

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

**Forty-First Session**  
**Geneva, August 30 to September 3, 2021**

### **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, before June 29, 2021, requested accreditation at the Forty-First 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

*Association pour le Devenir des Autochtones et de leur Connaissance Originelle (ADACO)*  
(received in French)

*Association pour la Valorisation du Patrimoine Culturel des Communes du Cameroun (AVP3C)*  
(received in French)

*Association pour les peuples autochtones et les minorités pour les peuples du monde (APPAM)*  
(received in French)

*Conseil pour la Terre des Ancêtres (CTA)* (received in French)

*Fundación Shiwiar Sin Fronteras (FUNSSIF)* (received in Spanish)

Kosodum Welfare Private Limited

*Voie éclairée des Enfants Démunis (VED)* (received in French)

Association pour le Devenir des Autochtones et de leur Connaissance Originelle (ADACO)

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

Dear Sir, Madam,

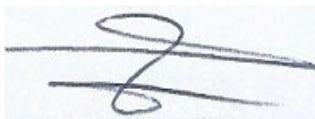
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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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**Davy Pouaty Nzembialela**



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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<sup>1, 2</sup>

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Association pour le Devenir des Autochtones et de leur Connaissance Originelle (ADACO)  
[*Association for the Advancement of Aboriginal People and their Original Knowledge*].

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Association for the Advancement of Aboriginal People and their Original Knowledge (ADACO) was founded on May 18, 2017 and its purpose is to promote Gabonese culture and its tangible and intangible heritage. Its members are a dozen or so volunteers (Bantu and Pygmies). The ADACO association is apolitical, not union-affiliated and is governed by Act 35/62 of December 10, 1962 governing organizations in the Republic of Gabon. The Interior Minister of Gabon certified the organization's registration in order no. 000701/MIJGS/SG/BMB of November 29, 2019.

Our vision is part of a global approach that aims to eliminate all forms of discrimination preventing indigenous peoples from integrating into society and achieving their potential. It is our mission to strengthen the skillsets of indigenous peoples, enabling them to emerge from poverty and social marginalization. The main goal of our activities is to organize nationwide socio-cultural and economic programs that will lead to positive changes in the daily lives of indigenous communities.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- Promote and add value to the tangible and intangible heritage of indigenous peoples;
- Encourage mutual assistance and solidarity among its members;
- Foster understanding and dialogue of various kinds to develop socio-cultural and economic activities;
- Defend and represent the interests of the association;
- Encourage indigenous peoples to take responsibility for themselves and participate in the development of their communities; and
- Implement activities related to gender equality, youth and sustainable development and suggest fitting solutions to problems posed by climate change and the deterioration of our planet.

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Main activities of the Organization:

- Promoting, popularizing and developing the tangible and intangible heritage of indigenous peoples (Pygmies, Tsogos, etc.);
- Advocating mutual assistance and solidarity among members and implementing socio-cultural and economic projects aimed at helping indigenous peoples integrate into Gabonese society;
- Identifying areas where indigenous communities live within the national territory of Gabon;
- Raising awareness among indigenous peoples on their right to development and decision-making;
- Identifying the needs of indigenous communities based on direct surveys;
- Establishing income-generating activities;
- Mobilizing actors involved in the follow-up of each activity and project; and
- Seeking partnerships and funding.

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)

There is a link between ADACO and Intellectual Property matters, especially problems related to Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore. The purpose of ADACO is to promote the culture of Gabon and its tangible and intangible heritage. It is our role to celebrate the tangible and intangible heritage of indigenous Pygmies in Gabon by respecting free and informed consent. Moreover, in letters dated July 25, 2019 and September 5, 2019, we wrote to the Director General of WIPO and the Traditional Knowledge Division of WIPO to apply for an Aboriginal scholarship and the accreditation of our association at WIPO.

We intend to participate in developing protection standards for traditional knowledge on a national and international scale and to benefit from related capacity-building and project funding for indigenous peoples' associations. Furthermore, indigenous Pygmy peoples hold traditional knowledge and skills that must be codified and preserved. If this is not done, their knowledge and skills may be lost forever.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Gabon.

Additional Information:

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

The ADACO association is based in Libreville and works closely with indigenous Pygmies in several fields such as traditional medicine, traditional Pygmy rituals, arts and crafts development, etc. Other members of the Executive Board are Sandrine Moughola (Secretary General) and Boris Ibela (Founder and Treasurer). We also have a bank account that we will communicate to you in due course.

