

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

**Seventeenth Session**  
**Geneva, December 6 to 10, 2010**

### **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. A document containing the names and other biographical details of the organizations which, before October 7, 2010, requested accreditation at the seventeenth session of the Committee is annexed to this document. Applicants were invited to complete an application form and the biographical details of the organizations contained in the Annex are set out exactly as received from each organization.
3. *The Committee is invited to approve the accreditation of the organizations referred to in the Annex to this document as ad hoc observers.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE REQUESTED ACCREDITATION  
AS OBSERVERS IN SESSIONS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

African Cultural Regeneration Institute (ACRI) / Institut Africain Pour la Régénération Culturelle

*Asociación Akuaipa Waimakat – Asociación para la Divulgación, Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Humanos e Indígenas*  
(Association for the Dissemination, Promotion and Defense of Human and Indigenous Rights)

*Asociación de Pueblos Indígenas de Venezuela (APIVEN)*  
(Indigenous Peoples Association of Venezuela)

*Association pour le Développement de la Société Civile Angolaise (ADSCA)*  
(Association for the Development of Angolan Civil Society)

*Consejo Maya de la Propiedad Cultural e Intelectual de Guatemala (SAQIL NAÒJ)*  
(The Mayan Council of Cultural and Intellectual Property of Guatemala)

Free University Berlin

Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (GRTKF Int.)

Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) (GCCEI)

Himalayan Folklore and Biodiversity Study Program IPs Society for Wetland Biodiversity Conservation Nepal

Intellectual Property Assets Rights Management (IPARM)

*Organización Nacional Indígena de Colombia (ONIC)*  
(National Indigenous Organization of Colombia)

Pacific Island Museums Association (PIMA)

*Sonccoypa Cusicuynin*

Tanzanian Intellectual Property Rights Network (TIP-Net)

Union for Ethical Bio Trade

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Dear Traditional Knowledge Division,

Re: Request for accreditation as a PERMANENT OBSERVER in future sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee

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

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Prof. Francis X. Gichuru

Founder Chairman  
AFRICAN CULTURAL REGENERATION INSTITUTE

Application Form for Accreditation as *Ad Hoc* Observer to the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore<sup>1</sup>

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

African Cultural Regeneration Institute (ACRI)

Description of the Organization:

ACRI is an international NGO founded in January 2003 to promote preservation of African immaterial culture. The founders, after taking a careful look at the arguments that were presented internationally during the UN decade on culture (1988-1997), realized that the youth of Africa were quickly getting alienated from their traditions by the forces of globalization. The NGO was founded in Kenya and, of necessity, started its work in Kenya, planning to extend to the entire continent and the Diaspora through building partnerships and alliances. In that respect therefore, ACRI will achieve its objectives by establishing networks through which to work for the achievement of African rebirth in the spirit of the Charter for African Cultural Renaissance promulgated by the African Union in January 2006 in Khartoum. ACRI was recommended for accreditation by the IGC of UNESCO Convention on ICH in October 2009 to provide advisory services on culture in Africa.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- 1) The main aim of ACRI is to promote African culture by way of identifying relevant and valuable indigenous cultural patrimony for use in African development today and in the future and for lending to the development of the emerging global civilization; and
- 2) ACRI thus assumes an African mission, to outreach the entire continent as well as the African Diaspora, with the following objectives:
  - Promote unity in the diversity of cultures.
  - Acknowledge the cultural dimension of development.
  - Affirm and enrich cultural identities.
  - Broaden participation in culture.

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- Promote international cultural co-operation.
- Encourage humanity's pride in the diversity of cultures for development.

ACRI observes with concern:

- 1) *That* the values ruling the international community presently are dominated by the philosophy of materialism, which is essentially a Western cultural element. This materialism does not seem adequate as a value for guiding the global international family;
- 2) *That* some values based on the African heritage could be very useful in helping Africa find its own way inside out and shape the emerging global family with inputs that are not necessarily materialistic;
- 3) *That* it is possible to study the various aspects of the African culture, extract relevant elements that may be useful in guiding Africa and the world. Then these values would be packaged by way of writing, filming, videotaping and other methods, including performance and cultural centers, and then present them to the world for global enrichment; and
- 4) *That* Africa's emerging generation will have what to fall back to when they realize the damage that may have been done on them by cultural alienation. This imperative is equally pertinent to the Africans lost in the Diaspora.

Main activities of the Organization:

1. Identification, documentation, research (including inventory - making) to unearth valuable cultural gems that may be useful in guiding Africa and the world during the development of the 21st century and beyond. This will start off the establishment of African cultural mines, extracting cultural gems from traditional spiritual values for Africa's development, on the one hand, and, for the benefit of the global society, on the other hand;
2. Preservation of the valuable intangible cultural heritage of Africa and protection through production of valuable documents in all the modern forms of media on African cultural wealth; these will be produced for use in the educational institutions in Africa as well as in the other parts of the world;
3. Promotion, revitalization and enhancement of the positive aspects of African culture in the spirit of 2005 UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions;
4. Editing through identifying and discouraging the negative aspects of African culture.
5. The Institute drives interest in research and documentation of the African, (indeed, global) spiritual traditional culture of the different peoples of the world for the benefit of creating a viable global family; and
6. The African traditional values are highlighted in a novel fashion, to adapt/adopt them to the current conditions pertaining to the development of Africa as well as to the destiny of a new global civilization.

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

ACRI's activities are in safeguarding and promoting African Culture in its various forms of the traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions (TCEs) and expressions of folklore (EoF).

One of the major challenges of the African culture is that it is not documented, studied or researched. It still remains in its oral and aural forms among the African communities. When it is documented it will be easily accessible and equally vulnerable to economic and commercial exploitation in various ways due to its great potential. It is our vision and belief that the rich African Cultural heritage should benefit its rightful owners in all ways for their economic development.

We want to follow and contribute to discussions and deliberations of issues dealing with protection and rights among African communities. We also want to participate in WIPO's activities, thus empowering our NGO with the current knowledge and trends in the advocacy of these issues.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Kenya but with a vision of operations in other African countries.

Additional Information:

Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant.

1. ACRI was providentially born in January 2003 to later be joined by the UNESCO convention for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of Mankind, which was adopted on 17th October 2003. In this regard, ACRI is a complementary tool to the 2003 Convention for Safeguarding ICH. ACRI also promotes the 2005 UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions;
2. In September/October 2009, ACRI was recommended for Accreditation by UNESCO as Cultural Advisors for Africa by the Intergovernmental Committee of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. The Accreditation will be confirmed at the General Assembly meeting in June 2010; and
3. ACRI is working with the Kenya Ministry of National Heritage and Culture, Ministry of Tourism and, of course, UNESCO in the activities of safeguarding and valorizing the Intangible Cultural Heritage in the spirit of these 2 UNESCO Conventions.

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Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Oscar William Valbuena Vega

Legal Representative  
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AKUAIPA WAIMAKAT - Association for the Dissemination, Promotion and Defense of Human and Indigenous Rights

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Association, AKUAIPA WAIMAKAT, is an indigenous organization created with the aim of disseminating, promoting and defending human rights and basic indigenous rights under the protection of the national law, the Indigenous Charter of Colombia and the regulations governing indigenous territories.

