and
- Contributing to the integration of the TRIPS Agreement into national legislation, etc.

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

- Carrying out studies and collecting information on the work of experts in the fields of science and technology whose research topics might be of use in promoting the scientific and technological ambitions of the Democratic Republic of Congo;
- Exploiting intellectual property tools in order to support creativity and technology transfer;

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- Organizing marketing and intermediation regarding the search for funding in order to support local researchers;
- Promoting research and development networks between scientists, as well as collaborative research projects between national and foreign researchers in order to foster inter-institutional cooperation agreements;
- Creating “cultural areas for meeting and sharing knowledge” in order to increase the access of local populations to culture;
- Organizing seminars, conferences and colloquia on issues related to science, the arts and literature.

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The relationship with WIPO and our interest in the issues under discussion by the Committee are the result of the nature of the subjects addressed by our Foundation. After Brazil, the Democratic Republic of Congo is the second richest genetic reserve on the planet from the point of view of biodiversity. Moreover, given its wealth of traditional cultural expressions, it is vital that the Democratic Republic of Congo should participate actively in the international debate on genetic resources, traditional knowledge and expressions of folklore.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Additional Information:

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Our Foundation is currently involved in two studies:

- Intellectual property issues regarding the exploitation of the genetic resources of the Democratic Republic of Congo. The case of the genetic material of the Ebola virus; and
- The issue of copyright and related rights concerning the songs, riddles and proverbs collected by the Reverend Father Placide TEMPELS between 1935 and 1959 in the Democratic Republic of Congo: unpublished works.

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People's Action for Development (PAD)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

People's Action for Development (PAD) is a non-profit making and socio-economic development society based in Dhemaji district of Assam (India), involved with the tea garden workers and adivasis/tribal groups for the enhancement of these communities who are in penury, social exclusion and experiencing myriad discriminations of almost every form every now and then.

And thus PAD is an organization involved with the adivasis, tribal groups and marginalized communities of Assam to attain rights and government provisions.

PAD is registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 (No. DMJ/241/A/31 of 2002-2003). It has registration under 12A & 80G of income tax act. It has also registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act of Central Government.

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

- PAD's Vision:
PAD visualizes an equal and just society where people are able to live a healthy life in a clean environment.

- PAD's Mission:
PAD seeks to achieve an equal and just society through empowerment of the marginalized Adivasi and tribal people through organization and collectivization, building their capacity and enabling them to utilize available resources and creating awareness on the environment.

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

- Creating awareness and providing trainings on various issues, like sustainable livelihood, rights and entitlements etc;
- Capacity building for local community leaders;
- Promoting language of the Adivasi community;
- Conducting surveys, study and researches on conditions and various status of the Adivasi as well as on various acts and rights that are relevant or applicable in their cases; and
- Empowering the local communities to become self reliant.

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)

The relationship of PAD with intellectual property matters as for now may be linked up as follows- "PAD is a growing organization which has gained 10 years of working experience with and among the Adivasis/Tribal groups in Assam and by now has gained considerable amount of knowledge, understanding and insight about their society, traditions, cultures, etc. and is locally considered to be an intellectual organization of and for the Adivasi community. PAD has discovered that the Adivasis has rich culture and traditions which ought to be protected and preserved.

PAD as an organization is completely new to the issues and aspects related to intellectual property matters but has a great desire and zeal to understand, learn and know things, especially those which are related to indigenous communities and has thus developed an interest towards the issues which would be discussed by the Committee."

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

India

Additional Information:

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PAD has by now realized that the communities among and with whom it works are in one way or another in danger of loosing their language, culture and traditions and thus are in danger of loosing their tribal identity as a whole. In addition, it may be noted that though they are considered as tribal groups in all the other parts/states of India but in the state of Assam they are barred from availing themselves with the same status/identity. So, being aware of these threats and facts, PAD is now interested in getting involved in the process of reviving, preserving and protecting their language, culture and traditions so as to sustain their true identity.

