

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

**Thirty-Sixth Session**  
**Geneva, June 25 to 29, 2018**

### **ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS**

*Document prepared by the Secretariat*

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. The applications containing the names and other biographical details of the organizations which, since the Thirty-Fifth Session of the Committee and before April 26, 2018, requested accreditation at the Thirty-Sixth Session of the Committee are annexed to this document, as received from each organization.
3. *The Committee is invited to consider and decide upon the accreditation requests as ad hoc observers submitted by the organizations referred to in the Annex to this document.*

[Annex follows]

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

Centre de Recherche et de Promotion du Droit (CRPD) (received in French)

Enda Santé (received in French)

Centre de Recherche et de Promotion du Droit (CRPD)



Mbuji-Mayi, January 22, 2018

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Re.: Request for accreditation as an observer in future sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to inform you that my organization would like to attend the sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore as an *ad hoc* observer. Please find below our application which includes biographical information on our organization for the Committee's consideration.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Odon NSUMBU KABU

Executive Secretary

Application Form for Accreditation as an *Ad Hoc* Observer to the  
WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources Traditional  
Knowledge and Folklore<sup>1, 2</sup>

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Center for the Research and Promotion of Law, abbreviated as CRPD.

Description of the Organization:

The Center for the Research and Promotion of Law (CRPD) is an organization created under Congolese law in 2002. Its administrative headquarters are located in Mbuji-Mayi, in the province of Eastern Kasai, (DR Congo). Its activities extend throughout the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The aim of the organization is to contribute to the implementation of law, particularly Intellectual Property Law, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- Study Congolese legislation with respect to intellectual property in order to propose further development thereof and to bring it into line with international IP standards;
- Promote the idea of national protection of intellectual property in the broadest sense of the term and to achieve progress in this field;
- Provide the Congolese authorities with reforms of or improvements to national IP laws and bring them into line with international standards;
- Popularize IP standards.

Main activities of the Organization:

- Study Congolese IP laws;
- IP publications;
- Lobbying of the Congolese authorities in order to further develop Congolese IP laws and bring them into line with international IP law;
- Sensitize the population to basic aspects of intellectual property;
- Make the population aware of the need to respect IP.

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**Please do not enclose any attachment with your application.**

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

<sup>2</sup> Please note that this application form may be presented to the Committee exactly in the form received. Please therefore, as far as possible, complete the form using a type-writer or word processor. The completed form should preferably be emailed to [grtkf@wipo.int](mailto:grtkf@wipo.int)

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:

The mission of the CRPD, whose scope lies at the junction between human rights and IP law, is to advocate for the protection of folklore, traditional knowledge and the genetic resources of indigenous peoples and local communities located in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and more particularly in Kasai province.

Attendance of the sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore would provide our Organization with a key opportunity to deepen its knowledge and increase its operational capacities in order to achieve protection and promotion of indigenous peoples and local communities in the Congo, particularly in Kasai province, with respect to their folklore, traditional knowledge and genetic resources.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Additional Information:

The association known as the Center for the Research and Promotion of Law is made up of a multidisciplinary team of professionals (lawyers, sociologists, anthropologists, doctors, herbal therapists, musicians, artists, ...) who are well versed in research, advocacy and promotion of local communities and indigenous peoples with respect to their folklore, traditional knowledge and genetic resources.

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Name of Organization Representative and Title:

Odon NSUMBU KABU, Executive Secretary

Enda Santé



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Re: Request for accreditation as an observer in future sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee

Dear Traditional Knowledge Division,

I am writing to express the wish of my organization to participate in the sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore as an ad hoc observer.

Please find our application attached for the Committee's consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Daouda DIOUF

Executive Director



Application Form for Accreditation as Ad Hoc Observer to the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore<sup>1, 2</sup>

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Enda Santé

Description of the Organization: (Maximum 150 words)

Enda Santé is an international non-governmental organization and a member of the Enda Tiers Monde network. It was founded in 1988 and works with non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, and national and international structures on the implementation of community programs.

Enda Santé operates in the field of health to achieve qualitative and balanced social change.

Alongside families and communities, its participatory approach includes a multidimensional and multisectoral partnership. With a national and sub-regional scope, it supports the most vulnerable populations in accessing basic social services (particularly health), enhancing traditional local expertise and developing their knowledge and skills.

Enda Santé currently identifies as a community-based civil society organization that contributes to combating HIV/AIDS and malaria, and that invests in sexual and reproductive health, nutrition, traditional medicine and knowledge, equality, gender and human rights.

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

- Enda Santé is committed to promoting primary health care, focusing on overall public and community health and the organization of a community-managed primary health service.
- The main aim of the organization is to support population groups, particularly vulnerable groups or key communities, in the defense of their rights to access to information and adequate health-care services.
- Within this dynamic, a number of approaches have been identified as priorities, including:
- Strengthening efforts to combat sexually transmitted infections, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and chronic illnesses
- Strengthening efforts to combat malaria

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- Promoting good dietary habits
- Promoting medicinal plants and traditional medicine, and enhancing the status of local knowledge
- Promoting reproductive health and family planning
- Promoting an institutional and sociocultural environment that encourages community access to health care
- Supporting inter-country collaboration for the harmonization and continuity of health-care provision
- Developing research and training (collaboration with research centers and universities)

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

- Strengthening preventive health-care actions and the support capacities of local actors
- Improving access and the quality of service provision (guidance, screening, treatment)
- Strengthening the existing health system, and a cross-border system for the exchange of information and training
- Facilitating and strengthening networking
- Researching and capitalizing on experiences

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)

For almost two decades, Enda Santé has worked to promote health programs that facilitate access to care for as many people as possible, through the popularization of medicinal plants, and the promotion of traditional medicine and knowledge. It is for this reason that it has been invited to participate in various national and international meetings on the topic of traditional knowledge and intellectual property rights.

Over the past twenty years, Enda Santé has supported the participation and capacity-building of communities and researchers at various levels within the fields of biodiversity, the environment and local resilience to climate change.

Enda Santé is part of the Senegalese national committee on access and equitable benefit-sharing from genetic resources (ABS) and participates in regional and international meetings organized by the ABS Initiative.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Senegal

Additional Information:

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

Enda Santé works with ASPIT (Senegalese Agency for Industrial Property and Technical Innovation Promotion). It has participated as an associate at the Practical Workshop on Intellectual Property, Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources, organized by WIPO with the Ministry of Culture and Communication and ASPIT. Since 2009, Enda Santé has participated in workshops organized by the ABS Initiative and by Natural Justice on biocultural protocols.



We have also participated at conferences held recently in Canada on the Convention on Biological Diversity where there was much discussion of the rights of local communities and indigenous peoples.

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Name of Organization Representative and Title:

Ndiaga SALL, Head of Development of the Cluster on Food Sovereignty and Nutrition, and Community Knowledge and Practices in Health

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