The focus of its sphere of action includes promoting, strengthening and defending human rights and basic indigenous rights; the protection of intellectual property and indigenous traditional knowledge; strengthening ancestral justice; respect for human rights; strengthening indigenous organizational capacity; defending the rights of indigenous children, youth and women; strengthening the indigenous presence at international events dealing with human rights protection; developing activities focused on providing access to new technologies for indigenous peoples; encouraging self-organized education; eradicating contemporary forms of slavery; and eliminating racial discrimination.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- (1) Coordinating activities related to processes for promoting, disseminating and protecting the human and indigenous rights of the indigenous peoples of Colombia;
- (2) Boosting knowledge and the application of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights in all areas linked to the survival and integrity of indigenous Colombian peoples;

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- (3) Developing support projects for indigenous communities, in the context of the defense of the territoriality, autonomy, fundamental rights, intellectual property and traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples;
- (4) Boosting local training efforts, analyses and compiling local inventories centered on the protection of traditional knowledge and biodiversity in the ancestral territories of indigenous peoples;
- (5) Managing development cooperation programs and projects for the full protection and promotion of human and indigenous rights; and towards the search for improved living conditions for indigenous peoples as regards health, education, housing, the environment, employment and strengthening culture as a whole; and
- (6) Developing audiovisual and written support material for the promotion of the issue of human rights in the indigenous territories of Colombia.

Main activities of the Organization:

- (1) Training and induction workshops aimed at indigenous leaders, which focus on strengthening human and indigenous rights and the promotion of economic, social and cultural rights;
- (2) Awareness, dissemination and protection campaigns aimed at strengthening protection strategies for the environment, natural resources, intellectual property, biodiversity, sacred territories, traditional knowledge and the folklore of indigenous peoples;
- (3) Administration and development of services provided by a documentation and training center on indigenous traditional knowledge;
- (4) Training workshops for indigenous youth on understanding and using new technologies and developing indigenous organizational and traditional strengths;
- (5) Legal activities for the defense and protection of the rights of indigenous boys, girls, youth and women;
- (6) Providing legal assistance and support programs for indigenous peoples threatened by processes of displacement, violence, discrimination and other forms of intolerance;
- (7) Training, guidance and promotion of strategies aimed at eliminating contemporary slavery; and
- (8) Organizational and traditional working days aimed at strengthening indigenous legal systems.

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)

Advances in science, new technologies, various forms of globalization and the applications of western development have given a very strong impetus to the issue of intellectual property and its legal applications which clash or interfere with the protection of indigenous traditional knowledge. Some recent innovations, inventions or discoveries have led to specific expressions

and manifestations of indigenous folklore being considered a registered object to the detriment of indigenous traditional knowledge and practices.

Traditional medicine, indigenous healing practices, folklore and the whole range of cultural expressions and traditional knowledge which assist indigenous peoples in transmitting education, values, history and survival, currently necessitate intercultural legal mechanisms for national and international protection.

Our indigenous organization would like to participate in contracting and understanding such realities, and to be able to contribute ideas and proposals to create an international protection mechanism for indigenous traditional knowledge in the context of a fair global society which applies sustainable development that guarantees respect and survival of indigenous traditional knowledge.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Colombia

Additional information:

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Since 2002, the organization AKUAIPA WAIMAKAT has developed projects, plans and activities focused on training in the promotion and defense of basic human rights and indigenous rights in Colombia. It has developed human rights projects with the support of the United Nations and has facilitated the participation of Colombian indigenous leaders as active observers in United Nations meetings on the rights of indigenous peoples (including the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, the Durban (Declaration) Review Conference, the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)). The organization is part of the United Nations Indigenous Peoples Caucus, and has developed conceptual contributions, documents and positions which have facilitated thinking, deliberations and recommendations at specific events of the United Nations as regards the rights of indigenous peoples.

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Vice-President

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The Indigenous Peoples Association of Venezuela (APIVEN)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Indigenous Peoples Association of Venezuela (APIVEN) is an organization representing indigenous peoples which was founded by representatives of different ethnic groups. It promotes, coordinates and implements activities which contribute to establishing mechanisms for participation and activities which guarantee respect for the rights of indigenous peoples from a gender perspective, and also implements activities which contribute to maintaining, revitalizing and preserving indigenous cultures and languages and guarantees respect and dissemination thereof, carrying out studies on indigenous history, world vision and traditions, as well as promoting the application of indigenous traditional medicine.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

In accordance with Article 3 of the APIVEN Statutory Constitution, the Association's objectives are as follows:

1. Promoting, coordinating and implementing activities which contribute to establishing mechanisms for participation and action guaranteeing respect for human rights and the rights of indigenous peoples, as established under the Venezuelan legal system, and under international standards in favor of our peoples;
2. Promoting, coordinating and implementing activities which contribute to guaranteeing the right of indigenous peoples to be equal to all other peoples while recognizing the right of all peoples to be different, to consider themselves different and to be respected as such;
3. Promoting, coordinating and implementing activities which contribute to eliminating manifestations of racism, discrimination, slavery, semi-slavery, forced labor, trafficking in human beings, debt bondage and other contemporary forms of slavery in general;

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4. Promoting, coordinating and implementing activities which contribute to the demarcation and certification of indigenous peoples' territories, as well as recovering the territories of indigenous peoples and communities which have been illicitly appropriated, taking into account that, among other considerations, indigenous peoples have suffered historical injustices as a result of the colonization and alienation of their lands, territories and resources, which has prevented the exercise, in particular, of their right to development in line with their own needs and interests;
5. Promoting, coordinating and implementing activities which contribute to preserving the environment and biodiversity, to mitigate environmental problems and particularly activities which contribute to the exercise of the right of indigenous peoples to respect for their indigenous traditional knowledge, traditional cultures and practices, as guarantors of sustainable development, biodiversity conservation and as an equitable model for the use of natural resources and the environment;
6. Providing better living conditions for indigenous peoples by means of exercising the right to self-development, on the premise that indigenous peoples' control of the events which affect them and their lands, territories and resources will enable them to maintain and strengthen their institutions, cultures and traditions, and to promote their development in line with their aspirations and needs;
7. Promoting, coordinating and implementing activities which contribute to maintaining, revitalizing and preserving indigenous cultures and languages and to guaranteeing respect and dissemination thereof; enabling studies on indigenous history, world vision and traditions, as well as promoting the application of indigenous traditional medicine;
8. One of the objectives of the Association is to create and collaborate with networks, alliances, institutes and other information and documentation centers specialized in preserving, conserving and disseminating the cultural and linguistic values of indigenous peoples, and in that regard, the capacity to publish books, periodicals, magazines and all types of publications which contribute to disseminating information of interest to indigenous peoples and for the protection of human rights in general;
9. Stimulating any activity the aim of which is the defense of liberty, human rights, democracy and the self-determination of peoples;
10. The Association shall carry out work aimed at the development of indigenous peoples, to ensure their improvement and that of their institutions, by means of related activities in the common interest, based on exchange, association, research and dissemination. In this regard, it shall carry out such exchanges to develop programs or projects, group training or making alliances with all suitable national and international institutions and bodies. Members undertake to provide each other with advice, technical support and exchange of services in the fields of research, administration, documentation, dissemination and activism for the purposes of sustaining the reach of the Association;
11. The Association shall promote activities for exchanging equipment for computing, libraries, audiovisual equipment, Internet access, the availability of databases, access to library archives, social networks, links to reciprocal communication and information media, as regards experiences in areas of common interest or the development of projects and activities, with any suitable factors, with the aim of strengthening the Association, its members and the community;