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Yours sincerely,

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Rulu Arts Promoters (RAP)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Rulu Arts Promoters (RAP) is a non-government and a non-profit making organization based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. RAP was established in January, 1991 and is registered under the National Arts Council (BASATA) in accordance to act No.23 of 1984. With respect to NGO Act of 2002, RAP was officially registered as an NGO and thus given the registration number 00NGO/0503. RAP has experienced and well-versed manpower in arts and cultural industries, journalism, arts administration, fundraising, and copyright law and neighboring rights.

RAP has a mission of promoting socio-economic development through participatory initiatives and collective actions, regardless of age, sex, colour, race, religious and traditional beliefs.

In meeting its objectives, RAP strives to have sustainable human development by supplementing government efforts and working together with other development partners in issues of promoting arts and culture, good governance, poverty alleviation, and environmental awareness by applying arts as a media of communication.

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

- To promote arts and cultural industries as a tool for peoples sustainable development;
- To enhance the role of the civil society in protecting and promoting their Traditional Knowledge and Cultural expressions as their natural heritage and a vehicle towards innovation and economic growth;
- To foster national and international cooperation through arts and culture as means of connecting and sharing cultural activities, goods, services, as a vehicle of identity;
- To conduct research, capacity building, and consultancy within the fields of copyright law and related laws, arts and culture, democracy and human rights, environment protection, health sector and poverty alleviation so as to promote human development; and

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- To conduct advocacy, awareness and mobilization programs to communities through arts as a media of communication in various developmental aspects.

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

- Reviewing the “Copyright and Neighbouring Rights Act number 7 of 1999” for the promotion of growth, fairness and copyright protection in Tanzania (Project carried out into 4 phases from 2006 to 2011 with Rulu Arts Promoters (RAP) under the sponsorship of BEST-AC (this is a grant-giving programme that assists organizations to create a better business environment). See report at: <http://in2eastafrika.net/why-tanzanian-govt-should-fast-track-new-copyright-bill/>. The Copyright bill ready to be tabled in the parliament session of June, 2012);
- Research and advocacy for the dynamic Cultural Policy. Identification of loopholes within the policy and artists contribution as a fight against unfair circumstances within the arts and cultural sector in Tanzania (held in 2010 and policy recommendations document released);
- Research on traditional cultural expressions and development: the relationship between UNESCO statement and how it is translated in practice in Tanzania (2008-2009 report available);
- Facilitating local artists in understanding the 2005 UNESCO Convention of Diversity of Cultural Expressions in Tanzania (Held in 2009 - Workshops conducted and music composed by artists on the Convention. CDs available /others distributed in Media houses “Radio &TV stations); and
- Promoting good governance and building local leadership capacities in Arumeru District: Tanzania. (March-April, 2002 sponsored by Commonwealth Foundation) report available at: http://www.acpcultures.eu/upload/ocr_document/Commonwealth_CaseStudy_RULU.pdf

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)

RAP, as an organization networking in culture, understands that Intellectual Property matters are within its objectives. RAP understands that effective enforcement of IP will lead to paramount gain for both the government and stakeholders within the sector.

Reasons for my interest in the issues under discussion by the Committee include:

- Having researched and worked extensively with local artists as an arts administrator since 1988 to date, I understand the artists problems and priorities. My experience will help in contributing to the Committee discussions;
- Having attended WIPO Copyright studies in 1995 in Stockholm, studied cultural and creative industries in my Masters Degree at University of Leeds, and as a PhD Creative Industries candidate at QUT Australia this inspired me; and
- Having wide exposure in IP, TK and TCE matters, I feel that there is a need for facilitating the work of WIPO for accredited indigenous and local communities.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Tanzania. East Africa

Additional Information:

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

The essence of establishing Rulu Arts Promoters (RAP) is as a result of several challenges that face the Tanzanian society specifically the poor local artists at village level, socially excluded, the less privileged, deprived, and most vulnerable population such as women, children, and disadvantaged people both in rural and urban areas.

