

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

Forty-Third Session
Geneva, May 30 to June 3, 2022

VOLUNTARY FUND FOR ACCREDITED INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD

Information Note prepared by the Director General

1. The arrangements establishing the WIPO Voluntary Fund (“the Fund”), as approved by the General Assembly, are contained in the Annex to Document WO/GA/39/11. Article 6(i) of the Decision states:

“The Advisory Board will adopt its recommendation before the end of the Committee session on the margins of which it meets. This recommendation will identify:

- (i) the subsequent Committee session and, should the case arise, the IWG meeting(s) intended for financial support (i.e., the subsequent session of the Committee),
- (ii) the applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported for that session and/or the IWG meeting(s), for whom funds are available,
- (iii) any applicant or applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported in principle but for whom insufficient funds are available,
- (iv) any applicant or applicants whose application has been rejected in accordance with the procedure in Article 10,
- (v) any applicant or applicants whose application has been postponed until the next session of the Committee in accordance with the procedure in Article 10.

The Advisory Board will immediately forward the contents of the recommendation to the Director General who will take a decision in accordance with the recommendation. The Director General will inform the Committee immediately and, in any case, prior to the end of its current session, by means of an information note specifying the decision taken concerning each applicant.”

2. Accordingly, the Secretariat wishes to communicate to the Committee the report and recommendations adopted by the Advisory Board at the conclusion of its meeting held on the margins of the Forty-Third Session of the Committee. This report is attached in the Annex.

3. The Committee is advised that, in accordance with Article 6(d) of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11 as approved by the General Assembly (39th session), the Director General has taken note of the content of this report and adopted the decisions as recommended by the Advisory Board in paragraph 4 of its report.

[Annex follows]

WIPO VOLUNTARY FUND

ADVISORY BOARD

REPORT

1. The Advisory Board of the WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities (“the Fund”), whose members were appointed by decision of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”) during its Forty-Third Session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its thirty-third meeting on June 1, 2022, under the chairmanship of Mr. Yonah SELETI, member *ex officio*, on the margins of the Forty-Third Session of the Committee.
2. The members of the Advisory Board met in accordance with Articles 7 and 9 of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11.
3. Recalling Article 5(a) of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11, the Advisory Board took note of the financial situation of the Fund as described in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/43/INF/4 dated May 12, 2022, which was distributed before the opening of the Forty-Third Session of the Committee and which specified that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 13,607.38 Swiss francs on May 12, 2022. In this regard, the Advisory Board welcomed with much appreciation the contribution of 16,227.93 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 15,000 euros at the date of the transfer operation) credited by the Government of Finland to the Fund on November 6, 2019. The Advisory Board strongly encouraged WIPO Member States and other potential donors to contribute further to the Fund.
4. The Advisory Board adopted the following recommendations based on the consideration of the list of applicants as it appears in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/43/INF/4 as well as of the content of the applications of those applicants, and in accordance with Article 6(i) of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11:
 - (i) future session intended for financial support in accordance with Article 5(e): 44th session of the Committee;
 - (ii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agreed should be supported in principle for the session of the Committee as referred to under paragraph 4(i), pending sufficient availability of funds (in order of priority):

June LORENZO (Ms.)

Jennifer TAULI CORPUZ (Ms.)

Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA (Mr.)

Nelson DE LEÓN KANTULE (Mr.)

(iii) applicants whose application should be postponed for further consideration by the Advisory Board until the next session of the Committee:

Agoussou Marcellin AIGBE (Mr.)

Jafarou MALAM KOSSAO (Mr.)

Musa Usman NDAMBA (Mr.)

(iv) applicants whose application should be rejected:

Vainqueur KALAFULA LUSU-YULULU (Mr.)

Fidèle MBILIZI MUTIMANWA (Mr.)

The content of the present report and the recommendations it contains will be forwarded to the Director General of WIPO following its adoption by the members of the Advisory Board in accordance with Article 6(i) last paragraph of the Annex to document WIPO/GA/39/11.

Done in Geneva, June 1, 2022

Names of the members of the Advisory Board:

Chair: Mr. Yonah SELETI (Mr.), Chief Director, Science Missions, Department of Science and Innovation (DSI), South Africa, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee, member *ex officio*, [agreed]

and in alphabetical order:

Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ (Mr.), Representative, Advisor, International Relations, Call of the Earth/Llamado de la Tierra [agreed]

Summer HAMMONS (Ms.), Representative, Legislative Policy Analyst, Treaty Rights and Government Affairs Department, Tulalip Tribes of Washington Governmental Affairs Department [agreed]

Claus MEDICUS (Mr.), Head, Patent Division, German Patent and Trademark Office, Federal Ministry of Justice, Germany [agreed]

Sebastián MOLINA NECUL (Mr.), Head, Intellectual Property Division, Vice Secretariat of International Economic Relations, Chile [agreed]

Mandla NKABENI (Mr.), First Secretary, Permanent Mission of South Africa, Geneva [agreed]

Sue NOE (Ms.), Representative, Senior Staff Attorney, Legal Department, Native American Rights Fund (NARF) [agreed]

Garima PAUL (Ms.), First Secretary, Permanent Mission of India, Geneva [agreed]

Emil ŽATKULIAK (Mr.), Head, International Affairs Department, Industrial Property Office, Slovakia [agreed]

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