

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

**Thirty-Fourth Session**  
**Geneva, June 12 to 16, 2017**

### **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 Thirty-Second Session in September 2005 and subsequently amended by the General Assembly at its Thirty-Ninth 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-fifth 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-Fourth Session of the Committee is as follows:

Level of the voluntary contributions paid to the Fund until May 12, 2017 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 Australia<sup>1</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

37,835 Swiss francs credited on February 28, 2017 by the Government of Australia;

Total amount of the voluntary contributions credited to the Fund until May 12, 2017:  
661,236.71 Swiss francs.

Amount of the resources available:

- Amount available in the Fund on April 1, 2017, including bank fees and interest:  
38,458.20 Swiss francs.
- Amount committed on May 12, 2017: 15,644.55 Swiss francs
- Amount available in the Fund minus committed amount on May 12, 2017:  
22,813.65 Swiss francs.

List of persons who benefited or were recommended for funding since the previous information note<sup>2</sup>:

Applicants who were recommended for funding in view of the Thirty-Third Session of the Committee<sup>3</sup>, but for whom there were no sufficient means available in the Fund (in order of priority):

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

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

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 BEREZHKOVA  
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

<sup>2</sup> See document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/INF/4 dated February 1, 2017

<sup>3</sup> See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/32/INF/6 dated December 2, 2016.

Applicants who were recommended for funding in view of the Thirty-Fourth Session of the Committee<sup>4</sup> (by alphabetical order):

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. 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

Mrs. Lucia Fernanda INACIO BELFORT

Nationality: Brazil

Mailing address: Brasilia, Brazil

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

*Instituto Indígena Brasileiro da Propriedade Intelectual (INBRAPI)*

Seat of the accredited observer: Brasilia, Brazil

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

Mrs. Polina SHULBAEVA

Nationality: Russian Federation

Mailing address: Tomsk City, Russian Federation

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

Centre for Support of Indigenous Peoples of the North/Russian Indigenous Training Centre (CSIPN/RITC)

Seat of the accredited observer: Moscow, Russian Federation

Disbursed for any participation in the Thirty-Third Session of the Committee:

No disbursement made.

Committed or disbursed in view of the Thirty-Fourth Session of the Committee:

Mr. Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA: 2,883.10 Swiss francs

Mr. Q'apaj CONDE CHOQUE: 3,139.85 Swiss francs

Mrs. Lucia Fernanda INACIO BELFORT: 4,195.25 Swiss francs

Mr. Kamal Kumar RAI: 2,950 Swiss francs

Mrs. Polina SHULBAEVA: 2,476.35 Swiss francs

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<sup>4</sup> See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/INF/6 dated March 3, 2017.

List of the applicants seeking support for the next Session of the Committee (if any):  
(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

Mrs. Ali AII SHATU

Nationality: Cameroon

Mailing address: Bamenda, Cameroon

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

Mbororo Social Cultural Development Association (MBOSCUDA)

Seat of the accredited observer: Bamenda, Cameroon

Mrs. Edna Maria DA COSTA E SILVA

Nationality: Brazil

Mailing address: Belém, Brazil

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

*Cooperativa Ecológica de las mujeres colectoras de la isla de Maraió (CEMEM)*

Seat of the accredited observer: Marajó, Brazil

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. Tayeb DJELLAL

Nationality: Algeria

Mailing address: Ouled Recheche W-Khenchela, Algeria

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

Maasai Cultural Heritage Foundation

*Association culturelle et scientifique de Khenchela (ACSK)*

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. John Kolol OLE TINGOI

Nationality: Kenya

Mailing address: Nanyuki, Kenya

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

Maasai Cultural Heritage Foundation

Seat of the accredited observer: Nanyuki, Kenya

Mr. Vincent Phemelo RAPOO

Nationality: Botswana

Mailing address: Mochudi, Botswana

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: Phuthadikobo Museum

Seat of the accredited observer: Mochudi, Botswana

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

Mrs. Polina SHULBAEVA

Nationality: Russian Federation

Mailing address: Tomsk City, Russian Federation

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

Centre for Support of Indigenous Peoples of the North/Russian Indigenous Training Centre (CSIPN/RITC)

Seat of the accredited observer: Moscow, Russian Federation

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: Quezon City, Philippines

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

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