

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

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Geneva, August 27 to 31, 2018

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 June 28, 2018, requested accreditation at the Thirty-Seventh 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

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Indo-OIC Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IICCI)

Inspiración Colombia (Received in French)

Red Mujeres Indígenas sobre Biodiversidad (RMIB) (received in Spanish)

Regroupement des mamans de kamituga (REMAK) (received in French)

San Youth Network

University of Rosario (received in Spanish)

Union des peuples autochtones pour le reveil au developpement (UPARED) (Received in French)

Cross River Biodiversity, Marine Protection and Conservation (CRBMPC)

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Dear Traditional Knowledge Division,

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

I am writing to express the wish of my organization to participate in the sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore as an *ad hoc* observer. Please find our application attached for the Committee's consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Sonigitu Asibong Ekpe
(Name and Signature of Representative)

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 INFORMATION OF THE APPLICANT ORGANISATION

Full name of the Organization:

Cross River Biodiversity, Marine Protection and Conservation (CRBMPC)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

CRBMPC highlights Cross River State Ecosystem as an inclusive ecological zone endowed with plethora of genetic stock to be sustainably managed in perpetuity. Sustainably managing the genetic stock of Cross River State ecosystems within the aspiration of global ecological conventions. Promotion of bioprospecting and increasing awareness of all legal instruments in respect to copyrights, while facilitating the greater awareness of the importance and urgency of protection of traditional knowledge and expressions of folklore.

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

- The alarming degree of illicit appropriation of traditional knowledge through bioprospecting, we continued to believe, more than ever, that effective and efficient protection of this traditional knowledge has necessitated putting into place a legally binding sub-National instrument.
- To improve the State's biodiversity, conserve, create and protect rare species
- To regenerate and protect the State's forest within the aspiration of the State Government on green economy

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

- Expanding the contents of biodiversity components for the purpose of building ecosystem resilience in CRS
- Institutionalize a mechanism on Biodiversity in Cross River State
- Facilitation of the development of a State Policy and Master Plan including the Legal framework for Biodiversity and Conservation
- Protection of inventions, brands and design in Cross River State

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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).

Fostering integrity and preventing corruption which are essential to promoting good governance, maintaining public confidence in government and public decision-making, and supporting societal wellbeing and prosperity. Ensuring transparent transactions and a clean business environment in the private sector is as important component of a country's overall anti-corruption strategy. Efficient and competitive companies ensure healthier markets and greater investor confidence.

Furthermore, clean companies that do business with governments can place an effective check on both private and public sector corruption. Effective mechanisms to disclose wrongdoing without fear of reprisals are at the heart of integrity in both business and government. If integrity is upheld at the core of an organization's inner workings, and if concerns are discussed freely and there is no fear of persecution, then silence in the face of wrongdoing and adversity will no longer be the status quo in sub-Saharan Africa.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Nigeria

Additional Information:

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

The digital revolution has connected millions of people around the world, changing all of our lives in ways unimaginable just a few years ago. The global spread of an open data philosophy has not only fostered a culture of institutional transparency; it has empowered each of us to collaborate and innovate as never before. Add to that, the transformative power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the possibilities are seemingly endless. Can humans and computers work together to solve some of the world's biggest challenges"?

Our expression of interest is to serve the public, explore new opportunities for advocacy, networking and learning new approaches for protecting and empowering data producers and consumers across our locality especially as to improve traditional knowledge of rural dwellers in Nigeria; it shall be very critical for us to harness the wisdom of the WIPO movement and the collective power of all stakeholders to achieve major impact in an increasingly challenging fast-moving environment.

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Name of Organization Representative and Title:

Sonigitu Asibong Ekpe
Deputy Director

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF THE APPLICANT ORGANISATION

Full name of the Organization:

ILEX-Acción Jurídica

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

ILEX -Acción Jurídica is a non-profit organization with its main office in Bogotá and branch offices in the cities of Cartagena, Pasto, New York and Los Angeles. It was formed in 2015 and constituted in 2018 by seven lawyers of African descent from different regions of the country with academic and professional potential who were keen to provide technical, legal and political support to to accelerate the achievement of individual and collective social, economic and, in general, racial justice for people of African descent in the region.