12. The Association shall promote activities to exercise and organize any means necessary to increase social activities, specifically the development of activities related to education, sport, culture, work, appearance and the infrastructure works of communities; and
13. The Association shall promote, coordinate and implement activities that contribute to studying, analyzing, assessing, monitoring and disseminating the situation of human rights at the regional, national and international level, as well as also submitting reports on that situation, with the ability to seek administrative, judicial or any other form of review before all the courts to obtain the re-establishment of the legal situations infringed.

Main activities of the Organization:

- (1) Analyzes the practices of Amazon indigenous peoples to transmit traditional knowledge;
- (2) Informs indigenous peoples on the legal context of traditional knowledge protection;
- (3) Provides legal defense and assistance to many sister indigenous organizations in Venezuela;
- (4) Designs teaching materials aimed at focusing on the rights related to the role of indigenous peoples;
- (5) Promotes the dissemination of information to indigenous peoples on WIPO, intellectual property, traditional knowledge and folklore;
- (6) Participates in the deliberations of the Venezuelan indigenous movement;
- (7) Drafts reports and documents which describe the situation of the indigenous peoples, traditional knowledge and cultural heritage of Venezuela; and
- (8) Organizes events, fora, workshops and related activities for the defense of the rights of indigenous peoples.

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 people are the centuries-old custodians of accumulated knowledge on natural medicinal resources. An aggravating situation is that traditional knowledge is clearly undergoing a period of decline due to a reduction in its practice, maintained principally by the elders who are aware of the communities and therefore not the new generations who are undergoing an acculturation process due to the penetration of all types of external agents which have a cultural, social and economic impact.

This is why it is so important to preserve, recover and protect traditional knowledge related to biodiversity and cultural practices. However, such protection has been said necessarily to involve the recognition of the spiritual building blocks of ancestral systems, the protection of indigenous territories, their collective nature and the recognition that the ancestral practices of indigenous peoples are different ways of creating knowledge and not necessarily as knowledge which should be incorporated in western scientific frameworks.

APIVEN has the capacity to make significant contributions to the meetings of the Committee, by virtue of being an organization of traditional indigenous authorities, and has worked with plans and proposals to preserve traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples in the Venezuelan Amazon

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Venezuela

Additional information:

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

APIVEN submitted to UNDP Venezuela a project aimed at promoting the conservation and preservation of the knowledge, innovations and practices of the Baniwa and Jivi indigenous peoples from Amazonas State on preserving regional biodiversity and on its potential uses, by means of the proactive involvement of indigenous peoples in conservation management, an analysis of their means of transmitting knowledge to new generations, training in the legal context of protecting knowledge and drafting a proposal for the conservation of regional biodiversity from an indigenous perspective.

APIVEN has also participated in the defense of traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples of the Venezuelan Amazon, faced with potential threats of biopiracy including those highlighted by the Biozulua Project carried out by the Foundation for the Development of Physical and Natural Sciences (FUDECI) of Venezuela.

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Full name of the Organization:

Association for the Development of Angolan Civil Society (ADSCA)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Founded on October 16, 2007, at Saurimo, in the Province of Lunda Sul, in the East of Angola, with its headquarters currently in Luanda, located at 5, Rue Albano Machado, Quartier Maculusso, Municipality of Ingombota.

The Association for the Development of Angolan Civil Society, or its acronym, ADSCA, is a non-profit, apolitical and philanthropic association, which carries out humanitarian activities in Angola, with the aim of promoting and protecting human and peoples' rights, as well as initiating other social impact projects for the development of the community.

In carrying out its activities, ADSCA comprises three main bodies: the General Assembly, Executive Board and the Steering and Executive Committee, and aims to achieve its objectives, through the contribution of its full members and also its participation in carrying out certain development projects in collaboration with other funded social partners.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- (1) Promoting and protecting or defending human and peoples' rights; and
- (2) Initiating other social impact projects for the development of the community.

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- (1) Promotion and protection of human rights in general and those of indigenous peoples in particular;
- (2) Promotion of the rights of women in general and of indigenous or rural women, promotion of the equality of the sexes between women and men and combating violence against women in all its forms;
- (3) Awareness campaigns for civil society with the aim of ensuring the proper functioning of and respect for international laws and standards of human rights and also of combating impunity;
- (4) Awareness campaigns on the promotion of freedom of expression, the press, associations and meetings;
- (5) Awareness campaigns on the promotion of the rights of vulnerable groups and victims of discrimination, with special regard for the rights of children, the disabled and those living with HIV/AIDS;
- (6) Campaigns in favor of the promotion of civic and electoral education, and conflict resolution;
- (7) Campaigns in favor of the economic, social and cultural rights of indigenous populations, and the respect for and protection of the cultural heritage of each people; and
- (8) Supervision and promotion of activities in favor of the social re-integration of abandoned and separated orphans, generally known as street children.

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ADSCA is a national NGO whose aim is the promotion and protection of human and peoples' rights, and the implementation of other social impact projects for community development, which by so doing aims to promote the implementation of certain action programs and different types of other social impact projects with the aim of solving problems within its sphere of action which indigenous populations face and thereby ensure respect for their rights as recognized under national and international law in the fields of culture, education, health, human rights, the environment and that of sustainable economic and social development for their welfare.

We are interested in the issues considered by the Committee since they allow us as indigenous people to be aware of and become familiar with our rights and to have control, an opinion on our heritage and fair and equitable sharing of benefits from its use.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Republic of Angola

Additional information:

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

In addition to its active participation in the process of monitoring the legislative elections of September 5, 2008, as a member of the thematic networks of NGOs for human rights protection, the fight against AIDS, people living with the AIDS virus and that of NGOs which provide assistance to women who have been victims of violence and of human trafficking, ADSCA carries out support programs for the promotion of sexual equality, the fight against all forms of violence against women, and to contribute to reducing the negative impact of weapons in maintaining public order, individual and collective safety, during the process of national reconciliation and reconstruction in Angola. ADSCA participates also in the process of disarming Angolan citizens who own light weapons, acquired unlawfully during the period of war which so shook the country over the course of the past three decades.

