

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

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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 December 16, 2011, requested accreditation at the Twentieth 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]

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

ADJMOR

Association for Integration and Sustainable Development in Burundi (*Association pour l'Intégration et le Développement durable au Burundi*) (AIDB)

Association of Kabyle Women (*Association de femmes de Kabylie*)

Association of *Kunas* United for Mother Earth (*Asociación Kunas unidos por Napguana*) (KUNA)

Civil Society Organizations' Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Environment in East Africa (CISONET)

Christ is calling you (*Cristo te llama*)

Committee for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (*Comitato per la promozione e protezione dei diritti umani*)

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Institute for European Studies at the *Vrije Universiteit Brussel*

Kabylia for the Environment (*Kabylia pour l'environnement*) (AKE)

Massai Experience

Ontario Federation on Indian Friendship Centres (OFIFC)

Punto Verde Association (*Asociación Punto Verde*)

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Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Hamadi Ag Mohamed Abba

President of the NGO ADMOR

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Application Form for Accreditation as *Ad Hoc* Observer to the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore^{1,2}

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

ADJMOR

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

ADJMOR is an indigenous Tuareg non-governmental organization (NGO) with no political or religious affiliations. It is a not-for-profit organization, in accordance with the legal provisions and regulations in force in the Republic of Mali.

ADJMOR's approach is based on the belief that the participation and formation of networks of emerging local actors in local development constitute an essential contribution in terms of reducing poverty, promoting citizenship and human rights, consolidating democracy and decentralization, and involving indigenous communities in local development.

This belief is also a significant factor in the promotion of partnerships that boost the efforts of the State, sponsors and NGOs to support communities and build peace and stability through dialogue and consultation.

ADJMOR is run by a small committee of four people (volunteers) and a governing body of 25 individuals.

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

The main objectives around which the NGO ADJMOR is built are:

- Lobbying of local authorities (administrative and political) concerning respect for human rights;
- Advocacy actions targeting the administrative and political authorities and partners and promoting approaches involving grass-roots communities in the implementation of actions focused on their development with a view to promoting community ownership of the benefits generated;
- Advocacy, lobbying and the search for financial backing to facilitate access by indigenous communities to basic social services (education, health and water infrastructure);

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- Actions to raise awareness and establish networks of indigenous associations in order to restore the confidence of indigenous populations concerning the use of traditional knowledge and know-how in their daily life;
- Actions to build the capacity of indigenous organizations to better take into account the preservation and promotion of traditional knowledge compatible with the protection of the environment;
- Work to support the process of decentralization and local development in Mali;
- Lobbying and the search for financial backing for local development actions aimed at reducing poverty;
- Advocacy designed to promote human rights, preserve the environment, consolidate democracy and encourage political participation and dialogue, as well as to prevent conflicts;
- Work to raise awareness among community leaders concerning changes in behavior regarding the issues of human rights and gender through initiatives to restore women to their traditional role as promoters of culture within nomadic Tuareg circles.

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

ADJMOR's main activities consist of advocacy, lobbying, the search for financial backing for development initiatives in the fields of health, education, water infrastructure, art and culture, environmental protection, the building of the capacities of indigenous communities in terms of the ownership of benefits and changing behavior regarding issues of human rights, gender and the practice and preservation of traditional knowledge compatible with the environment.

Activities in the field:

- Support for 10 schools and schooling of nomadic populations:
 - i. Provision of equipment allowing for the generation of income for the schools;
 - ii. Construction of school walls;
 - iii. Creation of school-management committees;
 - iv. Access to drinking water for pupils;
 - v. Practice of hand-washing with soap at school level;
 - vi. Support in terms of supplies.
- Support and activities targeting associations of Tuareg craftspeople (male and female) with regard to approaches to the promotion of traditional knowledge and the protection of the cultural heritage;
- Collection of cultural works with a view to promoting teaching aids adapted for the education of children from nomadic communities;
- Support for Tuareg herders and farmers in terms of organization, as well as conflict-prevention, around Lake Faguibine;
- Support for the creation of water infrastructure for herders.

