

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

Forty-Second Session
Geneva, February 28 to March 4, 2022

ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

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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 December 29, 2021, requested accreditation at the Forty-Second 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

Ka'uikiokapō

Native Nations Law and Policy Center, University of California, Los Angeles School of Law

Structural Analysis of Cultural Systems (S.A.C.S.)

Ka'uikiokapō

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Dear Traditional Knowledge Division,

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

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Yours sincerely,

[signed on pdf]

Dietrix Jon Ulukoa Duhaylonsod
President

Ka'uikiokapō

Daniel Kaleo Kahoonei, Vice President
Anthony Ka'ikelaulā Perez, Secretary
Alexander Kūpa'a Rogers, Treasurer
Shannon Kama'ehuahunui Maria, Sgt-At-Arms

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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^{1,2}

**BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT
ORGANIZATION**

Full name of the Organization:

Ka'uikiokapō

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Ka'uikiokapō is a non-governmental organization dedicated to advocate for social justice including, but not limited to, environmental and cultural preservation issues. Rooted in the area of Pūkaia and Waimānalo in Honouliuli, O'ahu, Ka'uikiokapō uses traditional knowledge to care for the land and sea of the area, making sure to teach the community and prepare the next generation to continue the good work. Like the setting sun or the rising moon or the stars securely set in the sky, Ka'uikiokapō offers to light a way in the darkness, hoping to encourage others to do the same.

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

- Protection of and care for the cultural sites of west Honouliuli
- Protection of and care for the natural resources of west Honouliuli
- Preservation of the traditional knowledge of west Honouliuli
- Preservation of the natural, cultural, and oral histories of west Honouliuli
- Community engagement and education in stewardship efforts
- Capacity building to strengthen community-based heritage management
- Food and water sustainability and security for the community

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

- Stewardship of Kīpuka O Kahinahina Sanctuary
- Stewardship of Kuehukahe ko'a, fishing shrine and fishing grounds
- Stewardship of Kīpuka O Waihuna Sanctuary
- Stewardship of the cultural sites in west Honouliuli ahupua'a of 'Ewa
- Support for Hālau Kiawekūpono O Ka Ua

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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)

As a Native Hawaiian organization rooted in place-based Indigenous knowledge, Ka'uikiokapō is entrusted to share and to safeguard our traditional ways of stewarding the land and sea. In addition, we are mandated to preserve and perpetuate the unique cultural traditions of Hālau Kiawekūpono O Ka Ua. Due to our responsibilities, we are very interested in the discussion of protecting intellectual property matters, especially those belonging to us as Indigenous Peoples.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Hawai'i

Additional Information:

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

We thank you for the opportunity to observe as First People of the Pacific and to participate in the work of addressing matters pertaining to intellectual property, genetic materials, traditional knowledge, and folklore.

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Yours sincerely,



Angela R. Riley (Citizen Potawatomi Nation)
Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law
Director, Native Nations Law and Policy Center
(Name and Signature of Representative)

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Full name of the Organization:

Native Nations Law and Policy Center, University of California, Los Angeles School of Law

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Through doctrinal courses and clinical programs led by eminent faculty, the Native Nations Law & Policy Center addresses critical public policy issues facing Native tribes while offering students invaluable opportunities for legal training. Our Tribal Legal Development Clinic serves Native American communities directly, providing legal expertise and support to those most in need, while students engage with tribal leaders, officers and attorneys to contribute services to Indian tribes. A joint J.D./M.A. degree in American Indian Studies offers an integrated study program to produce law graduates with a rich understanding of tribal cultures. Additionally, The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria has established the Graton Scholarship, which provides a three-year, full tuition scholarship to students interested in pursuing legal careers in Native American law.