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Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Santos Tzorin Julajuj

Bachelor of Legal and Social Sciences

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Mayan Council of Cultural and Intellectual Property of Guatemala (SAQIL NAÒJ)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Mayan Council of Cultural and Intellectual Property of Guatemala (SAQIL NAÒJ) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization, based on the principles of volunteering and equality of rights between its members; and consists of male and female lawyers, social workers and other social science professionals who practice their profession in the various fields of Guatemalan Mayan rights. Members come from different linguistic communities of the Mayan people and are aware of the issues surrounding Mayan cultural and intellectual property rights. The overall objective of the organization is to contribute to the study, rehabilitation, development and defense of the cultural and intellectual property of the Mayan people; its mission is to promote the study, rehabilitation, development and defense of Mayan cultural and intellectual property and its approach is the effective defense, full respect and excellent understanding of Mayan cultural and intellectual property.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- (1) Protecting, preserving and promoting traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions and genetic resources of indigenous Guatemalan Mayan communities;
- (2) Providing legal assistance to natural and legal persons as regards Mayan cultural and intellectual property;
- (3) Encouraging the creation of a legal instrument for protecting the Guatemalan Mayan people's cultural expressions, traditional knowledge and genetic resources;
- (4) Developing the organization into a consultative body for the State as regards indigenous Mayan cultural and intellectual property rights;
- (5) Encouraging indigenous communities to use and preserve their cultural expressions, traditional knowledge and genetic resources;

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- (6) Carrying out scientific research, drafting recommendations, organizing courses and seminars, roundtables and meetings, exhibitions, lectures, fora and other activities with respect to the issue;
- (7) Strengthening ties and cooperation with State, local and international bodies working in the field of indigenous cultural and intellectual property; and
- (8) Disseminating information on its aims and activities, organizing programs on information media, creating websites and other necessary measures.

Main activities of the Organization:

- (1) Developing a strategic plan on Mayan cultural and intellectual property over a period of ten years;
- (2) Compiling bibliographical data on the issue;
- (3) Political and academic training of members of the organization;
- (4) Maintaining contact with other non-governmental and governmental organizations which deal with the rights of indigenous peoples;
- (5) Participation in some meetings organized by the General Registry of Intellectual Property of Guatemala on indigenous cultural and intellectual property; and
- (6) Outlining a plan to carry out an analysis of Mayan cultural and intellectual property.

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)

Guatemala is a multicultural country with 23 ethnic groups with their own languages, traditions, cultural expressions, etc.; there are also various types of indigenous organizations which promote language research, study and protection, spirituality and customary law of Mayan peoples. However, there is no specific organization which deals with indigenous cultural and intellectual property rights. This is why this organization is interested in the subject of promoting research, study, rehabilitation and problem-solving for the protection of cultural expressions, traditional knowledge and genetic resources owned by Guatemalan Mayan communities which day by day are being plagiarized and illicitly used by third parties. In order for the organization to carry out its objectives, we believe it is necessary to understand this issue in other national and international fora, in this instance, the World Intellectual Property Organization.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

The Republic of Guatemala

Additional information:

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

In Guatemala, studies or debate on issues related to traditional expressions, traditional knowledge, genetic resources and protection, and access to benefit sharing derived from

indigenous Mayan cultural and intellectual property rights are very scarce. Taking as a starting point the way in which such issues are dealt with in the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee , we believe it is vital to gain international experience to be able to contribute to finding solutions to the problems facing our Mayan communities and inform others of the point of view of our people in the discussions held in this regard at WIPO.

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Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Thomas R. Eimer



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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Free University Berlin  
Dept. of Political and Social Science  
Otto Suhr Institute for Political Science  
Center for International Political Economy

Description of the Organization:

The Center for International Political Economy is conducting several studies on international intellectual property regulation, which are funded by the *Fritz Thyssen Foundation* and the *Deutsche Forschungsgesellschaft*. Our research focuses on the negotiations about patent law and traditional knowledge. We are interested in decision-making structures, processes, and mechanisms in the multi-level-governance system of international organizations, states, and civil society. Moreover, we are interested in the implementation processes of international agreements (e.g. TRIPS, CBD) in industrialized countries (Europe, USA) emerging economies (India, Brazil), and developing countries.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- 1) Research on actors, institutions, and political decision-making processes and mechanisms in the field of international patent regulation; and
- 2) Research on the implementation of TRIPS and CBD in India and Brazil

Main activities of the Organization:

- 1) Publication of research results (conference papers, articles, monographs); and
- 2) Teaching (undergraduate and graduate courses)

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As our research is focused on decision-making structures and processes in the field of international patent law and traditional knowledge, we are interested in attending the Committee's meeting mainly for two reasons. First, we would like to get a direct impression of the interaction between governmental and non-governmental representatives. Second, we would like to establish contacts with representatives in order to set up meetings for a later stage of our research project. Most notably, we hope to get in contact with the representatives from indigenous groups in order to arrange meetings in South America and/or Asia.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

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[signed]

Albert DeTERVILLE

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Full name of the Organization:

Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore International (GRTKF Int.)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The 'Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (GRTKF Int.) was established in January 2010 at the instance of THE ALDET CENTRE-SAINT LUCIA, an International Indigenous Peoples Non-governmental Organization in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

The Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore International (GRTKF Int.) is an international NGO umbrella organization, constituting of national representatives of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities from the seven geographical regions of the world, with each region having one representative.

Representatives of the Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore International (GRTKF Int.) are Indigenous Peoples and Local Community Experts functioning at various fora such as the United Nations Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues, including the World Intellectual Property Organization Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- 1) Implementation of Articles 11:1 and 31:1 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other national, regional and international instruments pertaining to the same;
- 2) Coordinates Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities positions on traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions and genetic sources at the national, regional and international levels;

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- 3) Preserves, protects and promotes the intellectual property, genetic resources and traditional knowledge and folklore/traditional cultural expressions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in the seven geographical regions of the world;
- 4) Assists in the harmonization of the worldwide collective positions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities with respect to their traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions and genetic resources within the Convention on Biological Diversity, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the Food and Agricultural Organization, the United Nations Environment Program, the World Health Organization, the World Trade Organization, UNESCO and the Global Environment Program, and as well as, among the other members of the United Nations Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues;
- 5) Provides worldwide support to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, as owners, custodians and holders of their intellectual property, genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore/traditional cultural expressions;
- 6) Collaborates with States and the United Nations Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues in the formulation and implementation of national, regional and international protective mechanisms for the intellectual property, traditional knowledge, folklore/traditional cultural expressions and genetic resources of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, worldwide; and
- 7) Engages in the promotion and execution of national, regional and international expositions of traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions for and on behalf of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, worldwide.

Main activities of the Organization:

- 1) Preserves, protects and promotes the intellectual property, genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore/traditional cultural expressions on Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, worldwide; and
- 2) Executes an international project on the harmonization of the work of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore with regard to the Access and Benefit-Sharing Protocol to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the proposed International Instrument(s) for the protection of Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.

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The Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore International (GRTKF Int.) compose of a number of active Indigenous Peoples and Local Community Organizations and their representatives, having observer status with the World Intellectual Property Organization Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore.

The Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore International (GRTKF Int.) was formed out of a need to bring together the expertise of Indigenous Peoples and Local Community Representatives to enhance their contributions at deliberations of the World Intellectual Property

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

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

As of June 2010, the Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore International (GRTKF Int.) possessed Focal Points in: Saint Lucia, United States of America, Nepal, France, Morocco, Alaska, Antigua-Barbuda, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominica, French Guyana, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Jamaica, Fiji, Kenya, Mauritius, Namibia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Saint Vincent & The Grenadines, Samoa, Senegal, Suriname, South Africa, Trinidad & Tobago, Venezuela, West Papua.

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

The Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore International (GRTKF Int.) encourages a structured approach to collaboration between Indigenous Peoples and Local Community Representatives and Member States of WIPO on the one hand and the WIPO Secretariat on the other hand in the formulation and implementation of International Instruments for the protection of the Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore/Traditional Cultural Expressions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, worldwide

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Mr. Paul Joffe

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Full name of the Organization:

Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) (GCCEI)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The GCCEI is an incorporated body in Quebec, Canada, that is mandated to: 1) act as a regional council, group, or association to solve and assist in solving problems of the Cree people in Quebec; 2) assist the Cree people of Quebec through all means permitted by law to affirm, exercise, protect, enlarge and have recognized and accepted the rights, claims and interest of the Cree people of Quebec; 3) foster, promote, protect and assist in preserving the way of life values and traditions of the Cree people of Quebec; 4) improve and assist in improving the conditions in Cree communities and lands of northern Quebec and to foster and promote the development of Cree lands.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- 1) Biodiversity
- 2) Environment
- 3) Human Rights
- 4) Indigenous Peoples
- 5) Sustainable Development
- 6) Governance

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Main activities of the Organization:

- 1) attending sessions of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- 2) attending session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of indigenous Peoples;
- 3) attending session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; and
- 4) attending sessions of the Human Rights Council.

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The GCCEI is also actively involved in current negotiations on a draft Protocol on access and benefit-sharing relation to the Convention on Biological Diversity which addresses traditional knowledge and genetic resource issues. In relation to the CBD draft Protocol, the GCCEI has produced a number of Joint Statements endorsed by Indigenous and civil society organizations from different regions of the world. For over 20 years the GCCEI was actively involved in the standard-setting process that led to the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including article 31 which addresses cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and genetic resources.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Canada

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

In relation to Cree traditional knowledge, the GCCEI is also involved with the University of Montreal in the CIHR Team in Aboriginal Antidiabetic Medicines: A community-based collaborative approach against diabetes in an ethical and culturally respectful manner.

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Yours sincerely,

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Full name of the Organization:

Himalayan Folklore and Biodiversity Study Program IPs Society for Wetland Biodiversity Conservation Nepal

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Himalayan Folklore and Biodiversity Study Program IPs Society for Wetland Biodiversity Conservation Nepal registered non-profit making organization works on restoration, conservation, research, training and public education in the field of biodiversity, ecosystem, species, genetics resources, traditional knowledge, skills, ideas, innovations, culture (intangible and tangible), religious, spiritual, traditions, folklore, customary systems, aesthetics, and intrinsic values of biodiversity, wetlands associate with traditional lifestyle of indigenous peoples.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- 1) To involve, support and provide technical, practical and scientific information for restoration, conservation, capacity building in respective fields such as traditional knowledge, genetic resources, customary, folk system, intellectual properties rights, biodiversity, ethno biology, sacred places and tangible and intangible cultural heritages, etc;
- 2) To support indigenous peoples to develop traditional knowledge based micro enterprises including folk arts, songs, dances, dress, painting, dyeing, artifacts, handicap preparation and promotion, ecotourism, farm tourism links with biodiversity, or nature conservation, genetic resources, ethno biology, wetlands and culture for livelihoods or socio economic up lift;
- 3) To investigate, monitor and document on biodiversity, wetlands, ecosystem, genetic resources, traditional knowledge, culture and spiritual linkage of indigenous peoples with respect customary lore/practice/law and folklore system;
- 4) To adopt and promote theme of Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Ramsar, Cultural Heritage, and Natural Heritage;

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- 5) To conduct research on traditional knowledge, culture, religious and spiritual significances of Himalayan sacred lakes for biodiversity conservation or Nature Conservation; and
- 6) To awareness, Capacity building, empower and institutional strengthen of indigenous peoples on traditional knowledge, intellectual property, rights on genetic resources.

Main activities of the Organization:

- 1) Conduct research and document of folk culture (intangible and tangible) arts, scrip, songs, dances, traditional knowledge, skills, techniques, innovative wisdoms, like dress, dye and its promotion;
- 2) Micro enterprise and entrepreneurship development for socio economic up lift in indigenous community including awareness raising, capacity building activities;
- 3) Participatory restoration, conservation, training and promote traditional knowledge in the field of biodiversity, ecosystem, species, genetic resources, ethno biology, agro biodiversity, folklore system and nature tourism; and
- 4) Provide consultancy services for indigenous peoples and their respective organizations, other CBOs/NGOs/INGOs/GOs for research, training, CEPA and advocacy issues.

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)

Himalayan Folklore and Biodiversity Study programme, IPs led Society for Wetland Biodiversity Conservation Nepal is dedicated to work on biodiversity, wetlands, ecosystem, species, genetic resources links with traditional knowledge and intellectual property rights of indigenous peoples.

As Master in biodiversity and as a professional on CBD, traditional knowledge, genetic resources and intellectual properties rights, I am very interested to be an observer and bring applicable information in our country to promote traditional knowledge associate with genetic resources and intellectual property rights.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Nepal

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

Nepal is a cordial Himalayan county with racial diversity rich in traditional knowledge, biodiversity, genetic resources, culture, traditions, practices and values of indigenous peoples reside in different ecological zones.

Due to lack of documentation, preservation and transformation most of the traditional knowledge, skills, innovative ideas, and indigenous technologies associate with genetic resources, biodiversity are alarmingly disappearing from society.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ASSETS RIGHTS MANAGEMENT (IPARM)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

IPARM is an Intellectual Property (IP) Consultancy and Management Organization with a portfolio of pragmatic IP Development and Management Services for individual IP rights holders, business organizations and national institutions. IPARM is made up of IP Consulting Team and IP Services Experts who provide in-dept information, expertise and tools to develop and implement coherent IP strategies to create tangible economic values to our clients' businesses and develop national capacity to utilize IP systems for wealth creation and growth.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- 1) Promote Intellectual Property rights as having intangible economic assets for business and national growth;
- 2) Promote the use of IP systems such as Traditional Knowledge in meeting the needs of local communities in Ghana and Africa;
- 3) Promote the continuous development of new IP systems and tools to address emerging IP issues;
- 4) Promote public awareness of the benefits of Intellectual Property in Ghana; and
- 5) Promote the teaching of IP in academic institutions.

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Main activities of the Organization:

Our core activities include:

- 1) IP Training and Awareness creation in local communities and academic institutions;
- 2) IP strategies development for business and national institutions;
- 3) IP policy formulation;
- 4) IP assets generation and development;
- 5) IP assets protection, monitoring and enforcements;
- 6) IP portfolio strength analyses;
- 7) IP assets commercialization;
- 8) IP Auditing; and
- 9) IP curricular developments.