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 relationship of ADJMOR with intellectual property matters is based on:

- Capitalizing on the low-cost traditional know-how of indigenous communities in the face of extreme situations left unsolved by efforts involving the deployment of expensive solutions borrowed from elsewhere;

- Indigenous peoples' confidence in practices based on local traditional knowledge compatible with their natural surroundings;
- Building of the capacities of indigenous peoples in the use of local expertise to deal with the multiple threats arising from the failure to respect human rights, the fragility of ecosystems in the face of climate change, globalization and inequality in relation to trade;
- Strengthening of indigenous organizations to allow them to build sustainable mechanisms for the protection, promotion and preservation of their traditional know-how and cultural expressions, as well as their genetic resources.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Mali

Additional Information:

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

Our organization is working, in its modest way, to help local communities to overcome certain obstacles, including:

- The interruption of those customs and traditions most compatible with the cultures of indigenous communities and their natural surroundings;
- The significant influence of manufactured products on the habits of indigenous communities in terms of consumption and their way of life;
- The increasing poverty among vulnerable groups (women and crafts persons) who could generate revenue through the use of their expertise;
- The threat to health and the environment represented by the use by indigenous households of objects made of plastic;
- The uncertainty linked to climate change which requires the adoption of behavior that does not heighten the vulnerability of indigenous populations.

The rate at which certain aspects of traditional knowledge and practices are disappearing has increased, and will lead to the destruction of the cultures of nomadic peoples.

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Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

AIDB is a not-for-profit organization of the indigenous Batwa people of Burundi. The association was created by the Batwa in order to resolve the issues affecting the community.

Our organization has United Nations accreditation and its application for consultative status in the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) will be examined in 2012.

The bodies making up AIDB include:

- General Assembly;
- Legal National Executive Board;
- Monitoring Committee.

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

- Ensuring improvement regarding the health of the Batwa;
Reducing the drop-out rate in the education sector and changing attitudes regarding functional literacy among adults;
- Improving the living standards and well-being of the Batwa community from an economic point of view;
- Ensuring that the Batwa community enjoys its rights through the understanding of the provisions of international human rights instruments and legal bodies;
- Protection of the environment to ensure that the Batwa people thrive;
- Preserving traditional knowledge and culture, as well as defending the rights of the Batwa people;
- Identification of solutions arising from scientific research to problems affecting the Batwa people.

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

- Participation through legal assistance in the liberation of unfairly imprisoned members of the Batwa community;
- Production of radio programs written for advocacy purposes, entitled "*La voie des autochtones de Burundi*" (The way of the indigenous peoples of Burundi) and broadcasts on Radio Isanganiro, African Public Radio (RPA) and the *Voix de l'espoir* (Voice of Hope) radio station;
- Supervision of youth taking part in plays and cultural events, as well as of *Intore* dancers, typical of Batwa culture;
- Lobbying targeting the Burundian authorities which, for example, resulted in the Batwa being involved in preparations for the 2010 elections, with members of the Batwa community working in various roles, including team leader of a data-processing unit, trainers for electoral commissioners at the municipal level and Twa election observers. Moreover, thanks to lobbying and advocacy, we have Senator Sophie, who represents the Batwa community of Burundi in parliament;
- Statements during discussions, conferences, debates and international days on issues affecting the Batwa with regard to the Constitution of Burundi, which discriminates and marginalizes our community;
- Creation of regional branches, Community Development Committees (CDC) within each community;
- Raising awareness about changes to the way of life in response to difficulties.

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)

Our organization is interested in intellectual property matters because the Batwa of Burundi intend, once they have found financial backing, to innovate and modernize their pottery production techniques. Thus, WIPO could offer us protection that would allow us to benefit from the fruits of our discovery. We also claim protection for our traditional knowledge in the form of the dances, folklore and genetic resources of the Batwa people, which are being used without our authorization.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Burundi

Additional Information:

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

Our organization is included in the list of recipients of information sent by WIPO. AIDB also receives WIPO information through the Special Rapporteur, James Anaya. Séverin Sindizera, a member of AIDB, took part in the Indigenous Fellowship Programme of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN OHCHR), from June 20 to July 22, 2011, during which time he received training from WIPO experts.