In that context, RAP has been carrying out research on Intellectual Property matters, Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore as aspects that have to be well articulated in the Cultural Policy document. The Cultural Policy has been in place since 1997 but has neither been put into operation effectively nor concretized in relation to the development and aspirations, objectives and priorities of indigenous artists at the village level. Hence, loopholes, lacunae, and weaknesses of the Policy include lack of planning, programming, establishment of laws, regulations and markets in favour of Traditional Knowledge(TK) and Folklore, Genetic resources (GR) and related Intellectual Property(IP) matters.

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Aluko Folarin

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

The Intellectual Property Institute Nigeria LTD/GTE (IPIN)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Intellectual Property Institute Nigeria Limited by Guarantee is a non-profit organization established to promote the use of intellectual property and intellectual capital as tools for social, technological and economic growth. The Institute seeks to increase the awareness and understanding of the use of intellectual property through activities including IP research, public enlightenment, specialized training and workshops, technical assistance, institution building and consultative forums.

The IPIN interacts with local and international IP Owners, Professionals and Academics through a Panel of Experts organized into Committees, notable of which are the:

- Law Reform Committee;
- Committee on Traditional Knowledge;
- Editorial Committee;
- Events and Logistics Committee.

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

- To promote Intellectual Property (Patents, Trademarks, Industrial Designs, Copyright, Geographical Indications, Trade Secrets, Traditional Knowledge, etc) awareness in Nigeria;
- To provide incentives for the use and adoption of IP as a tool for economic development;
- To create a platform for the expression of a Nigerian perspective on IP matters;
- To promote Intellectual Property Law reform and the creation of a National IP Policy;
- To train, and accredit IP professionals in Nigeria.

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

- Publication of Eureka! An IP and Innovation electronic magazine aimed at broadening the IP discourse among IP owners, professionals, and the general public in Nigeria;
- Organizing Seminars, Workshops and Capacity Building events;
- Organizing exciting contests and competitions to encourage young people to create and learn more about IP;
- Collaboration and Networking with other Government and Non-Governmental IP Organizations and Associations towards the development of IP in Nigeria;
- Campaigning for legislative and judicial Law reform; and
- Maintain online forums for the discussion of IP issues.

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)

The Institute's core focus is on the development of all aspects of Intellectual Property in Nigeria- Patents, Trademarks, Industrial Designs, Copyright, Trade Secrets, Geographical Indications, Traditional Knowledge, and Genetic Resources.

Nigeria has a rich cultural heritage that includes a significant repertoire of IP assets owned by indigenous communities and cultures. As a principal stakeholder in the development of IP in Nigeria, we seek to contribute to, and learn from the evolution of global standards and practices governing Traditional Knowledge, Genetic Resources and Folklore.

In addition, the IPIN has set up a committee on Traditional Knowledge with a mandate to research on, document and publish a report on the effective protection and exploitation of Traditional Knowledge by integrating TK into traditional IP rights protection policies. Target audience includes Policy Makers, Government and other stakeholders in the IP Sector.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Nigeria

Additional Information:

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

The IPIN manages a page and an online IP group hosted via the Facebook social media network www.facebook.com/ipinstitute.ng

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Full name of the Organization:

World Mountain People Association (WMPA) (*Association des Populations des Montagnes du Monde*) (APMM)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Since its creation in 2001, by a group of European associations of elected representatives of mountain regions, WMPA has worked to promote the implementation of proactive public policies to assist populations in mountain regions and to allow them to manage their lands in a sustainable manner, based on a model of their own design, as well as, to develop productive activities that make the most of their knowledge and resources.

In an effort to bring together all the actors concerned by the future of mountain regions and their populations, WMPA has assembled an array of stakeholders wishing to take part in its work:

- The elected representatives of local administrations or communities, or other forms of local political organization (college 1);
- The representatives of civil society organizations (NGOs) working for populations in mountain regions (college 2); and
- Qualified individuals, scientists, researchers, experts, who work alongside populations in mountain regions and who are willing to share their skills, experiences and knowledge of the mountain environment (college 3).