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

Its main objective is to promote, defend and guarantee the rights of communities and people of African descent, in particular women and the black LGBT population. ILEX-Acción Jurídica has the following specific objectives:

1. strategic litigation aimed at defending the rights of people and communities of African descent;
2. legal and technical advice to grassroots and ethnic-territorial organizations working to defend the rights of people of African descent;
3. conducting research to document the situation of these people;
4. training individuals and groups involved in research on racism and racial discrimination;
5. designing a communications strategy to make the results of our work and the situation of the communities/organizations with which we work visible, disseminated and publicly known; and
6. training and capacity-building for networks of Afro-Colombian professionals, social organizations, public officials and other relevant stakeholders.

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

With the leadership of the founders of the organization and their academic training, ILEX seeks to bring together and coordinate work among professionals from different disciplines, in order to generate tools that contribute to the different struggles that Colombian of African descent face.

ILEX works in four focus areas involving projects with community, organizational, political and social impact:

	FOCUS AREA	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE
MAIN COMPONENT	Collective rights	Supporting communities in designing legal strategies for the protection of collective rights
Sub-components	Prior consultation Rights over traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions	Technical and legal advice to ethnic organizations in emblematic processes of prior consultation. Similarly, access to intangible resources, traditional knowledge and cultural expressions.
	Collective titling of Afro-Ecuadorian territories	Technical and legal support to ethnic authorities to achieve recognition of territorial rights
MAIN COMPONENT	“Good life”	Contribute to improve living conditions of communities mainly of African descent, in particular by guaranteeing economic, social and cultural rights
Sub-components	Protection of cultural property and ancestral knowledge	Identification and/or promotion of new legal tools aimed at the protection of knowledge and the production of knowledge from communities of African descent
	Civil rights	Identification of influential factors and characteristics of urban gentrification and promotion of legal action for the protection of neighborhood spaces occupied mainly by people of African descent

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).

ILEX-Acción Jurídica is a civil society organization founded by Afro-Colombian professionals from different parts of the country. It is dedicated to the promotion of human rights, the improvement of the quality of life and the dignity of people and communities of African descent in Colombia. Its organizational principles include academic rigor, professional probity and intersectional analysis of social issues, non-discrimination and commitment to social change. Its work and research methodologies prioritize an approach that focuses on race, gender and the rights of LGBT people. Its action is developed through high-impact litigation, socio-legal research, strategic communications and coordination with other organizations working for social justice on issues related to the defense of the rights of racial and ethnic groups and racial discrimination. This initiative arose from the need to create a space led by professionals of African descent, mainly legal specialists, with extensive experience from working in international organizations and the public sector. Knowledge of the needs of communities of African descent allows them to contribute to the promotion of tools aimed at improving the quality of life of these communities through research, litigation and study. ILEX -Acción Jurídica is supported by recognized human rights organizations and the professional and academic experience of its members who, in addition to having been trained in the best national and international universities, provide a critical perspective of social problems from their experiences as black people.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Colombia

Additional Information:

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

PROFILE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Mariluz Barragán González (Director General): Lawyer from the University of Cartagena, Master of Laws from the University of California, Los Angeles and specialist in administrative law from *Universidad Javeriana*, with outstanding experience working in the public sector in administrative and constitutional matters. She has worked with the Council of State, the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic, *Dejusticia* and the State Legal Defense Agency.

Dayana Blanco Acendra (Deputy Director General): Lawyer from the university of Cartagena, specialized in procedural law at *Universidad Libre* and private economic law at the National University, master's degree in environment and development from the same university. She is currently a graduate student at the University of California, Los Angeles. She has extensive experience working in the public sector, especially with communities of African descent, who are victims of the armed conflict. She has also worked for more than 20 years in the art and culture sector on the Caribbean coast of Colombia.