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Full name of the Organization:

Association of Kabyle Women (alias Collective of Women of the Black Spring) (*Association de femmes de kabylie (alias collectif de femmes du printemps noir)*)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The *Association de femmes de kabylie* is an indigenous non-governmental organization, founded in April 2001 during the Kabylia revolt. We work with the women of our region and have sections in 20 local villages, as well as a student wing. We receive assistance from local village committees and other associations and our organization also belongs to the World Amazigh Congress (CMA), the Indigenous Peoples of Africa Co-ordinating Committee (IPACC) and the World Mountain People Association (WMPA).

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

- Gender equality (fighting the repealment of the Family Code);
- Promotion of the Amazigh culture and language;
- Promotion of human rights;
- Promotion of Kabyle handicrafts;
- Protection of the environment (protection of fauna and flora, fight against forest fires);
- Protection of the Amazigh cultural heritage.

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

- Providing a support unit for vulnerable women;
- Running a Kabyle dress-making workshop for housewives;
- Conducting awareness-raising campaigns on forest protection targeting villages;

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- Conducting awareness-raising campaigns on the effects of climate change and waste management;
- Organizing seminars on the rights of indigenous peoples;
- Providing legal literacy training for women;
- Participating in international meetings:
 - i. UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;
 - ii. Workshop on access to genetic resources and the sharing of benefits in Morocco with the GTZ (German Technical Cooperation) – Netherlands;
 - iii. Workshop on the economy in mountainous regions with WMPA;
 - iv. Training on new technologies in Namibia with IPACC.

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The Amazigh people are the indigenous inhabitants of Algeria. We are subjected to oppression and denied our identity. Our culture, language, heritage and resources are unprotected and the Algerian national legislation in these areas is clearly inadequate. Together with other Amazigh organizations, we are attempting to draw the attention of the Algerian Government to our plight and that of our culture and resources. Our struggle is a peaceful one but we have yet to make any concrete progress. Our Government has ratified all the conventions and treaties and has adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples but nothing has been done in terms of implementation. Participation in the meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore would allow us to find out about and familiarize ourselves with existing laws protecting our heritage and knowledge, as well as to make recommendations to the Algerian Government.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Tizi-Ouzou /Algeria

Additional Information:

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

We are counting on the Committee to help us in our struggle and efforts to ensure that the Algerian Government adopts appropriate laws, in line with international legislation.

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

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The *Asociación Kunas Unidos por Napguana*, founded on January 4, 1991, Legal Entity No. 182 of April 1991 issued by the Ministry of Governance and Justice, is a private, not-for-profit organization made up of members of the indigenous Kuna community of Panama. From an etymological point of view the name means “the Core of Mother Earth” but is translated as “Mother Earth”. In the Kuna language, *Napguana* means “Mother Earth”.

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

- Fostering a spirit of cooperation and assistance among members through the coordination of cultural, social, economic, educational and other actions;
- Providing indigenous communities with services or professional or technical assistance, be it individually or collectively;
- Developing and disseminating cultural activities related to traditional knowledge together with the community in order to strengthen the indigenous traditional knowledge and cultural values of Panama;
- Promoting and maintaining a close relationship with those indigenous peoples, grass-roots organizations and the State or other institutions which pursue similar objectives, either at the national or international level;
- Disseminating information among the indigenous communities regarding any national or international agreements or treaties referring to the rights of indigenous peoples;
- Holding seminars for the communities and organized groups in order to strengthen their sustainable human development activities;
- Promoting activities and actions that contribute to the conservation of the environment in the interests of balanced human development.