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

- Educate Indigenous lawyers
- Strengthen tribal legal systems
- Advance tribal cultural and legal values and regimes
- Teach practical, concrete legal skills
- Advocate for the human rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Empower tribes in self-determination efforts

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

- Maintain a Tribal Legal Development Clinic
- Produce cutting-edge scholarship on Indigenous issues
- Maintain a degree program in Law and American Indian Studies
- Support Indigenous law students

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I am the Director of NNLPC and an Indigenous rights lawyer and scholar with expertise in cultural and intellectual property. As Director of NNLPC, we are undertaking to assist tribes in their efforts to protect their genetic resources and traditional knowledge at the tribal level. I have spent almost two decades working on these issues, and I have directed NNLPC for more than ten years. Currently, as Director of NNPLC, we just completed a white paper on issues around confidentiality in the consultation process and are currently conducting a comprehensive study of tribal law to describe and analyze the tribal cultural preservation systems and tribal laws of all 574 federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaskan Native Villages in the United States. For the last few years, I have been working on these issues with the Native American Rights Fund and the Indigenous Caucus, and now NNLPC has undertaken to pursue the development of resources and infrastructure to further support this cause.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

United States

Additional Information:

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I am a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Oklahoma (United States) and Chief Justice of my Tribe's Supreme Court. I received my law degree from Harvard, where I have also served as a Visiting Professor numerous times (most recently in January 2020). I am a tenured, full professor at UCLA School of Law, and I have devoted most of my career to advocating for Indigenous Peoples' rights to self-determination, particularly in the areas of cultural property, cultural heritage, and traditional knowledge. I've worked extensively with the Native American Rights Fund and the Indigenous Caucus on these issues, and it would be my honor and privilege to continue this work.

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Prof. Dr. Arnold Groh
Director/President
Structural Analysis of Cultural Systems

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Structural Analysis of Cultural Systems is a non-profit research institution. Its members are academics who are interested in culture, and particularly in indigenous issues. S.A.C.S. came to exist in 2004, following-up the EU project CULTOS. In 2011, S.A.C.S. signed in at CSO Net, where it was registered as an NGO in 2012. In 2014, S.A.C.S. was granted special consultative status by ECOSOC. Representatives of S.A.C.S. have so far participated in UN sessions of the Working Group on Indigenous Peoples, of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, of UNCCD, and of the HRC. The work of S.A.C.S. includes cross-cultural studies, fieldwork, education and training, contribution to international conferences, and publications.

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

- Understand intra-, inter-, and trans-cultural mechanisms
- Support the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Raise awareness of indigenous issues and problems resulting from globalisation
- Utilise socio-cognitive and other psychological knowledge to analyse intercultural issues
- Participate in academic and other culture-related discourse
- Find solutions and give recommendations based on research
- Contribute scientific aspects to political debates

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

- Fieldwork with indigenous peoples
- Qualitative and quantitative (questionnaire) research
- Seminars on intercultural work based upon UN standards
- Studies and publications

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S.A.C.S. participated in the preparation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in which intellectual property plays an important role (cf. Art. 31). In his book on Research Methods in Indigenous Contexts (published by Springer NY, 2018), the S.A.C.S. director addressed these matters in a section on Indigenous Culture and Intellectual Property, in which he also highlighted the role of WIPO and TRIPS. The observance of indigenous peoples' intellectual property rights is becoming increasingly important, as the dominant globalised industrial culture needs orientation with regard to sustainable policies that are needed to tackle the problems arising from climate change, the loss of species, and the challenges due to various further environmental issues.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Although based in Berlin, Germany, S.A.C.S. is involved in a number of ongoing projects, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America.

Additional Information:

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Being allowed as observers would be helpful for S.A.C.S. with regard to future meaningful work, as several of our organisations's projects are related to intellectual property aspects. E.g., S.A.C.S. has contributed papers to UN Water regarding sustainable practices (referring, i.a., to a project of ours that is listed by Harvard/NASA); another project (Tourinfo, listed by UNESCO as a measure to maintain cultural diversity) aims at empowering indigenous peoples to protect their cultures from destabilising influences and to organise tourism in culturally sustainable ways. Generally, being observer would help us to keep state-of-the-art regarding intellectual property matters and thus, to do high-quality work, which we then could bring in to scientific discourses, as well as to other UN conferences.

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