

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

**Forty-First 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*

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.

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.”

The present document constitutes the thirty-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 Forty-First Session of the Committee is as follows:

Level of the voluntary contributions paid to the Fund until July 9, 2021 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 to the Government of Australia 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;

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

18,268.75 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 25,000 Canadian dollars at the date) credited on March 27, 2019, by the Government of Canada;

16,227.93 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 15,000 euros at the date) credited on November 6, 2019, by the Government of Finland; and,

16,158.98 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 15,000 euros at the date) credited on December 9, 2019, by the Government of Germany<sup>2</sup>.

Total amount of the voluntary contributions credited to the Fund until July 9, 2021:  
711,892.37 Swiss francs.

Amount of the resources available:

- Amount available in the Fund on July 9, 2021, including bank fees and interest:  
20,574.53 Swiss francs.
- Amount committed on July 9, 2021: none.
- Amount available in the Fund minus committed amount on July 9, 2021:  
20,574.53 Swiss francs.

List of persons who benefited or were recommended for funding since the previous information note<sup>3</sup>:

Applicants who were recommended for funding, pending availability of funds, with the view to the Fortieth Session of the Committee<sup>4</sup>, for whom sufficient funds were available on May 8, 2019 and who were funded (in order of priority):

Ms. Jennifer TAULI CORPUZ  
Nationality: Philippines  
Mailing address: Quezon City, Philippine  
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

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<sup>2</sup> 16,158.98 Swiss francs were reimbursed on January 8, 2021 to the Government of Germany in accordance with the agreed terms for the use of the contribution made by the Government of Germany.

<sup>3</sup> See document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/40/INF/4 dated May 15, 2019.

<sup>4</sup> See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/39/INF/6 dated March 21, 2019.

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 Vista Alegre, Arraijan, Panama

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

Applicant who was recommended for funding, pending availability of funds, with the view to the Fortieth Session of the Committee<sup>5</sup>, for whom sufficient funds were available on May 8, 2019 and who withdrew

Mr. Odon NSUMBU KABU  
Nationality: Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Mailing address: Mbuji-Mayi, Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:  
*Centre de Recherche et de Promotion du Droit*  
Seat of the accredited observer: Mbuji-Mayi, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Applicants who were recommended for funding with the view to the Fortieth Session of the Committee<sup>6</sup>, pending availability of funds, but for whom no sufficient means were available in the Fund on May 8, 2019, and who were not funded (in order of priority)

Ms. Sonia Patricia MURCIA ROA  
Nationality: Colombia  
Mailing address: Bogota, Colombia  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:  
*Maloca Internationale*  
Seat of the accredited observer: Bogota, Colombia

Ms. Bibi BARBA  
Nationality: Australia  
Mailing address: Kirribilli Sydney, Australia  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: Arts Law Centre of Australia  
Seat of the accredited observer: Woolloomooloo, Australia

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<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

Applicants who were recommended for funding, pending availability of funds, with the view to the Forty-First Session of the Committee<sup>7</sup> (in order of priority)

Mr. Ndiaga SALL  
Nationality: Senegal  
Mailing address: Dakar, Senegal  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: Enda Santé  
Seat of the accredited observer: Dakar, Senegal

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

In accordance with Article 5 (e) of the rules of the WIPO Voluntary Fund<sup>8</sup>, the expenses to be covered by the Fund are intended to enable funded participants to travel and attend sessions physically. Since Mr. SALL and Mr. DE LA CRUZ INLAGO, as representatives of Observers, will not be authorized to attend the Forty-First Session of the Committee physically<sup>9</sup>, financial support will not be granted to them with the view to that session.

Nevertheless, in implementing the recommendation for funding regarding those two applicants adopted by the Advisory Board on June 19, 2020<sup>10</sup>, the Secretariat understands that the recommendation adopted at that time by the Advisory Board was made implicitly with the view to the first of the forthcoming sessions of the Committee that Observers will be authorized to attend physically. Mr. SALL and Mr. DE LA CRUZ INLAGO will therefore be granted funding, in accordance with the rules of the Fund and pending availability of funds, with the view to such session.

Disbursed with the view to the Fortieth Session of the Committee:

Ms. Jennifer TAULI CORPUZ: 2,713.10 Swiss francs

Mr. Q"apaj CONDE CHOQUE: 4,256.30 Swiss francs

Mr. Odon NSUMBU KABU: 127.50 Swiss francs (flight cancellation fees only)

Mr. Nelson DE LEÓN KANTULE: 3,094 Swiss francs

Mr. Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA: 2,725.05 Swiss francs

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<sup>7</sup> See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/40/INF/6 dated June 20, 2019.

<sup>8</sup> Annex to document WO/GA/32/6, subsequently amended by the General Assembly at its Thirty-Ninth Session in September 2010. The rules can also be retrieved as Annex I of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/41/3.

<sup>9</sup> "Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the medical protocols that the Secretariat has introduced to safeguard participants and staff, only Regional Coordinators will be authorized to attend the session physically. Other participants may follow the live transmission of the IGC proceedings online, either via the online remote participation platform or via the live webcast on the WIPO website (publicly available in all United Nations languages)." (See Circular Letter to all WIPO Member States and Observers C.9061 dated June 11, 2021.)

<sup>10</sup> See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/40/INF/6 dated June 20, 2019.

Disbursement due to the postponement of the Forty-First Session of the Committee<sup>11</sup>:

Mr. Ndiaga SALL: 552.85 Swiss francs<sup>12</sup>

Mr. Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ INLAGO: 549.95 Swiss francs<sup>13</sup>

List of the applicants seeking support (in 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. Agoussou Marcellin AIGBE

Nationality: Benin

Mailing address: Cotonou, Benin

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

*Jeunesse Sans Frontières Bénin*

Seat of the accredited observer: Cotonou, Bénin

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 Vista Alegre, Arraijan, Panama

Mr. Vainqueur KALAFULA LUSU-YULULU

Nationality: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mailing address: Cyangugu, Rwanda

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

*Regroupement des Mamans de Kamituga (REMAK)*

Seat of the accredited observer: Kamituga, Rwanda

Ms. June LORENZO

Nationality: United States of America

Mailing address: Paguate (New Mexico), United States of America

Name of the accredited observer: International Indian Treaty Council

Seat of the accredited observer: San Francisco (California), United States of America

Mr. Jafarou MALAM KOSSAO

Nationality: Niger

Mailing address: Niamey, Niger

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

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Seat of the accredited observer: Niamey, Niger

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<sup>11</sup> See Circular Note 3976 dated March 4, 2020.

<sup>12</sup> Flight cancellation fees.

<sup>13</sup> *Id.*

Mr. Fidèle MBILIZI MUTIMANWA

Nationality: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mailing address: Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

*Ligue nationale des Associations autochtones pygmées du Congo*/League of Indigenous Pygmy Associations of the Congo

Seat of the accredited observer: Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mr. Musa Usman NDAMBA

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: Yaoundé, Cameroon

Ms. 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

Since the implementation of the most recent recommendation for funding made by the Advisory Board of the Fund<sup>14</sup> will be postponed by the Secretariat until the first of the forthcoming sessions of the Committee that Observers will be authorized to attend physically, the Secretariat has invited the Committee not to proceed with the election of the Advisory Board of the Fund at the present session (see document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/41/3).

The applications above will be considered by the Advisory Board as soon as it meets in accordance with the rules of the Fund.

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

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<sup>14</sup> See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/40/INF/6 dated June 20, 2019.