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

- i. Economic:
 - Production: development of self-sufficient projects, employing technologies adapted to and appropriate for the regional environment, encouraging increased crop-production, keeping of hens and pigs and traditional fishing, etc;
- ii. Cultural:
 - Culture: strengthening spiritual values, preserving ancient customs, employing traditional knowledge in the context of informal education and developing our language;
- iii. Ecological:
 - Recycling: support for recycling programs through the use of natural resources and efforts to reduce pollution at the local level;
 - Environment: consolidation of work to conserve and preserve the fauna and flora of the indigenous regions and support for the indigenous nations in their struggle to demarcate their lands, a process implicitly involving nature;
- iv. Development:
 - Institutional: gathering the financial resources necessary for the implementation of projects within communities;
- v. Social:
 - Women: assisting women of the Kuna, Ngäbe, Buglé, Emberá, Uaunaan, Nasos and Bribri communities in the creation of art and crafts workshops that generate suitable employment and income. Empowerment with a view to improving the overall situation of women, strengthening their values both at home and at work;
 - Youth: encouraging indigenous youth to affirm our identity through their own cultural and spiritual values;
 - Legal Assistance: provision of legal assistance and advice on all matters to individuals, communities, congresses, indigenous peoples and organizations lacking the financial resources to pay for the services of a lawyer;
 - Work to disseminate and provide clarification regarding national and international legislation;
- vi. Other areas of activity include: education, health, communication, research, etc.

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)

We wish to find out more about the experiences of other indigenous peoples and the protection of their collective rights in terms of intellectual property and traditional knowledge in their creations, such as inventions, models, drawings and designs, and innovations contained in images. Our aim is to exchange such experiences in order to continue to defend the collective rights of peoples. There is an urgent need to halt the misuse and misappropriation of traditional knowledge and related biological resources, innovations and practices. Indigenous peoples seek international standards and mechanisms that will guarantee equity, justice and respect for our collective rights. We recognize that our traditional knowledge forms part of the collective heritage of our peoples and that the genetic material contained in the flora and fauna that surround us is necessary to our survival. For that reason, we refuse to place a monetary value on those things, as such a move would leave them open to exploitation by others.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Republic of Panama

Additional Information:

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The participation of indigenous organizations in these meetings is important because they are significant actors who speak for the indigenous peoples. Very often indigenous peoples, who are major stakeholders, do not get to take part in such discussions. Moreover, there is little government support for those wishing to study traditional knowledge, which is now disappearing. There is a need to support those who still possess this knowledge, in order to allow such wisdom to be passed on to other generations. Therefore, it is vital to provide support to indigenous organizations regarding the management of projects designed to preserve ancestral knowledge.

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Civil Society Organizations' Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Environment in East Africa (CISONET)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

CISONET's mission is to unite, empower and strengthen the capacity of the community-based civil society organizations, farmers' cooperatives, fisheries groups and other indigenous communities through linking them with appropriate support from global partnerships and advocating for formulation of favorable policies to promote effective and efficient sustainable development in agriculture and environment.

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

- To unite and harness community-based civil society organizations, fisheries, farmers' cooperatives and other indigenous related entities involved in agriculture and environmental activities and act as a single representative body for their needs;
- To enhance the capacity of the community-based civil society organizations for them to strengthen and foster sustainable agriculture and environment among the local farmers;
- Prevention and adaptation to climate change catastrophes through promotion of improved agricultural technologies and policy implementation strategies;
- To lobby and advocate for the formulation and implementation of favorable policies and programs that foster sustainable development in agriculture and environment for the benefit of the local communities;
- Establishing of CISONET branches known as "Youths Civil Society Clubs for Sustainable Agriculture & Environment" (YCSC) in primary, secondary & tertiary institutions;
- To establish a farmers' FM radio station for the promotion of agricultural related issues;
- Promotion of agricultural and environmental related research activities;
- Economically empower and facilitate the process of establishment of cooperative societies among small holder farmers' fisheries groups;
- Working towards lowering of taxation on farm inputs and the provision of fair and competitive prices for agro-products;

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- To establish a Basket Fund for community-based civil society organizations in supporting climate change catastrophes and HIV/AIDS scourge for sustainable development in agriculture and environment.