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)

IPARM is a solely intellectual property focused organization. Promotion of the economic use of Traditional Knowledge is one of our principal IP portfolio management. IPARM is working to stop the fact extinction of African traditional Knowledge. We work with local stakeholders and students to identify uses of various Traditional Knowledge for disease control and treatments of illnesses, food security, environmental protection, forest conservations and to advance cultural identities.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Ghana

Additional Information:

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

IPARM has been following with keen interest the continuous works on the development of Regional and International protective mechanisms for Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Traditional Cultural Expressions (TCEs) on-going in ARIPO and WIPO respectively. We see the emergence legal instruments for TK and TCEs as what will advance our course in putting pressure on our Governments to making budgetary support and policy guidelines to stop the fast extinction of the TK of indigenous communities in Ghana. IPARM is seeking to lead the campaign for the recognition and utilization of economically valuable TK in generating employment, reducing poverty and advancing the social development of our local communities.

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Yours sincerely.

[signed]

Luis Evelis Andrade Casama  
Senior Counselor/Legal Representative

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Full name of the Organization:

The National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC) is an indigenous organization which works at the national level to represent the 102 indigenous peoples of Colombia. It was founded in 1982 and has led various struggles for indigenous territories in Colombia. It is an integral part of approximately 65 regional indigenous organizations from all regions of Colombia. The affectations of indiscriminate capitalist development, the imposition of State policies to the detriment of cultural values, ignorance of full territorial and cultural rights, violence and systematic institutional genocide and that of armed agents against ethnic groups, among others, have been some of the underlying motivations of indigenous peoples to remain united under the cover of the Organization, and demand, in the light of approaching new challenges and threats, a platform of claims for their fundamental rights, based on the cultural principles of Unity, Territory, Culture and Autonomy.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

The main aims of the National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC) are the consolidation of UNITY, TERRITORY, CULTURE and AUTONOMY for the indigenous peoples of Colombia; from the following perspectives:

UNITY: As a mechanism for organizational strengthening of the defense of indigenous communities.

LAND: As an essential element of the life and development of indigenous peoples.

CULTURE: To strengthen, reclaim and maintain identity as indigenous peoples.

AUTONOMY: To apply the above principles and as an exercise in authority and power.

Additionally, the Organization has the following specific objectives:

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- (1) Defending indigenous autonomy;
- (2) Defending the indigenous territories and recovering misappropriated land, the collective property of the Protected Areas;
- (3) Controlling natural resources located in indigenous territories;
- (4) Boosting economic community organizations;
- (5) Defending indigenous history, culture and traditions;
- (6) Providing bilingual and intercultural education under the control of indigenous authorities;
- (7) Recovering and stimulating traditional medicine and demanding health programs in line with the social and cultural characteristics of the communities;
- (8) Demanding the application of Law No. 89 of 1890 and other provisions favorable to indigenous peoples;
- (9) Maintaining solidarity with the claims of other social sectors; and
- (10) Applying the conclusions of the Congresses of the Organization.

Main activities of the Organization:

- (1) Training, support and legal programs as well as related events centered on eradicating contemporary forms of slavery and training in eliminating racial discrimination;
- (2) Campaigns, events and plans for advancement and promotion of intercultural values and the development of education, under the ownership of the Peoples and Cultures;
- (3) Training, legal assistance and ongoing support programs for vulnerable communities in promoting, strengthening and defending human rights' processes;
- (4) Providing local, regional and national indigenous leaders with training in the explanation, induction and knowledge of indigenous traditional knowledge protection and defense mechanisms;
- (5) Providing indigenous leaders with training on topics for strengthening Special Indigenous Jurisdiction (ancestral indigenous justice);
- (6) Developing training programs, projects and plans to bring urgent support to vulnerable groups and communities at risk: providing legal assistance to persons whose human and indigenous rights have been affected;
- (7) Strengthening the technical aspects of indigenous organizations and consultation in developing indigenous projects;
- (8) Providing local and regional training workshops, seminars and programs on defending the rights of indigenous children, youth and women;
- (9) Developing social impact projects for marginal communities;

- (10) Strengthening the indigenous presence at various international events;
- (11) Developing actions focused on providing indigenous peoples with access to new technologies;
- (12) Providing technical training and training for improving indigenous health processes; and
- (13) Professional training and orientation projects focused on the protection of traditional knowledge, oral history, cultural tradition and expressions of indigenous peoples.

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)

Intellectual property is a priority topic on the agendas of indigenous peoples and organizations in Colombia and the world, since it is linked with or impacts the momentum and historical continuity of the practice and value of indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge and cultural expressions.

In reality, public State thinking and policies, as well as western development have favored opportunities for intellectual property to impact certain traditional expressions and traditional knowledge of our peoples and communities. It is necessary to build bridges of understanding for future and current innovations, discoveries or new technologies so as not to detract from, exclude or condemn to oblivion and extinction traditional indigenous cultural forms and practices, folklore or knowledge.

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).

Since 1982, the National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC) has carried out many and diverse projects focused on defending basic indigenous rights. It has participated at the international level in the different bodies of the United Nations in which important topics for indigenous peoples are discussed. It has actively participated in Inter-American human rights bodies and in the various meetings of the Organization of American States (OAS) as regards building scenarios for the protection of indigenous peoples' rights in Colombia.

Some indigenous national members and leaders, with the support of ONIC, have taken part in international events on biodiversity and indigenous peoples, mining projects and indigenous peoples, global warming and indigenous peoples, or in topic-based meetings on the protection of traditional knowledge and intellectual property with a view to defending the basic rights of indigenous peoples.

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[signed]

TARISI VUNIDILO  
Secretary-General, PIMA  
(Name and Signature of Representative)

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## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

PACIFIC ISLAND MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION (PIMA)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Pacific Islands Museums Association (PIMA) was established as a regional forum where heritage professionals could exchange their views and work towards improving the quality of the services that they provided to the public.

The first PIMA Board was appointed in 1994 and the Association's Vision, Mission and Aims were first developed in 1997. During the first years of PIMA, the Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC) hosted and supported the Secretariat in New Caledonia. PIMA was officially accepted as an affiliated organization of the International Council of Museums (ICOM) in 1998 and in May 1999 PIMA was incorporated in Fiji as a Charitable Trust. The Secretariat's office was located at the Fiji Museum until mid-2006 when PIMA relocated the Secretariat to its current office hosted by the Vanuatu Cultural Centre.

It is the first and only regional, multilingual, multicultural, non-profit organization that assists Pacific museums, cultural centers and peoples to preserve Pacific Island Heritage.