Ana Margarita González Vásquez (Founder): Lawyer from the National University of Colombia, with a master's degree from the University of California Los Angeles. She has experience in research on racism and racial discrimination, and has been a consultant in the formulation of public policies for racial equality. She has worked as a lawyer for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), the Center for Law, Justice and Society Studies

(Justice), the Ombudsman's Office and the International Organization for Migration. She has been a consultant for the Race and Equality Institute.

Daniel Gómez Mazo (Founder): Lawyer from EAFIT University of Medellin, with a master's degree in critical racial studies and law and sexuality from the University of California, Los Angeles. He is currently a doctoral student at Fordham University in New York. With extensive experience in constitutional matters, he has worked for the Constitutional Court and the NGOs *Colombia Diversa* and *Dejusticia*.

Audrey Mena Mosquera (Founder): Lawyer from the Chocó University of Technology, with a master's degree in human rights from the University of Notre Dame, the United States, and doctoral candidate in law from the University of Rosario. With extensive experience in university teaching, she has advised the Administrative Department of the civil service, international organizations in Switzerland and Norway, and the Ombudsman's Office.

Martha Mosquera Figueroa (Founder): Lawyer from the Pontifical Bolivarian University of Medellin, with studies in anthropology and politics from the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands, she holds a master's degree in human rights from the American University in Washington D.C. She has been a consultant for the Secretariat for the Culture of Citizenship of the Medellin mayor's office, for *Colombia Humanitaria*, a program of the Presidency of the Republic, the NGO *Mil Mujeres* Legal Services of Philadelphia, the United States, and the Colombia Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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Yours sincerely,



(Prof. Dr. Mohammed Seraj ANSARI)
President-IICCI

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Indo-OIC Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry - IICCI

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Indo-OIC-Islamic Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IICCI) is a Global Chamber consisting of 57 member's Nations & 5 observer's member Nations & over 250 Nations, relationship with India. The IICCI states that it is "the collective voice of the Indian business, trade and economic & OIC Muslim Nation's business, trade & economic relations".

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

IICCI's principal objectives are:

- a). To encourage Trade, Service, Industry, Small & Medium Enterprise, Agriculture, Intra-Regional through creating strong business linkages amongst the entrepreneurs of the OIC region with India.
- b). To make recommendations to safeguard the economic and business interests of the India and OIC region and other World.
- c). To assist as a counseling body of the Private Sector of the region to deliver participation/ response on regional economic issues.
- d). To inspire Member Countries to unity favored terms of trade to each other and finally strive towards the gradual realization of the IICCI Economic and Monetary Union.
- e). To endorse the exchange of commercial, technical, industrial management and scientific & technology information, educations and know-how amongst its members.
- f). To organize, collect and propagate statistical data and joint research and development among the IICCI Members & OIC Member Countries and other World.

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

For nearly 1st year IICCI has reached group over 40 national and local chambers of commerce and industry, and hundreds of business associations, business enterprises, and individual businessmen in Asia, Africa, Europe, America and the Pacific with the objectives of:

- Promoting the vital role of businessmen in India, OIC Nations, and other World.
- Increasing India, OIC Nations, and other World business activities.
- Enhancing India, OIC Nations, and other World economic growth.

By leveraging our global network of chambers of commerce and Industry in the India, OIC Nations, and other World region, IICCI reaches thousands of enterprises, from SMEs to large conglomerates in Asia, Africa, Europe, America and the Pacific.

By working in conjunction with our members, IICCI promotes global business networking and cooperation, disseminates relevant business information and jointly advocates for our members' benefit, thus allowing IICCI to become the Premier Business Network in the India, OIC Nations, and other World region.