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

- Mobilizing and carrying out membership recruitment among the targeted groups especially the community-based civil society organizations, fisheries' groups, cooperative farmers & other indigenous related groups;
- Building the capacity of the community-based civil society organizations on modern agricultural technologies and natural resource management;
- Promoting of agriculture and environment education in schools/universities;
- Protection of indigenous peoples' land and promotion of land use and management;
- Promoting of sustainable energy efficiency;
- Enhancing the capacity of the fisheries farmers' cooperative and other indigenous related groups on income enhancement and natural resource management;
- Mainstreaming of gender and related activities, i.e., HIV/AIDS and literacy;
- Supporting the farmers through provision of tree and crop seeds for multiplication;
- Promoting irrigation type of farming for sustainable agriculture and environment;
- Promoting agricultural market research information services through: ICT, publications and global partnerships;
- Conducting agricultural and environmental related research, documenting and disseminating information;
- Promoting climate change intervention strategies among the farmers;
- Promoting climate change mitigation and adaptation policy;
- Empowering community-based civil society organizations/fisheries and other indigenous related groups and facilitating the process of establishment of cooperative societies for sustainable development;
- Delivering sustainable agriculture and environment advisory services;
- Promoting exchange visits for schools, community-based civil society organizations and cooperatives as a strategy for mutual learning and development;
- Conducting project monitoring and evaluation for effective implementation and accountability;
- Promoting and developing a diversified agri-business involving a variety of crops and livestock production;
- Developing modern agricultural methods for better productivity and better yields;
- Increasing grass root crop, livestock and fish farmers' access to market information research through publications, information and communication technologies;
- Conducting agricultural and environmental related research for promotion of agricultural modern technologies to prevent hunger/food insecurity and climate change crises;
- Economically empowering and facilitating the process of establishment of cooperative societies among small holder farmers' fisheries groups and other indigenous related groups.

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 relationship of CISONET with intellectual property matters is on land protection, use and management. CISONET is working towards enhancing access, control, and ownership of land by the poor and marginalized women, men, and children (indigenous communities) through the promotion of fair laws and policies aimed at protecting their land rights. Therefore I am interested in these issues because I would like to increase land rights awareness as an intellectual property among indigenous people in the East African Region.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Uganda

Additional Information:

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

Land degradation is a global problem and a great challenge to sustaining the biological, economic and social services provided by various ecosystems. The World Summit on Sustainable Development in September 2002 reaffirmed land degradation as one of the major global environment and sustainable development challenges of the 21st Century. The negative impacts of land degradation undermine people's livelihoods and economic wellbeing, and the nutritional status of more than 1 billion people in developing countries (Global Environmental Facility 2003). The sustainable land management approach is one way of combating land degradation while supporting sustainable human livelihoods. It takes into account environmental, social, and economic issues that improve policy, planning, and management. Currently there is much less information on the impact on of these actions yet it is clear that the impact of land degradation is a drain on economic growth in rural areas and has an effect on national economic growth patterns.

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Brzostowski Héctor Damian
President of the NGO Christ is calling you (*Cristo te llama*)

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Full name of the Organization:

Christ is calling you (*Cristo te llama*)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The NGO *Cristo te llama* is a non-governmental organization made up of the executive board and its body of auditors, as well as representatives of all NGOs seeking collaboration and advice and working in the same field, representing communities in the knowledge that, despite the fact that Argentina is a rich and blessed country, pockets of extreme poverty exist across the nation. The organization was born of the need to ensure the social and economic development of communities and preserve their natural surroundings and traditional knowledge. Our aim is to support the active participation of communities in the struggle to eliminate poverty and improve their means of survival in the interests of sustainable development. Moreover, the NGO *Cristo te llama* provides assistance designed to promote greater social and cultural integration and foster cohesion, stability and human dignity, as well as respect for the heritage of the communities concerned, a key element regarding the achievement of this objective. *Cristo te llama* also seeks to combine efforts with beneficiaries with the aim of preserving their knowledge and place in society and nature by focusing on intellectual property in collaboration with the State.

