

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

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

BRIEF SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS

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I. WORKING DOCUMENTS FOR THE FORTY-FIRST SESSION

1. The following is a brief summary of the documents prepared for the Forty-First Session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (the “Committee” or “IGC”) as at August 16, 2021. Each of these documents, as well as any additional documents, will be posted as soon as they are finalized at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=55246.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/41/1 Prov. 2: Draft Agenda for the Forty-First Session

2. This document contains the proposed items to be dealt with by the Committee, and is submitted to the Committee for possible adoption.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/41/2: Accreditation of Certain Organizations

3. This document sets out the names, contact details and aims and objectives of the organizations which have applied to the Committee for accreditation as *ad hoc* observers to the current and future sessions of the Committee.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/41/3: Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities: Voluntary Fund

4. The WIPO General Assembly, in 2005, established the “WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities”. The decision was taken on the basis of document WO/GA/32/6, subsequently amended by the WIPO General Assembly in September 2010, which sets out the objectives and operation of the Fund. This document refers to the appointment of the Fund’s Advisory Board, and provides information on the fund-raising drive initiated by the Secretariat. The required information note providing details of contributions received and beneficiaries is circulated in parallel as document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/41/INF/4.

II. INFORMATION DOCUMENTS FOR THE FORTY-FIRST SESSION

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/41/INF/1: List of Participants

5. A draft list of participants will be circulated at the Forty-First Session of the Committee.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/41/INF/2: Brief Summary of Documents

6. The present document has been prepared as an informal guide to the Committee’s documentation.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/41/INF/3: Draft Program for the Forty-First Session

7. In line with the Committee’s request at its Tenth Session, this document sets out a suggested program and identifies a possible timing for each agenda item. This draft program is indicative only, and the actual organization of work of the Committee would be determined by the Chair and its members in line with the rules of procedure.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/41/INF/4: Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities: Information Note on Contributions and Applications for Support

8. This document sets out information required to be reported to the Committee on the operation of the Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities. The rules are set out in the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6, as approved by the WIPO General Assembly at its Thirty-Second Session and subsequently amended by the WIPO General Assembly in September 2010. In particular, it gives information on contributions received or pledged, and actual support provided to representatives of accredited indigenous and local communities.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/41/INF/5: Information Note for the Panel of Indigenous and Local Communities

9. Following a decision of the Committee at its Seventh Session, each subsequent session of the Committee has commenced with a panel chaired by a member of an indigenous community. The panel has been held at the commencement of the previous 33 sessions of the Committee. On each occasion, representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities gave presentations on a specific theme related to the IGC’s negotiations. The presentations are available on WIPO’s site at: <https://wipo.int/tk/en/igc/panels.html> and may also be accessed

through the Indigenous Portal on the WIPO website. This document sets out the proposed practical arrangements for the panel at the Forty-First Session of the Committee.

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