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)

The IICCI is a global chamber of commerce and second largest and fastest expanding chamber of commerce in the world, The IICCI can extend support to educate WIPO projects, training programs etc., to the business and industry of the world in each country through our National Branches/Chapters of **Indo-OIC-Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IICCI)**

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

OIC Nations and Non OIC Nations
(which includes, Asia, Africa, Europe America etc.)

Additional Information:

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The IICCI is a tool for business, trades, & industry that would explore global Islamic market with India, & works with over 250 Nations "safeguard & protect the interests of the Indian business, trade & economic & OIC Muslim Nation's business, trade & economic in the spirit of promoting international peace & harmony". The major objective of IICCI is to promote India & OIC Nations, & over 250 countries, business, trade & economic relations. IICCI promotes bilateral trade, investment & technology transfer, facilitates business collaborations, joint ventures, marketing tie-ups and strategic alliances through a set of proactive business-oriented initiative.

The Indo-OIC Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry- IICCI is Looking Accreditation / Observer Status / Consultative Status for IICCI with your esteemed organization to support your objectives/mission in 45 countries, where the IICCI has National Branches/Chapter and National

Directors in OIC Nations and Non OIC Nations (which includes, Asia, Africa, Europe America etc.). The IICCI is adamant to safeguard the interest of Global Business and Industry & Other Community all around the world.

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Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Ana Milena Carmona Palomino

President

(Name and Signature of Representative))

Done at Geneva, May 30, 2018

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Inspiración Colombia

Description of the Organization: ((Maximum 150 words)

Since it was set up in 2015, the *Inspiración Colombia* association has popularized and disseminated information on the culture, medicine and indigenous traditional knowledge of Columbia, organizing workshops, activities and folk dance classes for children and adults.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- Promote dialogue between cultures and civilizations in order to contribute to the development goals of Horizon 2030;
- Encourage creativity and protection of folklore and traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples;
- Support projects for research into and enhancement of traditional indigenous medicine;
- Help disseminate information on the potential wealth of traditional knowledge and folklore;
- Combat the improper use, sale and misappropriation of genetic resources of indigenous peoples;
- Facilitate the creation of opportunities for integration and exchange between people and associations supporting cooperation and development projects between Switzerland and Latin America, particularly Colombia;
- Foster the development of artistic, cultural, academic, scientific and trade cooperation between Switzerland and Latin America;
- Set up and carry out sociocultural integration projects for the benefit of children of immigrants with learning difficulties;
- Organize an annual event in support of orphans and female victims of sexist and sexual violence in conflicts.

Main activities of the Organization:

- Creation of a folk dancing school with a view to enhancing and protecting resources of the cultural heritage of Colombia;

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- Introduction to folk dancing for children and adults;
- Preparation of a learning workshop providing support to indigenous child victims of the conflicts in Colombia;
- Promotion of indigenous embroidery, art and gastronomy.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Switzerland, Spain, Colombia, Ecuador.

Additional Information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (Maximum 150 words).

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Ana Milena Carmona Palomino

Red Mujeres Indígenas sobre Biodiversidad (RMIB)



Red de Mujeres Indígenas sobre Biodiversidad

Panama, January 18, 2018

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Yours sincerely,


Florina López M.

General Coordinator

(Name and Signature of Representative)

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the organization:

Red Mujeres Indígenas sobre Biodiversidad [Indigenous Women's Biodiversity Network] (RMIB)
Legal Status No. 41-PJ-141

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The RMIB was established within the framework of the Conference of the Parties (COP) IV to the CBD (1998) to enhance the participation of indigenous women in biodiversity discussion forums. The creation of this network has ensured and strengthened the participation of women, who are responsible for the transmission of traditional knowledge in their communities.

The RMIB is a network of indigenous organizations working for the preservation and transmission of traditional knowledge with a view to protecting our mother earth; in other words, our biodiversity.

The wisdom of our peoples must be treasured and transmitted to guarantee our culture and identity.