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

Given the enormous difficulties currently being experienced by Argentinians in general and local communities in particular, such as ignorance, poverty, high levels of illiteracy, social marginalization and discrimination, low social esteem, eviction from forests, deforestation and the disappearance of traditional culture and knowledge, the main aims and objectives set by *Cristo te llama* NGO are:

- The creation and fostering of relationships of solidarity between members of the same community;

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- Ensuring that vulnerable persons (members of indigenous communities, abandoned children, orphans, widows, single mothers, etc) acquire knowledge that encourages development and, in particular, information on health, nutrition, family life, livestock breeding, agriculture, practical tasks and education;
- The promotion of the traditional knowledge of communities in general and indigenous peoples in particular;
- The implementation of sustainable development projects designed to protect and defend the rights of indigenous peoples;
- The implementation of programs in the fields of biodiversity, the environment, migration and development, human rights and climate change;
- The promotion of scientific and technological activities;
- Provision of financial backing for a wide range of intellectual property initiatives;
- The provision of advice in the form of scientific and technological evaluation regarding the creation of intellectual property;
- Fostering technological innovation for intellectual property while raising interest among the wider population;
- The promotion of scientific and technological research that gives rise to the creation of intellectual property that improves the productive systems and services of any interested country;
- The main objective of the NGO *Cristo te llama* is to carry out social work concerning the well-being of communities and human rights, with the aim of defending indigenous and local communities' positions, genetic resources and traditional knowledge through:
 - i. The organization of seminars, conferences, days of reflection, educational and training activities designed to ensure that participants take on responsibilities independently;
 - ii. The provision of material assistance with the aim of alleviating suffering through medical assistance and social welfare;
 - iii. The rehabilitation, training and reintegration into society of those communities with a view to ensuring that they form a productive part of the wider population.

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

- Gathering and preserving various publications related to culture and heritage (intellectual property, logotypes, music, dances, novels, situation, traditions, etc);
- Fighting for and defending the natural surroundings, culture and heritage of indigenous communities that lie at the heart of their very existence;
- Preventing and combating all types of diseases through the creation of intellectual property;
- Providing education and training in various spheres;
- Supervising the management of forestry resources and the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities;
- Providing information to local communities and indigenous peoples on civil rights, democracy and the electoral process;
- Undertaking and coordinating development initiatives designed to improve resources, in order to safeguard the means of survival;
- Promotion of collaborative initiatives involving communities and investors, the business sector, private and public institutions, the Government, civil society organizations and any other legally-recognized groups of individuals which share the objectives of *Cristo te llama* and the country as a whole.

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)

Cristo te llama NGO operates at both the national and international levels, carrying out research on traditional knowledge and biodiversity. *Cristo te llama* undertakes protection and promotion activities at the national level in order to fill the gaps in Government action. We also bring pressure to bear on the authorities regarding the enactment of legislation benefitting indigenous peoples. Our main aim is to focus attention on the forgotten and vulnerable communities of the Republic of Argentina and their customs, in order to allow those communities to acquire knowledge, participate and express their reservations regarding policies on traditional knowledge, genetic resources and climate change based on the analysis not only of existing policies and programs, but also the latest data available. We are confident that the results of the work and studies carried out within the framework of collaboration with WIPO will be of benefit to those communities with specific needs within the framework of existing policies and programs, especially concerning issues related to traditional knowledge, genetic resources, traditional cultural expressions/folklore in terms of the protection of intellectual property and trademarks.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Argentina

Additional Information:

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

The Republic of Argentina contains 47 per cent of the forests and is fifth in the world in terms of area covered by tropical forest after the Amazon region of Brazil. According to certain information and observations, as yet unconfirmed by science, there may be plants in existence which possess unique genetic characteristics that could be used in the manufacture of pharmaceuticals that might constitute intellectual property. Examples include insecticidal, fungicidal and medicinal plants that are clear indicators of the fact that the soil and subsoil possess certain properties, etc. There is a need to carry out systematic studies of those groups of plants. Rural dwellers still use certain varieties of plant cultivated in the past for the following purposes: multiple uses (nutritional and medicinal), adaptability to the practical requirements of intellectual property development, distrust in terms of the collateral effects of innovations and the high cost of their production. Local populations preserve genetic diversity in order to meet their own needs. There are currently over 150 known species of mushroom. Our NGO created intellectual property in the form of 8,000 medicines, extracted from plants with 10 utility models, patented through IMPI in Argentina. Trials are also being carried out involving the cultivation of certain species. Some spontaneous species found in forests were previously used in the production of latex rubber, tree resin and other resins. Certain plant species are now endangered following the destruction of their habitat owing to the overuse of land or the practice of setting fire to scrubland. In the case of such species, measures need to be taken as a matter of urgency within the framework of international cooperation. Various local and indigenous species are used as feed for livestock, rabbits and guinea pigs. The habitat of these species needs to be protected. If, however, this is not possible, then a cultivation program must be established focusing on those plants. The risks are reduced with the practice of mixed cropping. The representatives of *Cristo te llama* NGO and the agricultural authorities have carried out activities involving the revival of ancient crops with the aim of homogenizing the material disseminated and improving the results, as well as the quality of the product. As to the protection of the soil, legislation is limited to the prohibition of the practice of setting fire to scrubland.

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Committee for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (*Comitato per la promozione e protezione dei diritti umani*)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The *Comitato per la Promozione e Protezione dei Diritti Umani* (the committee), a network of 84 Italian NGOs working in the field of human rights promotion and protection, was established in 2002.

Since 2006, it is a member of the Civil Society Platform of the European Fundamental Rights Agency. Its coordinator is a member of the Advisory Panel. *Comitato* is active in all fields connected with human rights promotion and protection, considered as a unicum, through joint actions in various parts of the country.

Besides advocacy actions at the national and international level for a national independent institution for human rights in Italy, it carries out human rights educational activities at various levels on all human rights with particular attention to cultural rights.

Membership to the *Comitato* is free, without any discrimination. Organizations with a statute based on democracy and free participation, sharing same objectives of promotion and protection of human rights can apply.

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

- Promote the establishment in Italy of a human rights national independent institution in line with international standards and Paris Principles;
- Promote and strengthen human rights education in all fields with particular attention to cultural rights and cultural rights of vulnerable and minority groups;
- Promote awareness of multiple discrimination with regard to all human rights and cultural rights, in particular.

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- Promote knowledge of all international machineries and legislation for human rights promotion and protection and strengthen collaboration and synergy in order to facilitate knowledge and joint actions at national level;
- Promote enlargement of the *Comitato*'s membership to the widest possible number of NGOs and associations sharing the aims of the *Comitato*;
- Establish partnerships with institutions and organizations dealing with human rights promotion and protection in the various fields at the national and international level; Establish relations with similar organizations in other countries to share and exchange best practices for joint action and international cooperation with organizations having same objectives;
- Establish networking, exchange of information and experiences and promote joint initiatives with similar organizations in the field of human rights promotion and protection.

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

- Human rights promotion and protection and advocacy at the national and international level;
- Monitoring of UN Treaty Bodies recommendations to Italy and other UN bodies with regard to human rights;
- Study, knowledge and comparison of existing legislature connected with human rights in the various fields, e.g., culture, children, discrimination;
- Human rights education activities;
- Networking with human rights machineries at EU and international level;
- Networking with similar organizations of civil society active in the field of human rights promotion and protection.

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 *Comitato* is not directly involved in safeguarding intellectual property rights as such, but is strongly committed in the defence of all human rights with particular attention to cultural rights that are often neglected. One of its main activities is advocacy in all domains of human rights implemented through its broad constituency including NGOs of lawyers specifically concerned with human rights promotion and protection issues. Intellectual property rights of communities and local groups together with cultural diversity represent essential elements for democracy. In addition today more than ever it is important to develop a broad approach and view of human rights as a unicum that cannot be divided and where all rights are interconnected. Accordingly, the approach to human rights implemented by the *Comitato* is fully in line with the need for intellectual property rights promotion and protection as one of the components of the entire human rights domain.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Italy

Additional Information:

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

The *Comitato* is apolitical, non-partisan, non-sectarian, independent of any other association, committee, public and/or private body, supranational, national or local government.

Its broad constituency allows it to operate in many different areas through in-depth knowledge at grassroots level of human rights violation issues. Regular monitoring exercises are a main routine activity and the results are launched at national level integrating official data for a mutual integration of information.