Our needs are related to the capacity building of our members and the financing of our activities.

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Fax number:

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Website:

Name of Organization Representative and Title:

Davy Pouaty Nzembialela, President

Association pour la Valorisation du Patrimoine Culturel des Communes du Cameroun (AVP3C)

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

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

Yours faithfully,

Gustave Théodore Nko'o Monefong

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(Name and signature of representative)

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## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

### Full name of the organization:

Association pour la Valorisation du Patrimoine Culturel des Communes du Cameroun (AVP3C)  
(Association for the Promotion of the Cultural Heritage of the Municipalities of Cameroon)

### Description of the organization: (maximum 150 words)

AVP3C was created in 2017 to promote the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of Cameroon's municipalities at the national and international levels. It is recognized and registered by the Ministry of Arts and Culture under No. 51/AC/RDA/J06/SAAJP and works in partnership with the Ministries of Small and Medium Enterprises, of the Social Economy and Crafts, and of Decentralization and Local Development.

### Main aims and objectives of the organization:

The main objective of AVP3C is to promote, inventory, popularize and protect (through intellectual property) the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of Cameroon's municipalities, comprising traditional and artisanal knowledge and the cultural heritage relating to traditional rhythms, dances and musical instruments, traditional architectural techniques, traditional knowledge (culinary and clothing), divinatory knowledge and local languages, agro-pastoral knowledge and traditional hunting techniques, and the enhancement of modes of transmission of ancestral knowledge (educational system).

### Main activities of the organization:

- Organize local workshops for the identification and collection of data on architectural, culinary, clothing, divinatory, agro-pastoral and traditional hunting techniques and modes of transmission of ancestral knowledge of indigenous peoples through sound and audiovisual recording processes.
- Preserve, duplicate, publish and disseminate the data and information gathered at workshops for the identification and collection of traditional knowledge and cultural expressions of indigenous peoples living in the municipalities in written form, on CD Rom, DVD, Compact Discs or any digital medium.
- Store and archive in databases on the Internet and in libraries all written and sound content processed to make it accessible to the public.

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- Organize for the general public seminars, workshops or master classes on language learning, local musical instruments, divination, clothing and architectural and culinary arts for minority indigenous peoples.
- Display and sell indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge in art markets.

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 link between the organization and intellectual property issues is that intellectual property refers to the creations and protection of intellectual works and that the main objective of AVP3C is to enhance and promote these works of the mind through the enhancement of the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of Cameroon's municipalities and chiefdoms, which also constitutes works of the mind.

AVP3C is interested in the issues examined by the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property because of the mandate of the IGC, which concerns genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore, is also consistent with the activities of AVP3C. Moreover, the legal instruments that will result from the negotiations currently under way within the IGC and in which AVP3C wishes to participate within the framework of a working group will make it possible to support our activities on the ground.

Country in which the organization is primarily active:

Cameroon

Additional information:

AVP3C is implementing a digital platform for exchange between Cameroon's decentralized local authorities for the development of their human, natural and cultural resources.

The AVP3C wishes:

- To be part of an IGC working group and to this end is preparing a presentation on the state of protection of cultural heritage in Cameroon and on the state of minority rights of indigenous peoples in Cameroon;
- To participate in work including the examination of elements of flexibility within conventional intellectual property systems allowing for broader protection of traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions as well as *sui generis* adaptations of existing intellectual property systems; and
- To participate in negotiations on the link between intellectual property and access to genetic resources and the sharing of benefits arising from such access.

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Name and title of the organization representative:

Gustave Nkoo Monefong, President of the Association for the Promotion of the Cultural Heritage of the Municipalities of Cameroon (AVP3C).

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Yours sincerely,

Sarah Mosley, Secretary



(Name and Signature of Representative)

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Association pour les peuples autochtones et les minorités pour les peuples du monde (APPAM) (*Association for indigenous peoples and minorities for the peoples of the world*)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The purpose of APPAM is to give a voice to indigenous peoples and minorities through a variety of activities, in particular research and dissemination of information and participation in international conferences regarding genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore. One focus will be the exchange of experience between the new world and the regions of the old world, such as Mesopotamia and the region of the Zagros Mountains.