The mission of the RMIB is to strengthen, restore and systematize the traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples in general and of indigenous women in particular, focusing on knowledge related to biodiversity, by engaging in capacity-building while promoting actions that facilitate the recovery and enhancement of such knowledge. Similarly, the RMIB promotes the participation of indigenous women in decision-making on traditional knowledge, biodiversity and related topics at the local, national, regional and international levels.

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Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

Its main objective is to promote and encourage the preservation and recovery of traditional knowledge, biodiversity and the environment among indigenous peoples and women. It also seeks to promote the recovery of traditional knowledge to ensure the well-being of indigenous peoples.

Main activities of the Organization:

- (a) engage in advocacy among organizations, peoples, indigenous communities and the society in general with a view to highlighting the importance of traditional knowledge, biodiversity and the environment as well as their interrelationship with climate change;
- (b) organize meetings, workshops and seminars on capacity-building;
- (c) participate in local, national and international conferences, seminars and meetings on issues related to traditional knowledge, biodiversity, indigenous peoples, the environment, climate change and human rights;
- (d) promote and protect the traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and especially women, with emphasis on traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources;
- (e) promote intercultural dialog among organizations, communities, indigenous peoples and other sectors of society, such as researchers and local, national and international stakeholders;
- (f) provide technical assistance services to requesting organizations, governments and communities; and
- (g) facilitate self-management and local economic development opportunities to improve the quality of life of communities and indigenous peoples, especially women, children and young people, by promoting sustainable development based on traditional knowledge.

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)

Indigenous women are the main custodians of our people's traditional knowledge which has been safeguarded and passed down from generation to generation. Many international instruments recognize the value of traditional knowledge and especially the role of indigenous women. However, traditional knowledge does not benefit from a protective mechanism that originates from the intellectual property protection system. The RMIB believes that the establishment of such an international system which protects traditional knowledge through intellectual property is essential to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, ensure poverty reduction and promote sustainable development. The work of the Committee is fundamental and constitutes a priority for the RMIB.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

The organization operates and implements initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and the Pacific.

Additional information:

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

The RMIB has extensive capacity-building experience in traditional knowledge and the Nagoya Protocol on access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity, because it participated actively in its negotiation and adoption. To date, it has trained over 2000 indigenous representatives on this subject by organizing capacity-building workshops and developing community protocols.

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Name and title of organization representative:

Florina Lopez Miro. Coordinator

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(Name and Signature of Representative)

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

REGROUPEMENT DES MAMANS DE KAMITUGA (REMAK)

Description Of the Organization: (Maximum 150 words)

REMAK was set up on January 31, 2001 in Kamituga, located in the rural territory of Mwenga in the province du Sud-Kivu of the Democratic Republic of Congo. It was created by a group of women and men in order to find local solutions to problems that had arisen due to violations of the rights of women, children and marginalized persons. REMAK is endowed with a legal operating structure that includes a General Assembly, an Executive Board, an Oversight Council and an Executive Secretariat.

In order to achieve its goals, REMAK's strategies are specifically designed, within the radius of its activities, to create local branches and sites that are led by indigenous women. It supports local, provincial, national and international networking activities and is a member of the CRONGD/Sud-Kivu, IRCT/Denmark and VIWINE, SODH/ Monusco group.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- Defend and promote human rights in general and those of marginalized groups in particular.
- Protect the environment.
- Combat HIV/Aids, diabetes and tuberculosis.

Main activities of the Organization:

- Make legal texts relating to human rights (on the provincial, regional, national and international level) accessible to all, with an emphasis on marginalized groups or victims of discrimination or stigmatization (PWIH, Bambuti).
- Monitor cases of violations of human rights and combat impunity.
- Organize advocacy sessions and conference and debate sessions.
- Holistic rehabilitation (psychological, legal, socio-economic) of victims of violation.

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- Contribute to the reforestation of the environment destroyed by human activity (artisanal mining of minerals, farming, hunting, woodcutting to produce embers, firewood and wooden planks).
- Sensitize populations with regard to the prevention of and voluntary testing for HIV/AIDS, diabetes and tuberculosis.

