

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

Thirty-Second Session

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

Document prepared by the Secretariat

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 twenty-third such information note, as required by the decision of the WIPO General Assembly. The information required to be communicated to the participants in the Thirty-Second Session of the Committee is as follows:

Level of the voluntary contributions paid to the Fund until October 27, 2016 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 October 27, 2016:
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 October 27, 2016, including bank fees and interest: 663.20 Swiss francs.
- Amount committed on October 27, 2016: *nihil*.
- Amount available in the Fund minus committed amount on October 27, 2016: 663.20 Swiss francs.

List of persons who benefited or were recommended for funding since the previous information note²:

Applicants who were recommended for funding in view of the Thirty-First Session of the Committee³, but for whom there were no sufficient means available in the Fund⁴ (in order of priority)

Mrs. Jennifer TAULI CORPUZ

Nationality: Philippines

Mailing address: Quezon City, Philippines

Name of the accredited observer: Tebtebba Foundation – Indigenous Peoples’ International Centre for Policy Research and Education

Seat of the accredited observer: Baguio City, Philippines

Mr. Q’apaj CONDE CHOQUE

Nationality: Bolivia

Mailing address: La Paz, Bolivia

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

Centro de Estudios Multidisciplinarios Aymara (CEM-Aymara)/Center for Multidisciplinary Studies Aymara (CEM-Aymara)

Seat of the accredited observer: La Paz, Bolivia

Mr. Estebancio CASTRO DÍAZ

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. Babagana ABUBAKAR

Nationality: Nigeria

Mailing address: Maiduguri (Borno), Nigeria

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: *Kanuri* Development Association

Seat of the accredited observer: Maiduguri (Borno), Nigeria

² See document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/31/INF/4 dated July 22, 2016.

³ See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/30/INF/6 dated June 3, 2016.

⁴ The Secretariat was informed that the United States Patent and Trademark Office granted funding directly to the four applicants that were recommended by the Advisory Board of the Fund with the view to support their participation in the Thirty-First Session of the Committee.

Applicants who were recommended for funding in view of the Thirty-Second Session of the Committee⁵, but for whom there were no sufficient means available in the Fund on October 27, 2016 (in order of priority):

Mr. Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ INLAGO
Nationality: Ecuador
Mailing address: Quito, Ecuador
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
Call of the Earth *Llamado de la Tierra*
Seat of the accredited observer: Cusco, Peru

Mr. Mikhail TODYSHEV
Nationality: Russian Federation
Mailing address: Moscow, Russian Federation
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
Elders Council of the Shor People
Seat of the accredited observer: Tashtagol, Russian Federation

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

Disbursed for any participation in the Thirty-First Session of the Committee

No disbursement made.

Committed or disbursed in view of the Thirty-Second 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. Isa ADAMU
Nationality: Cameroon
Mailing address: Yaoundé
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: SAMUSA
Seat of the accredited observer: Yaoundé, Cameroon

⁵ See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/31/INF/6 dated September 22, 2016.

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

Mr. Dmitry BEREZHKOV
Nationality: Russian Federation
Mailing address: Tromsø, Norway
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
Centre for the Support of Indigenous Peoples of the North/Russian Indigenous Training Centre
(CSIPN/RITC)
Seat of the accredited observer: Moscow, Russian Federation

Mr. Samuel CAUPER PINEDO
Nationality: Peru
Mailing address: Iparía, Peru
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
*Asociación Centro Indígena para el Desarrollo Sostenible (CINDES)/Indigenous Centre for
Sustainable Development Association*
Seat of the accredited observer: Pucallpa, Peru

Mr. Q'apaj CONDE CHOQUE
Nationality: Bolivia
Mailing address: La Paz, Bolivia
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
*Centro de Estudios Multidisciplinarios Aymara (CEM-Aymara)/Center for Multidisciplinary
Studies Aymara (CEM-Aymara)*
Seat of the accredited observer: La Paz, Bolivia

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/Association of Kunas United for Mother Earth (KUNA)
Seat of the accredited observer: Corregimiento San Felipe, Panama

Mr. Almoctar MAHAMADOU
Nationality: Niger
Mailing address: Agadez, Niger
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
*Rassemblements des Africains Conscients, Intègres, Nationalistes, Engagés, Solidaires
(RACINES)*
Seat of the accredited observer: Agadez, Niger

Mr. Charles SALIL KIPLAGAT
Nationality: Kenya
Mailing address: Eldoret, Kenya
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
Centre for African Culture and Traditional Indigenous Knowledge
Seat of the accredited observer: Eldoret, Kenya

Mrs. Nongpoklai SINHA
Nationality: Bangladesh
Mailing address: Sylhet, Bangladesh
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
Ethnic Community Development Organization (ECDO)
Seat of the accredited observer: Sylhet, Bangladesh

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

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