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

- conduct research on genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore
- receive indigenous information for world regions
- participate in international conferences and meetings
- carry out research and field visits in regard to unrepresented or underrepresented indigenous peoples and minorities in order to share information and experiences in pursuit of knowledge about genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore.
- facilitate the sharing of experience between the new world and the regions of the old world, such as Mesopotamia and the region of the Zagros Mountains, as regards genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore
- participate in cooperation and coordination meetings between indigenous peoples and minorities agencies and associations
- assist indigenous peoples and minorities in achieving greater representation in international meetings

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

- conduct research on genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore
- forge relationships among other associations to share experiences

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- participate in international and regional conferences

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 issue of genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore and its correlation with the existing legal framework on intellectual property rights is a comparatively recent topic, which is little known among many indigenous peoples and communities. APPAM aims to undertake research and studies to assist persons who lack this knowledge.

In doing so, particular emphasis will be placed on facilitating the sharing of experience between the new world and the regions of the old world such as the Mesopotamian and the Zagros Mountains regions in regard to genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Switzerland

Additional Information:

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Yours sincerely,

Olive Imani Masumbuko

Chairperson of the Board of Directors

Done in Goma, on December 17, 2019

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

*Conseil pour la Terre des Ancêtres* (CTA) (Council for Ancestral Lands)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Created in 2010, the CTA is a non-profit organization. It was created following an inclusive analysis of the causes of the repeated inter-ethnic conflicts and wars in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. With increasing and recurrent insecurity that is more prevalent in rural areas, local communities and indigenous Pygmy peoples have been left landless, yet land remains their only means of survival. The CTA is active in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo in the provinces of South and North Kivu.

The CTA was created to support vulnerable groups and individuals from local communities and indigenous Pygmy peoples as they seek to access land in accordance with the law. To address this situation, the organization was created with a mission to support vulnerable rural communities in the exercise of their right of access to land. The CTA has to its credit a number of achievements, with concrete results on the ground.

The CTA's vision is that "Congolese communities should have legal and equitable access to land for vulnerable groups in rural areas". Its mission is to protect and defend the socio-economic, cultural and legal rights of rural communities in a healthy environment, while enhancing their capacities.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- protect and defend the rights of vulnerable people and groups in rural areas in the Democratic Republic of Congo;
- contribute to the development of rural populations, indigenous and local forest communities through the improvement of their socio-economic, cultural and legal situation in the DRC;
- contribute to peace and peaceful coexistence between communities through the improvement of good governance of the land and forest sector in the DRC; and
- promote the right of access to land and natural resources by rural forest populations in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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Main activities of the Organization:

- enhancing the value of traditional knowledge and practices by supporting the elders who are the holders of this knowledge;
- advocacy for the implementation of forest law enforcement measures relating to the participatory management of natural resources;
- reinforcing the current socio-economic, cultural and social means of subsistence of rural communities and indigenous peoples for the mutual development of solidarity;
- advocacy for the recognition and respect of the rights of the communities bordering the Virunga National Park;
- strengthening women's capacities on land rights;
- advocacy for the recognition and respect of the culture of the local communities in the management and governance of the protected areas;
- transfer of traditional knowledge and practices to youth and children;
- training for young people on women's leadership and gender; and
- awareness-raising on the folklore, intellectual and cultural property of the local communities in the protected areas.

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 CTA is a non-governmental organization under Congolese law. One of its specific objectives is to contribute to the development of rural populations, indigenous communities and local forest communities through the improvement of their socio-economic, cultural and legal situation in the DRC.

The activities of the CTA are carried out in rural areas, taking into account the traditional and cultural way of life of forest-dependent communities. The CTA advocates for the promotion of traditional knowledge and awareness raising on intellectual property issues. These are:

- the domestication of plant species useful in traditional medicine;
- meteorology to analyze the effects of climate change with a view to developing mitigation and adaptation strategies; and
- the knowledge of secrets, by mastering ecosystems, biodiversity, floral essences useful in traditional medicine, the movements of bees, meteorology, the sense of direction with which they can easily find their way around the forest regardless of the weather.

Thanks to their knowledge of the forest, their culture and way of life, and their practices, the forest-dependent communities of the Democratic Republic of Congo have been able to bequeath to other present and future generations valuable social, economic and cultural natural resources that are the richest in fauna, flora and rich in soil and subsoil.

The forest-dependent communities have always considered the forest as their nurturing mother. It binds them to their ancestors and children. Therefore, they have a great deal of respect for the forest and use it rationally, just to feed, clothe, shelter and care for themselves without ever abusing, deteriorating or destroying it. They climb the tree with their axes to gather the honey, they never cut down the tree and they do not kill the bee. During the hunt, they do not use traditional instruments such as spears, arrows and nets, they do not use firearms and they do not kill pregnant females. Taboos, totems and prohibitions serve the protection of biodiversity. Tales and songs exalt the forest and encourage people to protect it. It is sacred; it must be protected. The forest remains a synonym of physical, identity, cultural and spiritual survival, not a good with simple economic value.

