

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

Twenty-Eighth Session
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WIPO VOLUNTARY FUND FOR ACCREDITED INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES: INFORMATION NOTE ON CONTRIBUTIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT

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1. This document contains information required to be reported to the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”) on the operation of the Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities (“the Fund”). The rules are set out in the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6, which was approved by the WIPO General Assembly at its 32nd session in September 2005 and subsequently amended by the General Assembly at its 39th session in September 2010.

2. Article 6(f) of the rules states:

“(f) Before each Committee session, the WIPO Director General will communicate for the information of participants an information note setting out:

- (i) the level of the voluntary contributions paid into the Fund on the date on which the document was drafted;
- (ii) the identity of the contributors (unless individual contributors have expressly requested to remain anonymous);
- (iii) the amount of the resources available taking into account the funds disbursed;
- (iv) the list of people who have benefited from the Fund’s support since the previous information memorandum;

- (v) the people chosen to benefit from the Fund but who withdrew;
- (vi) the amount of the support allocated to each beneficiary; and
- (vii) a sufficiently detailed description of the applicants seeking support for the following session.

This document will also be addressed by name to the members of the Advisory Board for examination and deliberation.”

3. The present document constitutes the twentieth such information note, as required by the decision of the WIPO General Assembly. The information required to be communicated to participants in the Twenty-Eighth Session of the Committee is as follows:

Level of the voluntary contributions paid to the Fund until June 19, 2014 and names of the contributors:

86,092.60 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 500,000 Swedish crowns at the date) credited on November 7, 2006, by the Swedish International Biodiversity Programme (SwedBio/CBM);

31,684 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 20,000 Euros at the date) credited on December 20, 2006, by the Government of France;

29,992.50 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 25,000 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on March 27, 2007, by the Christensen Fund;

150,000 Swiss francs credited on June 8, 2007, by the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Berne, Switzerland;

5,965.27 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 5,000 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on August 14, 2007, by the Ministry of Science and Technology, South Africa;

98,255.16 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 60,000 Euros at the date) credited on December 20, 2007, by the Government of Norway;

100,000 Swiss francs credited on February 7, 2008, by the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Berne, Switzerland;

12,500 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 13,441 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on March 25, 2011, by the Ministry of Science and Technology, South Africa;

500 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 573 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on May 10, 2011, by an anonymous contributor;

89,500 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 100,000 Australian dollars at the date) credited on October 20, 2011, by the Government of Australia;

15,000 Swiss francs credited on June 20, 2013 by the Government of Australia¹; and

4,694.40 Swiss francs credited on June 20, 2013 by the Government of New Zealand.

Total amount of the voluntary contributions credited to the Fund until June 16, 2014:
623,401.71 Swiss francs.

¹ 782.22 Swiss francs were reimbursed on September 2, 2013 in accordance with the agreed terms for the use of the contribution made by the Government of Australia.

Amount of the resources available:

- Amount available in the Fund on June 19, 2014, including bank fees and interest: 803.20 Swiss francs.
- Amount committed on June 19, 2014: *nihil*.
- Amount available in the Fund minus committed amount on June 19, 2014: 803.20 Swiss francs.

List of persons who benefited since the previous information note²:

Applicants who were recommended for funding in view of the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Committee³

None.

Applicants who were recommended for funding in view of the Twenty-Eighth Session of the Committee, but for whom there were no sufficient means available in the Fund on June 19, 2014 (in order of priority)⁴:

Ms. Tarisi VUNIDILO
Nationality: Fiji
Mailing address: Auckland, New Zealand
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
Pacific Islands Museums Association (PIMA)
Seat of the accredited observer: Port Vila, Vanuatu

Mr. Stephen RWAGWERI
Nationality: Uganda
Mailing address: Fort Portal, Uganda
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
Engabu Za Tooro (Tooro Youth Platform for Action)
Seat of the accredited observer: Fort Portal, Uganda

Disbursed for any participation in the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Committee:

No disbursement made.

Committed or disbursed in view of the Twenty-Eighth Session of the Committee

No commitment; no disbursement made.

List of the applicants seeking support for the next Session of the Committee (in alphabetical order)

Mr. Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA
Nationality: Mali
Mailing address: Nouakchott, Mauritania
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: ADJMOR
Seat of the accredited observer: Tombouctou, Mali

² See document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/INF/4 dated February 28, 2014.

³ See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/26/INF/6 dated February 6, 2014.

⁴ See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/INF/6 dated April 2, 2014.

Mrs. Edith Magnolia BASTIDAS CALDERÓN
Nationality: Colombia
Mailing address: Nariño, Colombia
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
Centro de Estudios Multidisciplinarios Aymara (CEM Amayra)
Seat of the accredited observer: La Paz, Bolivia

Mr. Estebancio CASTRO DIAZ
Nationality: Panama
Mailing address: Wellington, New Zealand
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
International Indian Treaty Council
Seat of the accredited observer: Panama City, Panama

Mr. Nelson DE LEÓN KANTULE
Nationality: Panama
Mailing address: Panama City, Panama
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
Asociación Kunas Unidos por Napguana (KUNA)
Seat of the accredited observer: Corregimiento San Felipe, Panama

Mrs. Kathy HODGSON-SMITH
Nationality: Canada
Mailing address: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
Métis National Council
Seat of the accredited observer: Ottawa, Canada

Mrs. Cecilia Eneck NDIFON
Nationality: Cameroon
Mailing address: Ekmen-Batibo, Cameroon
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
Association of the Reconstruction and Development of the Moko-oh People (AFTRADEMOP)
Seat of the accredited observer: Ekmen-Batibo, Cameroon

Mr. Kamal Kumar RAI
Nationality: Nepal
Mailing address: Kathmandu, Nepal
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: Himalayan Folklore and
Biodiversity Study Program, IPs Society for Wetland Biodiversity Conservation Nepal
Seat of the accredited observer: Kathmandu, Nepal

4. *The Committee is invited to
take note of the content of this
document.*

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