

Special Session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore

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WIPO VOLUNTARY FUND FOR ACCREDITED INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES: INFORMATION NOTE ON CONTRIBUTIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT

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This document contains information required to be reported to the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”) on the operation of the Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities (“the Fund”). The rules are set out in the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6, which was approved by the WIPO General Assembly at its Thirty-Second Session in September 2005 and subsequently amended by the General Assembly at its Thirty-Ninth Session in September 2010.

Article 6(f) of the rules states:

“(f) Before each Committee session, the WIPO Director General will communicate for the information of participants an information note setting out:

- (i) the level of the voluntary contributions paid into the Fund on the date on which the document was drafted;
- (ii) the identity of the contributors (unless individual contributors have expressly requested to remain anonymous);
- (iii) the amount of the resources available taking into account the funds disbursed;
- (iv) the list of people who have benefited from the Fund’s support since the previous information memorandum;
- (v) the people chosen to benefit from the Fund but who withdrew;

- (vi) the amount of the support allocated to each beneficiary; and
- (vii) a sufficiently detailed description of the applicants seeking support for the following session.

This document will also be addressed by name to the members of the Advisory Board for examination and deliberation.”

The present document constitutes the fortieth such information note, as required by the decision of the WIPO General Assembly. The information required to be communicated to the participants in the Special Session of the Committee is as follows:

Level of the voluntary contributions paid to the Fund until July 25, 2023 and names of the contributors:

86,092.60 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 500,000 Swedish crowns at the date) credited on November 7, 2006, by the Swedish International Biodiversity Programme (SwedBio/CBM);

31,684 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 20,000 Euros at the date) credited on December 20, 2006, by the Government of France;

29,992.50 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 25,000 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on March 27, 2007, by the Christensen Fund;

150,000 Swiss francs credited on June 8, 2007, by the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Berne, Switzerland;

5,965.27 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 5,000 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on August 14, 2007, by the Ministry of Science and Technology, South Africa;

98,255.16 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 60,000 Euros at the date) credited on December 20, 2007, by the Government of Norway;

100,000 Swiss francs credited on February 7, 2008, by the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Berne, Switzerland;

12,500 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 13,441 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on March 25, 2011, by the Ministry of Science and Technology, South Africa;

500 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 573 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on May 10, 2011, by an anonymous contributor;

89,500 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 100,000 Australian dollars at the date) credited on October 20, 2011, by the Government of Australia;

15,000 Swiss francs credited on June 20, 2013 by the Government of Australia¹;

4,694.40 Swiss francs credited on June 20, 2013 by the Government of New Zealand;

¹ 782.22 Swiss francs were reimbursed on September 2, 2013 to the Government of Australia in accordance with the agreed terms for the use of the contribution made by the Government of Australia.

37,835 Swiss francs credited on February 28, 2017 by the Government of Australia;

18,268.75 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 25,000 Canadian dollars at the date) credited on March 27, 2019, by the Government of Canada;

16,227.93 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 15,000 euros at the date) credited on November 6, 2019, by the Government of Finland;

16,158.98 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 15,000 euros at the date) credited on December 9, 2019, by the Government of Germany²;

14,233.70 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 15,000 euros at the date) credited on September 13, 2022, by the Government of Germany;

817.10 Swiss francs credited on March 3, 2023, on behalf of anonymous contributors, following up a call for voluntary contributions made by the Chair of the Committee during its Forty-Sixth Session;

29,795.36 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 50,000 Australian dollars at the date) credited on June 22, 2023 by the Government of Australia; and,

872.60 Swiss francs credited on July 4, 2023, on behalf of anonymous contributors, following up a call for voluntary contributions made by the Chair of the Committee during its Forty-Seventh Session.

Total amount of the voluntary contributions credited to the Fund until July 25, 2023:
757611.13 Swiss francs.

Amount of the resources available:

- Amount available in the Fund on July 18, 2023, including bank fees and interest:
30,881.44 Swiss francs.
- Amount committed in view of the Special Session of the Committee on July 18, 2023: 16,371.14 Swiss francs.
- Amount available in the Fund minus committed amount on July 25, 2023:
14,510.30 Swiss francs.

List of persons who benefited or were recommended for funding since the previous information note³:

Applicant who was recommended for funding, pending availability of funds, with the view to the Forty-Seventh Session of the Committee⁴ (in order of priority) and who was funded:

Ulukoa DUHAYLONSOD (Mr.)
Nationality: United States of America
Mailing address: Kopolei, HI, United States of America
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: Ka'uikiokapō
Seat of the accredited observer: Kopolei, HI, United States of America

² 16,158.98 Swiss francs were reimbursed on January 8, 2021 to the Government of Germany in accordance with the agreed terms for the use of the contribution made by the Government of Germany.

³ See document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/47/INF/4 dated May 15, 2023.

⁴ See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/46/INF/6 dated March 2, 2023.

Applicants who were recommended for funding in view of the Forty-Seventh Session of the Committee⁵, pending availability of funds, but for whom no sufficient means were available in the Fund in due time (in order of priority)

Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA (Mr.)

Nationality: Mali

Mailing address: Timbuktu, Mali

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: ADJMOR

Seat of the accredited observer: Timbuktu, Mali

Nelson DE LEÓN KANTULE (Mr.)

Nationality: Panama

Mailing address: Panama City, Panama

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

Asociación Kunas Unidos por Napguana/Association of Kunas United for Mother Earth (KUNA)

Seat of the accredited observer: Panama City, Panama

Applicants who were recommended for funding, pending availability of funds, with the view to the Special Session of the Committee⁶ and for whom sufficient funds were available on July 17, 2023 (in order of priority):

Lucia Fernanda INÁCIO BELFORT SALES (Ms.)

Nationality: Brazil

Mailing address: Chapecó (SC), Brazil

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: *Instituto Indígena brasileiro para la Propiedad Intelectual (INBRAPI)*

Seat of the accredited observer: Coxilha (RS), Brazil

Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ INLAGO (Mr.)

Nationality: Ecuador

Mailing address: Quito, Ecuador

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: Call of the Earth/*Llamado de la Tierra*

Seat of the accredited observer: Cusco, Peru

Babagana ABUBAKAR (Mr.)

Nationality: Nigeria

Mailing address: Maiduguri, Nigeria

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

Kanuri Development Association

Seat of the accredited observer: Maiduguri, Nigeria

Musa Usman NDAMBA (Mr.)

Nationality: Cameroon

Mailing address: Yaoundé, Cameroon

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: Mbororo Social Cultural Development Association (MBOSCUDA)

Seat of the accredited observer: Yaoundé, Cameroon

Disbursement in relation to the Forty-Seventh Session of the Committee:

Ulukoa DUHAYLONSOD (Mr.): 3,405.20 Swiss francs

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/47/INF/6 dated June 8, 2023.

Commitments with the view to the Special Session of the Committee:

Lucia Fernanda INÁCIO BELFORT SALES (Ms.): 4,253.60 Swiss francs

Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ INLAGO (Mr.): 4,207.95 Swiss francs

Babagana ABUBAKAR (Mr.): 4,133.94 Swiss francs

Musa Usman NDAMBA (Mr.): 3,775.65 Swiss francs

List of the applicants seeking support with the view to the Forty-Eighth Session of the Committee

This list appeared in document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/47/INF/4 dated May 15, 2023, pp. 5 and 6.

The Advisory Board of the Voluntary Fund adopted its recommendation in relation to those applicants in the margins of the Forty-Seventh Session of the Committee (see document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/47/INF/6 dated June 8, 2023).

The Committee is invited to take note of the content of this document.

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