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One of the main tasks of REMAK is to promote and protect the rights of the indigenous “Bambuti” pygmies, in their universality, indivisibility, interdependence and inalienability. This is why REMAK is interested in intellectual property issues related to indigenous pygmies. The indigenous Bambuti pygmies, who live in the Eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo have generally been dispossessed of their ancestral lands for reasons of public utility. In this way they have lost practically all of their heritage.

Article 8(j) of the Convention on Biological Diversity specifies that indigenous peoples are the depositaries of traditional knowledge as far as sustainable use of biological diversity is concerned (regulation of hunting, gathering of honey, medicinal plants, etc.). Such knowledge, which is threatened with disappearance, is an integral part of their intellectual property. Paradoxically, the Congolese Government does not respect, protect or promote this.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Additional Information:

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

REMAK assists the indigenous pigmies who live in forgotten regions (Rubenga and Ntambuka/Idjwi Collectivity and the Lwindi and Wamuzimu/Mwenga Collectivities). These people have never previously benefitted from any form of assistance from humanitarian workers and national or international NGOs, in order to reduce their marginalization, vulnerability and exclusion from society. The Organization seeks to reconstitute and protect their cultural expressions, which are in great danger of disappearing, such as the ancient “Kitwa” language, their initiation rites, their totems and taboos, communication tools and other endangered forms of expression which urgently need to be safeguarded in a sustainable manner (cultural heritage, forestry legislation, hunting regulation, etc.) and supported in such a way that the provisions of Article 7 of the UNESCO Convention on cultural diversity (2005), affecting vulnerable groups such as women, minorities and indigenous peoples, can be implemented.

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Vainqueur KALAFULA LUSU, President of the Executive Board.

San Youth Network

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Job Morris



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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

San Youth Network

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

On 17th of March 2017, San Youth Network was officially registered in Botswana to become a platform for which San youth of different dialects can freely advocate and share educational opportunities with each other. We have 7 main goals that shape our existence known as, Education for the San youth, Health matters, promotion of health and healthy living among the San, advocating for the rights of the San, employment creation, intellectual property rights and climate change.

We are alive to the rapidly changing trends of the society and the implications of this change on the society. We strive to advocate for social inclusion, social justice, health issues and access to quality education. This creates a strong and sensitive means to enable an environment that helps San youth to display common interests and desires of how they aspire to change the status-quo and to become respected peoples in the society.

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

- Conducting research, consultation, debate and the sharing of information in order to raise national and international awareness about San identity and their current reality.
- Building capacity and raising awareness on issues of indigenous identity.
- Provide a national voice for San youth and ensure that they play an active role in debates and consultations on youth policy developments that affect all youth.
- Advocating and lobbying for the health, cultural, educational, lifestyle of the San youth, in particular.
- Advocate for intellectual property rights of the San with regards protection of their music, folkore, riddles, images, etc.
- Nominate representatives to meet and negotiate with national organisations that has an interest in youth services.
- To give to young people with fewer opportunities a chance to participate, develop their skills and competences, increase their employment prospects and make them active actors in their communities.

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- Strongly advocating for the policy establishment to observe climate change.
- To maintain, protect and develop San culture including language

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

- **EDUCATION**

- a) Avail opportunities for Education, i.e., Training
- b) Hold workshops and conferences
- c) Empower San groups about political issues.
- d) Develop entrepreneurship interventions.
- e) Enter-exchange programmes locally, regionally and internationally.