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

PIMA's Vision:

"Working together, preserving, celebrating and nurturing the heritage of the peoples of the Pacific Islands"

PIMA's Mission:

PIMA is a regional, multilingual, non-profit organization that:

- 1) Assists Pacific museums, cultural centers and peoples to preserve Pacific Island heritage;
- 2) Develops community participation in heritage management;

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- 3) Brings together museums and cultural centers in Pacific Islands to develop their capacity to identify, research, manage, interpret and nurture cultural and natural heritage;
- 4) Advocates the development of regional cultural resource management policies and practices, facilitates training, and provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and skills; and
- 5) Provides and encourages regional and global linkages which support Pacific islands heritage preservation.

PIMA's Objectives:

- 1) To represent the interests and concerns of museums and cultural centers in the region;
- 2) To develop communication links which bring together professionals and institutions in support of Pacific Islands Heritage Management;
- 3) To promote community involvement in the vision of PIMA through consultation, education and access activities;
- 4) To enhance human resources through education and training;
- 5) To develop and promote ethics and standards;
- 6) To advice and work with governments and other agencies in matters of heritage management and policy;
- 7) To facilitate the protection and restitution of tangible and intangible cultural property; and
- 8) To market PIMA.

Main activities of the Organization:

- 1) PIMA develops community participation in heritage management and brings together museums and cultural centers in Pacific Islands to develop their capacity to identify, research, manage, interpret and nurture cultural and natural heritage;
- 2) PIMA advocates the development of regional cultural resource management policies and practices, facilitates training, and provides a forum for exchange of ideas and skills;
- 3) PIMA provides and encourages regional and global linkages, which support Pacific Island heritage preservation; and
- 4) PIMA works through courses, workshops, forums for exchange of values and ideas, the development of exhibits and other projects, all based on constant communication by email, fax, telephone, but most effectively, by meeting face-to-face. It is a difficult, challenging and costly task.

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PIMA has been active in the region and in particular in Fiji when it comes to heritage management especially in terms of working with Pacific countries in nomination procedure to the World Heritage Sites. PIMA assisted in the coordination of the World Heritage Centre 2nd Global Strategy Meeting in Port Vila in August 1999. It was at that meeting that PIMA was asked to become a referee to the nominations of World Heritage Centre.

PIMA Board Member Ralph Regenvanu acted as a Resource person/Presenter at the International Council of Museums' (ICOM) "Traditional Knowledge Systems, Museums and Intangible 'Natural' Heritage: A Capacity Building Workshop", Hyderabad and Araku Valley, Andhra Pradesh, India in February 2008. The Workshop was organized by Professor Amarewar Galla, Convenor of the Pacific Asia Observatory for Cultural Diversity in Human Development (PAO) who was made a PIMA Trustee at the May 2008 AGM.

PIMA is genuinely interested in matters associated with intellectual property matters, mostly those related with Indigenous communities.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

PIMA's Secretariat is based in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

There are over 45 museums and cultural centers in the Pacific Islands. They play a vital role in their communities by maintaining traditional cultures, art, and customs, preserving the physical heritage, educating and entertaining visitors of all ages, maintaining a sense of community and creating sustainable economic development in each nation. They have, above all, the aim of maintaining living cultures in all their forms and assisting people to live together in harmony.

PIMA represents museums, cultural centre, national trusts, cultural departments and ministries, national parks, historic preservation offices, interpretative centers, cultural associations and arts councils. Efforts were made by the SG in 2006 to encourage lapsed members to renew their subscriptions with PIMA.

Members of the Association encompass all types of museums, cultural centers, non-profit and profit organizations, international museums with Pacific collections, universities, research centers and individuals within the region and internationally which support the PIMA vision, mission aims and activities. The PIMA Executive Board is a body of seven members representing Fiji, New Caledonia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu.

PIMA members include all the countries, states and territories of the Pacific region including American Samoa, Cook Islands, Easter Island (Rapa Nui) Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Hawaii, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Northern Mariana Islands, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Western Samoa.

All the communities participating in PIMA are represented by their cultural institutions in their countries, states and territories be it a museum, cultural centre, national trust, cultural department, ministry, national park, historic preservation office, interpretative centre, cultural associations organizations or arts council.

Beneficiaries:

- 1) PIMA member museums;
- 2) Staff working in Pacific Islands Museums and Cultural Centers;
- 3) Pacific Islands communities;
- 4) International organizations and institutions that deal with Pacific Islands heritage;
- 5) Researchers who use the collections, both local and international;

- 6) Pacific Islanders living overseas (Diaspora populations);
- 7) Visitors and tourists; and
- 8) Collections, sites, traditions.

PIMA maintains that Pacific Islands museums and cultural centers institutions work for the good of their community by:

- 1) Promoting traditions of daily life, art and crafts and spirituality;
- 2) Collecting and conserving heritage: acquisition, documentation, storing/providing a safe house, cataloguing, conservation, legal protection, protecting sites and environment, and research of heritage preservation; and
- 3) Providing community education and enjoyment: exhibits, education for children and adults, loans, publications, media services, marketing, advisory services, demonstrations, entertainment and tourism.

Institutions achieve these activities by planning, fundraising and budgeting, developing staff and facilities and co-operating with other institutions (such as PIMA members). Museums and cultural centers have professional staff members who work in accordance with established international standards and principles, but within a Pacific context.

Participating PIMA Museums:

<b>Museum/or representative Ministry</b>	<b>Country</b>
Australian Museum	AUSTRALIA
Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands Museum of History & Culture(CNMI Museum)	COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
Cook Islands National Museum	COOK ISLANDS
Fiji Museum	FIJI
FSM Office of Archives and Historic Preservation	FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
War in the Pacific National Historical Park	GUAM
Bishop Museum	HAWAII
Hawaiian Mission Children's Society - Mission Houses Museum	HAWAII
Mauna Kea Astronomy Education Centre	HAWAII
Tonga Traditions Committee	KINGDOM OF TONGA
Kiribati National Cultural Centre/Museum	KIRIBATI
Alele Museum	MARSHALL ISLANDS
Tjibaou Cultural Centre - Agence De Development De La Culture Kanak	NEW CALEDONIA
Musée de la Ville de Noumea	NEW CALEDONIA

<b>Museum/or representative Ministry</b>	<b>Country</b>
Musée de l'Histoire Maritime de Nouvelle-Calédonie	NEW CALEDONIA
Musée de Nouvelle-Calédonie	NEW CALEDONIA
Auckland Museum Library	NEW ZEALAND
Huanaki Cultural Centre & Museum	NIUE
Norfolk Island Museum	NORFOLK ISLAND
Belau National Museum	PALAU
Papua New Guinea National Museum and Art Gallery	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
Ministry of Internal Affairs	REPUBLIC OF NAURU
Museum of Samoa	SAMOA
Solomon Islands National Museum	SOLOMON ISLANDS
Musée de Tahiti et de îles	TAHITI
Tonga National Museum	TONGA
Ministry of Home Affairs and Rural Development	TUVALU
Michoutouchkine-Pilioko Foundation and Art Gallery	VANUATU
Vanuatu Kaljoral Senta	VANUATU
Jean P. Hayden Museum	AMERICAN SAMOA
Museo Antropológico Sebastián Englert	EASTER ISLAND
Kosrae Museum	FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
Micronesia Ethnographic Centre	FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
Pohnpei Museum	FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
Yap State Museum	FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
Guam Museum	GUAM
Musée Historique (Bourail Historical Museum)	NEW CALEDONIA
Etpison Museum	PALAU
Robert Louis Stevenson Museum	SAMOA
Musée Paul Gauguin	TAHITI
Musée de la Perle	TAHITI
James Norman Hall Museum	TAHITI