Such traditional knowledge should be encouraged and preserved, as this valuable knowledge and practices are disappearing. Because of the systematic expropriation of their lands, and in the absence of a policy to preserve traditional knowledge, even the younger generation of pygmies are losing their bearings: the traditional knowledge of their parents and grandparents.

At CTA, policies on gender, the environment and traditional knowledge and practices have been developed within the organization and are applicable in the implementation of any activity, project or program implemented by the CTA in the field. Finally, the CTA is capitalizing on the achievements of its delegates' participation in the ongoing text-based negotiations within the IGC to develop one or more international legal instruments that will provide effective protection for traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, DRC.

Additional information:

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

The CTA works with a number of partners and civil society organisations based at the national and international levels. It is a member of several networks and platforms, including the Global Forest Coalition (GFC), REPALÉAC, RAPALÉF, CAIK-RDC, CBI4, etc. It is also a member of several international networks and platforms. The CTA has good relations with the political, administrative and customary authorities within its sphere of action. These authorities participate and are involved in the implementation of activities, projects and programs implemented by the CTA in the field.

Full contact details of the Organization:

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pascual Kunchicuy', written over a faint, light blue outline of a map of South America.

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Pascual Kunchicuy  
Fundación Shiwiar Sin Fronteras (FUNSIFF)

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Fundación Shiwiar Sin Fronteras (FUNSSIF)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

FUNSSIF is a Shiwiar nation (ethnic group) non-profit organization providing community social services. It was established under ministerial decree No. 257 of 20 December 2002 of the Ministry of Social Welfare. Subsequently, FUNSSIF members decided to join the Council for the Development of the Nations and Peoples of Ecuador (CODENPE), through ministerial decree No. 2719 of 16 August 2012. The organization is currently registered under the National Policy Management Office.

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

- To promote programs for the protection and conservation of the environment and biodiversity in the Shiwiar community;
- To further develop and strengthen cultural identity, language, customs, ancestral and spiritual knowledge, music and dance;
- To promote germplasm banks, botanical gardens, museums and scientific collections and initiatives for biodiversity conservation.

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

- Training of Shiwiar youths on relevant content and production;
- Conducting environmental impact assessments of the Shiwiar territory;
- Preparation of a Life Plan;
- Mapping and zoning of the 210,000-hectare Shiwiar territory;
- Restoration of medicinal plants for their identification;
- Design and development of eco-friendly handicrafts for their distribution and production;
- Biodiversity conservation program;
- Audio-video production of our ancestral songs, "NAMBEAWAY";
- Production of a video documentary, "Perdidos en la tribu" ("Lost in the Tribe"), in collaboration with the Spanish producer.

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- IP is important in that it provides greater security and guarantees, in order to legally protect the moral and economic rights of creators vis-à-vis their creations, and the rights of society in general to have access to these creations.
- It encourages creativity and the use of the results of the knowledge that has been developed, and also fosters fair trade practices, which, in turn, contribute to economic and social development.
- In terms of our knowledge as indigenous peoples of the Shiwiar Nation: We have varied ancestral knowledge that is not legally recognized, but is empirically used through some of our community's products. This has yielded positive and impressive results, including through the healthy cleansing of a hospital patient by Shamans ("uwishints").

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Our headquarters are in the city of Puyo, in the canton and province of Pastaza, Ecuador.

Additional Information:

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Work must be conducted on the basis of intellectual rights, the protection of research and the transfer of agricultural technology; and it is hoped that the Government will push this project ahead as well as other projects that would enable us to make progress in this vital area of development.

We hope that the work can be of great use and that the efforts we make as indigenous organizations can lead to the development of new plant varieties, paving the way to competitive, sustainable agricultural development at the international level.

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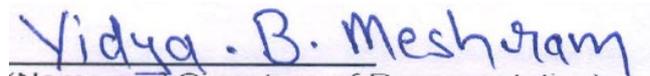
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Yours sincerely,



(Name and signature of representative)

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Knowledge and Folklore<sup>1, 2</sup>

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the organization:

Kosodum Welfare Private Limited

Description of the organization: (maximum 150 words)

Kosodum Welfare Private Limited is a registered company in the state of Maharashtra, India incorporated on date twenty sixth day of June two thousand nineteen under the Companies Act, 2013. This organization has Three Directors Dr. Shrinivas Surpam, Mr. Akshay Kokode, Mrs. Vidaya Meshram respectively all the directors are also the founder members of this organization. All are belongs to tribal community from India. However, this organization is extensively focused on spreading awareness about tribal arts, cultures & traditional knowledge across the India.