- **ADVOCACY**

- a) Establish grounds to dialogue with Government for socio-economic, political and environmental development of San communities,
- b) Involvement in climate change movements,
- c) Advocate for the rights of the San, particularly, land, equal opportunities and education,
- d) Advocate for redress of past injustices committed to the San,
- e) Make the affirmative action effective and efficient,
- f) Continued advocacy for issues of discrimination rather than reactive advocacy,
- g) Awareness campaigns for the recognition of San rights,
- h) Establishment of San culture groups to advocate through theatre.
- i) Gender issues among the San women
- j) Identify prominent Youth to establish dialogue with legislation to convey their feelings by themselves.
- k) Lobby for the San Intellectual Property Rights
- l) Travel and visit schools to sensitize the marginalized students about politics.
- m) Advocacy on language policy for schools
- n) Avail opportunities for the Youth to attend regional conference about marginalized communities.
- o) Conducting outreach programmes to San settlements

- **CULURE PROMOTION**

- a) Create an enabling environment to endorse a consolidated voice through seminar
- b) Engage in meetings and functions to help influence policy.
- c) Organize events for inter-generational exchange on social issues

- **CLIMATE CHANGE**

- a) Take part in environmental justice interventions.
- b) Impart communities on the impacts of climate change.
- c) Take part in global climate change movement.
- d) Develop initiatives to preserve and conserve environment
- e) Tree planting campaigns.

- **HEALTH**

- a) Educate San communities on Healthy living
- b) TB, Diabetes and HIV/AIDS campaigns
- c) Distribution and safe use of protection campaigns, i.e., condoms
- d) Educate on food and nutrition

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For decades other people have used the rock art of San ancestors to decorate brochures, tourist trinkets and the walls of exclusive game lodges. Coffee table book photographs and documentary film footage often represent the hunter-gatherers of Southern Africa as isolated. But San communities have been oppressed, exploited and even hunted for hundreds of years. Tourists buy products of San artefacts, decorated with ostrich egg shells, traditionally used to carry water, while they themselves fight for basic services like water to be made available in the barren places they have been forcibly removed. Exploitation through the use of their images, riddles, songs and folklores form part of the problems that needs to be addressed by the use of protection of their intellectual property rights. These is why San Youth Network is interested in joining WIPO to address the protection of San intellectual property rights.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Botswana

Additional Information:

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

- Who are the San?

San people are the inhabitants of southern Africa since time immemorial. They are natives and indigenous to southern Africa. Today they form a small segment of the population and are subjected to abuse in all its forms.

- What is SYNNet?

SYNNet is an Organisation that was established to look in to the interests of the San youth. Its mandate is to advance these interests to ensure that they become active and respected citizens in southern Africa. SYNNet is working regionally and has partners in South Africa, Namibia, and Zimbabwe in order to deliver the services to where San in general and San youth in particular live.

- Who does SYNNet represent?

SYNNet represents the San youth and San people in general by addressing their needs in their diversity. Although SYNNet is a San Organisation, it is open to collaboration with other and different Organisations as long as the interests and goals are aligned.

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Full name of the Organization:

UNION DES PEUPLES AUTOCHTONES POUR LE REVEIL AU DEVELOPPEMENT

Description Of the Organization: (Maximum 150 words)

UPARED is a non-profit organization from Burundi. It was founded by the Batwa themselves in order to improve their lives. Since its foundation, UPARED has made progress in the sustainable development of the Batwa and human rights. UPARED's structure is as follows:

- General Assembly;
- Executive Committee;
- Oversight Committee;
- Council of Elders;
- Technical Directorate

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

The main aims and objectives of UPARED are to:

- Provide a general analysis of the problems experienced by the Batwa of Burundi with regard to the various challenges, programs and policies of Burundi
- Provide information relating to the vision, mission and strategic objectives of each of the programs of UPARED asbl
- Have a desirable impact upon the Batwa community

Main activities of the Organization

The existence of UPARED asbl has brought about positive change for the Batwa community in Burundi:

- UPARED asbl has sparked interest among local and international NGOs and enabled them to work with the Batwa in various fields of activities;
- UPARED advocated on behalf of the Batwa so that they could be included in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; one of the 11 commissioners is a Twa;
- From its inception to the present day, UPARED asbl has assisted the community in various ways: supervising and mentoring Batwa pupils during the holidays, organizing

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- human rights training, conducting a survey in Rutana Province on the problems encountered by the Batwa.
- UPARED has helped the Batwa community to begin to deal with its own problems, boost its self-esteem, reduce discrimination and marginalization, and improve its social status, etc.