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

WMPA seeks to carry out the following tasks:

- Provide populations in mountain areas across the world, many of whom are marginalized and lack any real voice, with the means to make themselves heard and to exert influence;
- Establish an area within which isolated regions, which face the same challenges and share a common vision of the future, can meet, exchange ideas and work together with the aim of pooling knowledge, resources and experiences; and
- Foster and support local initiatives launched by its members.

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WMPA sees equity as being an integral part of sustainable development and one of its aims is to promote development that is both sustainable and equitable and that ensures the long-term survival of the identity of mountain-dwelling peoples.

The Association is working to achieve the above objective through the implementation of the Charter for World Mountain People adopted in Quito in 2002. The Charter promotes the following concepts:

- Harmonious development based on the exploitation of resources under the management of local populations;
- The recognition of the rights of mountain peoples regarding the local management of their territories in order to improve their living conditions and foster local development;
- Equitable access to social assets, services and facilities; and
- Respect for and recognition of the identities, cultures and specific knowledge of mountain peoples.

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

One of the main tasks of WMPA, and one of the major reasons the Association was set up, is the transfer of knowledge and know-how between mountain regions, together with the exchange of experiences and cooperation. Mountain regions across the world face the same difficulties. The idea is to allow regions to benefit from one another's concrete experiences through field visits, the organization of meetings, the carrying-out of studies and the dissemination of information.

Conscious of the lack of knowledge regarding mountain societies and their forms of production and land management, WMPA is campaigning for the:

- Establishment of regional centers for cooperation and exchange on mountain issues, managed and staffed by local actors from the regions concerned. The main aims of such centers would be: the conservation, development, adaptation, dissemination and promotion of mountain peoples' technical, management and social knowledge; the strengthening of the capacity of mountain peoples to put forward proposals to and negotiate with the public authorities; the identification of objectives and the founding of partnerships for specific projects with international backers contributing to the sustainable and equitable development of the regions concerned; and
- Creation of an international mountain monitoring center based on the network of regional centers for cooperation and exchange.

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By way of example, the cultivation of indigenous plants in mountain regions is the direct result of traditional knowledge that makes it possible to meet the nutritional, therapeutic, cultural and spiritual needs of local communities.

Better adapted to local conditions and more sustainable than high-yield varieties, these species are under threat (climate change, the introduction of "modern" varieties in the interests of productivity, market pressure, overgrazing, the exploitation of minerals, rural exodus...). WMPA is seeking WIPO's assistance in order better to:

- Fight against the gradual loss of genetic diversity;

- Support efforts in terms of knowledge, conservation and management of traditional seeds for use as foodstuffs, or for therapeutic or ritual purposes;
- Ensure a more equitable distribution of the commercial benefits arising from their exploitation and the protection of producers' rights;
- Combat acts of bio-piracy by seed companies and the multinational pharmaceutical industry targeting these resources; and
- Campaign against the criminalization of the producers of crops that have been declared illegal.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

In Europe: Andorra, France, Italy, Romania, Spain, Switzerland

In Asia: Bhutan, China, India, Nepal, Pakistan

In Latin America: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru, Venezuela

In Africa: Algeria, Cameroon, Kenya, Lesotho, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Additional Information:

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Most of the world's mountains, which make up 25 per cent of the world's landmass (120 countries) and which are home to 12 per cent of the world's population, are subject to the very serious threats of aging populations, migration, rural exodus to overcrowded, poverty-stricken areas surrounding towns and cities, the collapse of community structures, the intensive use of natural resources and the manufacture of illegal products.

This development has led to numerous disputes over the appropriation of resources, the control of production, the preservation of identity and autonomy, and access to basic rights.

Mountains are a common asset that belongs to all (water reserves, biodiversity, the role of forests in the carbon cycle) and the continued existence of the human populations present in mountain areas is an issue of global importance. Such communities can be preserved through the transmission of the traditions, knowledge, know-how, specific forms of social organization, values of effort and solidarity, and incomparable knowledge that have allowed them to manage their lands in a balanced and respectful manner.

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