Non-museum or non-Pacific Islands members of PIMA:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Country</b>
Artlab Australia (corporate conservation firm)	AUSTRALIA
Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific Faculty of Arts, Deakin University, Melbourne Victoria	AUSTRALIA
Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) - Cultural Affairs Branch	NEW CALEDONIA
University of Melbourne - Pacific and Regional Archive for Digital Sources in Endangered Cultures, Melbourne Victoria	AUSTRALIA
University of California San Diego -Library	USA
University of British Columbia -Museum of Anthropology	CANADA
Australian National University -Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Canberra Australian Capital Territory	AUSTRALIA
UNESCO Office for the Pacific	SAMOA

Additional Information:

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PIMA is governed by its Constitution and an Executive Board consisting of seven elected members, one honorary member, and four Trustees. The Board includes the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and three members. The Executive Board has full powers of management, and appoints a Secretary General to be responsible for the daily performance of the administrative and organizational work for PIMA.

As a not-for-profit association, PIMA does not have the capacity to fund large projects and is urgently looking for funds to support our work.

Through kind donations and funding from agencies such as ICCROM, UNESCO, the Australian Cultural Grant (Australian High Commission) and the New Zealand High Commission, annual training workshops for cultural professionals were done regularly as a way of learning new techniques, skills and exchanging ideas.

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Full name of the Organization:

Sonccoypa Cusicuynin

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Organization promotes the social, cultural and economic development of Indigenous Quechua and Ashaninka Peoples, located in the Central Andes and in the Central Jungle area of Peru, and works with others in the use and conservation of its resources by means of external funding.

Since 1998, we have successfully carried out several projects in the Andes and in the Central Jungle area of Peru. Currently, we are working on projects in the areas of human rights, indigenous youth and childhood, health services and quality of life, environment, gender – indigenous women, and economic consolidation.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- (1) Its aim, through its various efforts, is to protect, promote and defend the collective and individual rights of these peoples.

Main activities of the Organization:

- (1) We disseminate and provide access for all to knowledge of Quechua and Ashaninka culture, its history and the struggle for self-determination and justice.

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Traditional knowledge, genetic resources and expressions of folklore are economic and cultural assets.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Peru

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Eliamani Isaya Laltaika  
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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Tanzania Intellectual Property Rights Network (TIP-Net)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

A non profit, non-political, non governmental organization NGO registered under the Non Governmental Organizations Act 2002 (Tanzania) with the aim of sensitizing Tanzanians on issues related to Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs).

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- 1) Conduct training and awareness raising on matters of IPRs especially Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions of local and indigenous communities;
- 2) Act as a representative voice of civil societies to the government of the United Republic of Tanzania on matters of IPRs; and
- 3) Conduct research and disseminate information on IPRs in Tanzania and beyond.

Main activities of the Organization:

- 1) Capacity building of community leaders, R&D executives and individuals on issues of IPRs;
- 2) Advocacy and lobbying for community friendly policies related to traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions, biodiversity conservation and IPRs in general;
- 3) Research and Consultancy

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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)

The Tanzania Intellectual Property Rights Network (TIP-Net) is the only IP based NGO in Tanzania. It was established by representatives of local communities, civil society leaders and academics with the sole purpose of protecting traditional knowledge and cultural expressions of local communities in Tanzania from continuing misappropriation by third parties. It is therefore important that TIP-Net networks with like minded organizations worldwide and even more important that it participates in the IGC process since IPRs can only be effectively protected in cooperation with others.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

The United Republic of Tanzania

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

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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,

[signed]

Maria Julia Oliva

Application Form for Accreditation as *Ad Hoc* Observer to the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore<sup>1</sup>

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Union for Ethical Bio Trade

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Union for Ethical Biotrade is a non-profit association that promotes the “Sourcing with Respect” of ingredients that come from native biodiversity. Members commit to gradually ensuring that their sourcing practices promote the conservation of biodiversity, respect traditional knowledge and assure the equitable sharing of benefits all along the supply chain.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- a. To bring together actors committed to Ethical Bio Trade; and
- b. To promote, facilitate and recognize ethical trade practices in goods that meet the sustainable development goals in the Convention of Biological Diversity.

Main activities of the Organization:

- c. Raise awareness of importance of biodiversity, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and ethical sourcing practices;
- d. Promote ethical sourcing practices that advance CBD objectives;
- e. Manage international standard for the ethical sourcing of biodiversity, as well as a third-party verification system;
- f. Provide technical support and expertise on issues linked to the CBD and the ethical sourcing of biodiversity to its members; and
- g. Facilitate the exchange of best practices among its members.

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Please do not enclose any attachment with your application

<sup>1</sup> Please note that the decision on accreditation will not be made by the Secretariat, but by the Member States at the beginning of the session of the Intergovernmental Committee. It is therefore possible that certain organizations may not receive accreditation. Therefore, if the requesting organization is not based in Geneva, it might not be advisable to travel to Geneva for the sole purpose of participating in the session of the Committee until accreditation has been granted. Please note that this application form may be presented to the Committee exactly in the form received. Please therefore, as far as possible, complete the form using a type-writer or word processor. The completed form should preferably be emailed to [grtkf@wipo.int](mailto:grtkf@wipo.int)

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)

UEBT recognizes that the use of patents in relation to biodiversity creates risks as well as opportunities. The CBD calls for intellectual property rights to be “supportive of and do not run counter” the objectives of the Convention. In the context of the Ethical Bio Trade standard, patent practices must also recognize, support and complement the implementation of CBD principles. The objective of the UEBT work on patents and biodiversity is to support members towards understanding and addressing the link between patents and UEBT membership obligations on fair and equitable sharing of benefits and traditional knowledge. Monitoring and contributing to negotiations in the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore would be an important element of such work.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

UEBT has offices in Switzerland and Brazil, and members across Latin America, Africa, Europe and North America.

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

There are two types of UEBT membership: trading members and affiliate members. Affiliate members are organizations or individuals that are supportive of Ethical Bio Trade but are not directly involved in trading. Current affiliate members include the World Conservation Union (IUCN), PhytoTrade Africa and the International Finance Corporation (IFC). Trading members are companies or other types of organizations that are part of supply chains linked to biodiversity. Currently, most members are businesses in the personal care and cosmetics industry. Trading members include Aldivia (France), Aroma Forest (Madagascar), Candela (Peru), Kaite (Zimbabwe), Labfarve (Colombia), Natura Cosmetics (Brazil), Organic Herb Trading Company (United Kingdom), Serdex (France) and Tree Crops (Malawi). Provisional members include Kenzo Parfums (France), Beraca, Health and Personal Division (Brazil) and Novel Development Ghana (Ghana).

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