



## APPLICATION FORM

TO BE SUBMITTED BY AN APPLICANT WISHING TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM  
THE WIPO VOLUNTARY FUND FOR ACCREDITED INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL  
COMMUNITIES,

FOR THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL  
KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE

### INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

1. This form consists of three parts, all sections of which must be completed:
  - **Part A** to be completed and signed by the observer organization previously accredited by WIPO or the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the IGC”), representing local or indigenous communities or other customary holders or custodians of traditional knowledge or traditional cultural expressions.
  - **Part B** to be completed and signed by the applicant wishing to benefit from the Fund, nominated by the previously accredited observer organization.
  - **Please note** that the WIPO Director General will invite all funded participants in the future to submit a brief and structured report about their own participation in the meeting for which they might be funded. Such report will be annexed to their application for due consideration by the Advisory Board, should those funded applicants decide to reapply for funding<sup>1</sup>.
  - **Part C** will include the *résumé* (or *curriculum vitae*) of the applicant which, especially highlights the places where he/she has been living and conducting his/her various activities in promoting local and indigenous communities’ interests.
2. If the organization which nominates the applicant is not previously accredited as an observer either by WIPO or the IGC, the submitted application cannot be considered valid
3. If you wish to participate (with funding from the Voluntary Fund) in the said IGC session but you are **not** a representative of a previously accredited organization, that organization should begin by submitting a request for accreditation to the IGC and it must obtain that accreditation *before* being eligible to submit an application to the Fund.

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<sup>1</sup> See paragraph 4, document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/16/INF/6: Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities. Decisions Taken by the Director General in accordance with the Recommendation adopted by the Advisory Board

Decisions on accreditation are made by the Member States at the beginning of each session of the IGC. Non-governmental organizations requesting to be accredited as an observer at the IGC should complete a form. This form is available at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/participation.html>. Completed forms should be received by the WIPO Secretariat at least two months prior to each session of the IGC, preferably by email to [grtkf@wipo.int](mailto:grtkf@wipo.int).

It is also possible for an organization to obtain an accreditation by decision of the WIPO General Assembly. Please contact the Secretariat if you wish to receive information on this procedure.

4. Deadline for submission of the applications form by persons wishing to receive financial support

To be taken into consideration with a view to the possible funding for the applicant's participation in the 53rd session of the IGC, this form, completed, in its original and duly signed, must reach the International Bureau of WIPO **on January 2, 2026 the latest**.

The 53rd session of the IGC will take place from September 16 to 25, 2026.

E-mail address (for signed and scanned form only): [grtkf@wipo.int](mailto:grtkf@wipo.int)

Postal address of the International Bureau of WIPO:

World Intellectual Property Organization  
Traditional Knowledge Division  
34, chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland.

**PART A****INFORMATION ON THE OBSERVER PREVIOUSLY ACCREDITED BY THE  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND  
GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE OR BY WIPO**

1. Official name of the accredited observer organization:

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2. Local or indigenous communities or customary holders or custodians of traditional knowledge or traditional cultural expressions represented by the accredited observer organization:

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3. Official address of the accredited observer organization:

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4. Email: .....

5. Telephone/Mobile Number: ..... 6. Fax: .....

7. First name and surname of the main representative of the accredited observer organization:

First name: .....

Surname: .....

8. Observer accreditation obtained as:

☐ Permanent Observer to WIPO; or

☐ *Ad Hoc* Observer to the Intergovernmental Committee

9. DECLARATION OF THE MAIN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ACCREDITED OBSERVER REPRESENTING A LOCAL OR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY OR REPRESENTING THE CUSTOMARY HOLDERS OR CUSTODIANS OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE OR TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

I hereby nominate

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

as a representative at the Fifty-Third Session of the IGC, and as an applicant for assistance from the WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities, intended to finance his/her participation in the said session.

I have noted all the prescribed conditions relating to the Fund's operation, listed in the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6 as amended by the WIPO General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session<sup>2</sup>, held from September 20 to 29, 2010.

I declare that Ms./Mrs./Mr. ....

is a member of our organization and that he/she is able to participate effectively in and contribute to the IGC, such as through sharing experience in the field, and the concerns of indigenous and local communities and other customary holders and custodians of traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions.

I am aware of the fact that the application for

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

may be rejected, with no possibility of appeal by the applicant or postponed with a view to the following session of said Committee.

In the latter case, I understand that the WIPO Secretariat will presume that the application for

Ms./Mrs./Mr.  
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is maintained with a view to the following session, other than if the applicant or accredited observer, of which I am the main representative, withdraws the application in writing.

Declaration made at....., on .....

Signature: .....

<sup>2</sup> See document WO/GA/39/14 Prov.: paragraph 214 to 218, Draft report of the General Assembly (39<sup>th</sup> session)

**PART B**INFORMATION RELATING TO THE APPLICANT WISHING TO BENEFIT FROM  
THE VOLUNTARY FUND

10. First name:.....

Surname: .....

11. Sex:                      Female ☐                      Male ☐

12. Nationality:.....

13. Place of residence **and** mailing address:

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14. Email: .....

15. Telephone/Mobile Number: ..... 16. Fax: .....

17. Activities illustrating your interest in the matters dealt with by the Committee

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18. Have you participated in previous sessions of the Committee or the Intersessional  
Working Groups (IWGs) of the Committee?☐ Yes☐ No

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

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19. Please indicate the reason(s) for applying for financial support from the Fund

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20. DECLARATION BY APPLICANT:

I hereby declare that I have been duly nominated by:

(Insert name of the organization)

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as a representative at the Fifty-Third Session of the IGC, and as an applicant for financial support from the WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities, intended to finance my participation in the said session;

I have noted all the prescribed conditions relating to the Fund's operation, listed in the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6 as amended by the WIPO General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session<sup>3</sup>, held from September 20 to 29, 2010.

I declare that I am a member of the above-mentioned observer organization and that I am able to participate effectively in and contribute to the IGC, through sharing experience in the field, and the concerns of indigenous and local communities and other customary holders and custodians of traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions.

I am aware of the fact that my application may be rejected with no possibility of appeal.

Declaration made at ....., on .....

Signature: .....

<sup>3</sup> See document WO/GA/39/14 Prov.: paragraph 214 to 218, Draft report of the General Assembly (39<sup>th</sup> session)

**PART C**Resume (Curriculum Vitae)