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

- To create on line platform and an application to facilitate the selling of books and E- books written by tribal authors on Indian tribal peoples regarding their cultures.
- Provide platforms to Indian tribal / indigenous artists for their employment
- Create awareness of tribal knowledge with regards to Traditions, customs, languages, tribal traditional medicine and other related topics, tribal arts like tribal painting, Tribal Handy crafts, Tribal jewelries, tribal Musical instrument, tribal toys or any art which is related to Indian Tribes among Indian tribes for their benefits.

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

- To acquire and undertake any part of business with regards to the objectives.
- To enter in partnership
- To spend money in experimenting on and testing and in improving or seeking to improve any patents, rights, invention discoveries, process or information of the company or which the company may acquire or propose to acquire.

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- To apply for purchase or otherwise acquire and protect, prolong and renew whether in India or elsewhere any patents, patents rights, brevets d'invention, trademarks design, license, protection, concessions and the like conferring any exclusive or other information as to any invention process which may seem capable of being used for any of the purpose of the company.

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)

Kosodum Welfare Private Limited is founded and run by tribal Directors from India. We are extensively working for the benefit of tribal communities. We are very much aware about tribal arts, culture, customs & tradition because we born in the tribal community. However, the traditional knowledge of tribal peoples is not in the written form their knowledge have been pass orally from one generation to the other generation. We want to protect all inherited knowledge from any kind of exploitation.

Country in which the organization is primarily active:

MAHARASHTRA, INDIA

Additional information:

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

In India tribal peoples having knowledge about herbal medicine and their usage because it passes orally from one generation to another generation since thousands of years. But research scholars from other communities are documenting these medicinal usages and getting own benefit by publications. In this way the knowledge of tribal people are getting exploited.

This is just one example however the non tribal people are documenting all tribal knowledge weather it is Art, Music or Dance for their own benefits.

Photographers across the world are capturing photos of innocent tribal peoples of their living lifestyles, dances, customs, rituals etc without their consents and selling for their own benefits.

Hence we wish to protect our all tribal knowledge

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the organization:

Voie éclairée des Enfants Démunis (VED) (Lighting the way for Children in Need)

Description of the organization: (maximum 150 words)

The VED association is a non-profit organization (law 1901 registered under No. RNA W442018603, appeared in Official Journal No. 38 under announcement No. 847) with a humanitarian mission. It was born of the determination of Togolese young people to perform humanitarian work in Togo, Africa and beyond without intermediaries in order to ensure the proper allocation of donations.

Granted special consultative status by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), VED provides anyone wishing to contribute to the (primarily human) development of people living in developing (third-world) countries with the opportunity to make a donation and follow the progress of projects made possible by these donations via information and communication technologies.

Main aims and objectives of the organization:

- Promote understanding and various forms of dialogue in order to foster social, cultural and economic activity;
- Defend and represent the interests of the association;
- Encourage indigenous peoples to assume their responsibilities and to participate in the development of their communities;
- Conduct activities relating to gender equality, young people and development;
- Promote the protection of human rights and the social inclusion of individuals at all levels;
- Encourage indigenous populations to access primary health care; and
- Provide rural communities with drinking water and social and cultural infrastructure.

Main activities of the organization:

- Raise awareness among indigenous peoples of their right to development and decision-making;
- Identify the needs of indigenous communities on the basis of face-to-face surveys;

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- Establish revenue-generating activities;
- Involve stakeholders in the follow-up of activities and projects; and
- Source partnerships and financing.
- Supply provisions to indigenous populations, particularly children in need and persons with disabilities.
- We organize the distribution of school supplies to children.

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 the organization with intellectual property matters is that intellectual property refers to the creation and protection of intellectual works and that the main objective of VED is to enhance and promote these works by enhancing the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of Togolese municipalities and chiefdoms, which also constitute intellectual works.

VED is interested in the issues under discussion by the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property as the mandate of the IGC, which relates to genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore, is consistent with VED activities.

Country in which the organization is primarily active:

Togo, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali.

Additional information:

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We work with a group of people that we trust and, in particular, we organize training workshops on indigenous peoples' law and involvement in the wider world of work.

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