Even if UPARED and other stakeholders have accomplished many things in favor of the Batwa of Burundi, certain problems still persist, such as poor living conditions due to the lack of a suitable habitat, low levels of education, a lack of land, violations of the rights of the Batwa, food insecurity, and a lack of employment opportunities requiring special intervention to reduce the chronic and extreme poverty that they live in.

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Since our organization is indigenous and consists of members who are also indigenous, UPARED strives to support the initiatives of the Batwa of Burundi, particularly in areas such as traditional knowledge and intellectual property issues.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Burundi and Rwanda in the case of Burundian refugees.

Additional Information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (Maximum 150 words)

Today, UPARED is a member of the network of indigenous peoples of Central Africa, known as the Initiative for Equality in the African Great Lakes Region, in which one of its representatives serves as a committee member.

Recently, at the 18th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples, UPARED made two presentations at parallel events in New York. The topics of these presentations were the situation of the Batwa in the African Great Lakes Region (Burundi, DRC and Rwanda) and sexual violence against the Batwa of Burundi.

On a global level, the Initiative for Equality enabled us to submit a petition signed by more than 76 organizations across the world to the Special Rapporteur for Indigenous Peoples. The petition called upon the UN Special Rapporteur for Indigenous Peoples to investigate the situation of the Twa and Mbuti indigenous peoples in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and Rwanda.

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Best regards,

[signed]

Angela Santamaría
Director of the Intercultural School of Indigenous Diplomacy (EIDI)
University of Rosario
Bogotá, Colombia

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

University of Rosario

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Private academic institution founded in 1653 in the city of Bogotá, Colombia. The university has been a key player in the country's political, scientific and cultural processes and events. It is recognized as one of the best universities in Colombia and Latin America. It currently has different programs in the areas of health sciences and social and human sciences. It has seven faculties: School of Medicine and Health Sciences; School of Human Sciences; School of Management; School of Economics; Faculty of Jurisprudence; Faculty of Political Science Government and International Relations; and Faculty of Natural Science and Mathematics.

With its ethical, humanistic, political, scientific and social focus, the university has performed important work with indigenous peoples and other ethnic groups. It also actively participates in the ongoing national post-conflict and peace processes in Colombia.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization

- generate knowledge that is excellent, of high quality and relevant to the development of society;
- become a key player through professional competence, academic commitment, ability to relate to society to identify need and problems, with a view to proposing and developing projects that contribute to understanding and solving such problems; and critical participation for constructive and responsible institutional and social development;
- recognize, consolidate and master a culture of internationalization in teaching, research and outreach;
- establish organizational conditions that make for efficient and sustainable management, acquire the infrastructure and technology to develop its educational project in light of quality standards, as expressed in institutional development, technological innovation and academic management of excellence and high quality.

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Main activities of the Organization:

- research;
- teaching; and
- outreach

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To meet academic and scientific commitments, given the ethical and humanistic focus of the university, the Intercultural School of Indigenous Diplomacy (EIDI) was created in the year 20. The EIDI project seeks to strengthen and create dynamic spaces for the participation of indigenous peoples of Colombia in local, national and international fora by training leaders from different regions of the country. Recently, there has been a need to address issues that are central to the university, the EIDI project and indigenous peoples, to understand how ancestral knowledge is protected and what spaces are available for national and international advocacy on these issues. To pursue this interest, the University of Rosario has initiated joint research between indigenous researchers and university lecturers through the EIDI project to understand the modus operandi of various mechanisms, meetings, and other fora for the protection of traditional knowledge and cultural expressions of indigenous peoples.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Colombia

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