



# APPLICATION FORM

## WIPO VOLUNTARY FUND FOR ACCREDITED INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

IN RESPECT OF THE 54th SESSION

OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE

March/April 2027 – dates to be determined

### INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

#### **1. Purpose of the application**

This application form is for individuals seeking financial support from the WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities (“the Fund”) to participate in the 54th session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the IGC”).

Completed applications by eligible applicants will be submitted by the WIPO Secretariat to the Advisory Board of the Fund for its consideration and adoption of a recommendation.

#### **2. Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- be nominated by a non-governmental organization that is accredited either as an observer to WIPO, or as an observer to the IGC<sup>1</sup>, and represent Indigenous or local communities or other customary holders or custodians of traditional knowledge or traditional cultural expressions; and
- submit an application form that is signed and completed in all its parts.

Applicants who are nominated by organizations that are not accredited at the time of submission will not be considered.

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<sup>1</sup> Decisions on accreditation as an observer to the IGC are made by WIPO Member States at the beginning of each IGC session. Non-governmental organizations seeking accreditation as observers to the IGC should complete the relevant application form available at: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/participation.html>. Completed application forms should be submitted to the WIPO Secretariat at least two months prior to an IGC session, preferably by email to [grtkf@wipo.int](mailto:grtkf@wipo.int). Non-governmental organizations may also apply for accreditation as observers to WIPO. Please contact the WIPO Secretariat for further information.

### **3. Content of the application form**

The application consists of three parts:

#### **Part A**

To be completed and signed by the accredited non-governmental organization nominating the applicant.

#### **Part B**

To be completed and signed by the nominated applicant.

#### **Part C**

The applicant's résumé or curriculum vitae (CV), highlighting relevant experience and activities related to the work of the IGC.

Applicants who have previously received funding are invited to submit a brief report on their participation in the most recent session for which funding was received.

### **4. Submission deadline**

To be considered for funding for participation in the 54th session of the IGC, completed and signed applications must be received by the WIPO Secretariat no later than:

**July 16, 2026**

**By email: grtkf@wipo.int**

<p>Note: Information provided by the applicant and the nominating organization in this application will be used and transmitted to the Advisory Board of the Fund by the WIPO Secretariat within the context of the administration and consideration of applications for financial support by the WIPO Voluntary Fund.</p>
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**PART A**

**INFORMATION RELATING TO THE NOMINATING ACCREDITED OBSERVER ORGANIZATION**

**1. Official name of the accredited observer organization**

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**2. Accreditation status**

The organization is accredited as:

- an observer to WIPO
- an observer to the IGC

**3. Indigenous or local communities or customary holders or custodians of traditional knowledge or traditional cultural expressions represented by the organization**

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**4. Official address of the organization**

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**5. Email**

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**6. Telephone / Mobile number**

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**7. Name of the main representative of the organization**

First name: .....

Surname: .....

**8. Declaration by the main representative of the organization**

I hereby nominate

Ms./Mrs./Mr. ....

as a representative of:

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for participation in the 54th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) and as an applicant for funding by the WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities ("the Fund").

I acknowledge the prescribed objectives, rules and conditions relating to the Fund's operations.<sup>2</sup>

I confirm that the applicant is a member of our organization and is able to participate effectively in, and contribute to, the work of the IGC, including by expressing the perspectives and concerns of Indigenous and local communities and other customary holders and custodians of traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions, contributing to the development of positions on issues under discussion by the IGC, and sharing relevant experience and expertise.

I acknowledge that this application, including the applicant's curriculum vitae, will be submitted to the Advisory Board of the Fund for consideration in accordance with the objectives, rules, and procedures governing the Fund.

I understand that the Advisory Board of the Fund may recommend that the application be approved, rejected or postponed for further consideration and that the recommendations of the Advisory Board are binding on the WIPO Secretariat as well as final.

In case the Advisory Board recommends that the application be postponed for further consideration, I understand that the WIPO Secretariat will presume that the application is maintained with a view to subsequent session(s) of the IGC, unless the applicant or our organization withdraws the present application in writing.

Declaration made at.....

Date: .....

<sup>2</sup> See the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6 as amended by the WIPO General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, held from September 20 to 29, 2010 : [https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/igc/docs-en-vf\\_rules.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/igc/docs-en-vf_rules.pdf) .

Signature: .....

**PART B**

INFORMATION RELATING TO THE APPLICANT

**9. Name of the applicant**

First name: .....

Surname: .....

**10. Gender:**

Female

Male

**11. Nationality**

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**12. Place of residence and mailing address**

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**13. Email**

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**14. Telephone / Mobile number**

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**15. Activities demonstrating your interest and experience in matters addressed by the IGC**

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**16. Participation in previous sessions of the IGC or its Intersessional Working Groups (IWGs)**

Have you previously participated in sessions of the IGC or its IWGs?

Yes

No

If yes, please indicate the session(s) and year(s):

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**17. Reasons for applying for financial support from the Fund**

Briefly explain why you are applying for financial support and how your participation would contribute to the work of the IGC.

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**18. Declaration by the applicant**

I hereby declare that I have been duly nominated by:

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(Name of the organization)

as a representative to participate in the 54th of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC), and as an applicant for funding by the WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities ("the Fund").

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I confirm that I am a member of the above-mentioned organization and that I am able to participate effectively in, and contribute to, the work of the IGC, including by expressing the perspectives and concerns of Indigenous and local communities and other customary holders and custodians of traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions, contributing to the development of positions on issues under discussion by the IGC, and sharing relevant experience and expertise.

I acknowledge that this application, including the applicant's curriculum vitae, will be submitted to the Advisory Board of the Fund for consideration in accordance with the objectives, rules, and procedures governing the Fund.

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Should I be chosen to receive support from the Fund to participate in the specified session of the IGC, I commit to attend in person all days of the session.

Declaration made at.....

Date: .....

Signature: .....

## **PART C**

### **CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)**

#### **Instructions**

Applicants are requested to submit a curriculum vitae (CV) highlighting experience, activities, and expertise relevant to the work of the IGC.

If the application is submitted by email, the CV should be provided:

- as a pdf document or scanned copy; and
- in an editable Word format for translation purposes as needed.