Strong advocacy is implemented taking into consideration legislative aspects of human rights violations and abuses including cultural rights and human rights education at all levels of the educational structure promoting specific training in and for the schools, universities, professional training institutions, police, lawyers, judges, prison staff, hospital staff, etc.

Elected NGO members serve *pro bono* in the *Comitato*.

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Full name of the Organization:

Copyright Agency Limited

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

We are a non-profit rights management organization in Australia which collects and distributes licence fees and resale royalties to writers, publishers and visual artists. These licence fees are distributed for the use of text and images including digital content uses. Copyright Agency was also appointed by the Australian Government to collect and distribute the new resale royalties for visual artists including many Indigenous artists across Australia.

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

- Collect and distribute licence fees to writers, artists, publishers including many Indigenous writers and artists;
- Collect and distribute resale royalties for Australian artists including many Indigenous artists (as of January 2012, we distributed AUD308,000 to artists and 66% are Indigenous);
- Inform our members and the public about fair use of copyright materials and appropriate remuneration to creators.

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

- Collection and distribution of licence fees to writers, publishers and artists under the statutory educational licences;
- Collection and distribution of resale royalties to all Australian visual artists including Indigenous artists;
- News updates on current issues in literature, publishing and visual arts industries nationally and internationally;
- Education and promotion of fair copyright use and remuneration to creators for use of works.

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We represent the interests of our author, publisher and artist members. We were appointed by the Australian Government to administer the statutory education licences for educational use of literary and artistic works as well as the statutory licence for government use of these works. Copyright Agency also administers the new resale royalty scheme for Australian visual artists including thousands of Indigenous artists. This scheme was introduced to provide economic benefits for Indigenous artists and their traditional cultural expressions.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Australia

Additional Information:

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

A large number of our members are Indigenous writers, publishers, illustrators and artists. Many of our members use their traditional cultural expressions to express their stories and ideas from their communities. It is important to attend the IGC as the Copyright Agency is supportive of finalizing the international instruments on better protection of traditional knowledge and cultural expressions for Indigenous creators and communities.

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Full name of the Organization:

Institute for European Studies at the *Vrije Universiteit Brussel*

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Institute for European Studies is an academic institution carrying out work on European Integration and International Relations.

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

- Provide research at PhD and post-PhD level;
- Teaching of two courses at MA level.

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

- Organization of conferences;
- Teaching
- Research
- Policy-recommendations for EU institutions

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)

We currently have 3 researchers working in a 6-year project on Access to and Benefit-Sharing from Genetic Resources (ABS). As part of the project, we try to observe major negotiations in the major institutions relevant for genetic resources. As negotiations on genetic resources within WIPO get underway, we are highly interested in witnessing them closely.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Belgium

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Kabylia for the Environment Association (*Association Kabylia pour l'environnement*) (AKE)

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Full name of the Organization:

Kabylia pour l'environnement (*Kabylia for the Environment*)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The *Association Kabylia pour l'environnement et l'écologie* is an indigenous non-governmental organization that was founded in February 2007 with the aim of preserving the environment and biodiversity in the forests of Kabylia and the surrounding areas. The association also works to reduce the undesirable and harmful effects of atmospheric pollution on human health and the environment, as well as to defend and promote Berber identity.

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

- To fight against air pollution;
- To improve waste management through the eradication of plastic bags, the creation of a regional center for the elimination of special waste, the disposal of waste oil and used tires. Above all, the aim is to halt the spread of plastic bags which scar the countryside and threaten the flora and fauna in the mountains of Kabylia;
- To fight against environmental crimes in the forests of Kabylia and Algeria;
- To help citizens measure and reduce their impact on the environment;
- To protect, preserve and restore the landscape of Kabylia;
- To support research work in the field of the protection of nature in Kabylia;
- To halt the loss of traditional knowledge owing to shortcomings in the field of agricultural legislation on intellectual property rights;
- To defend and promote Berber identity, language and culture.

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

- The organization on June 16 of each year of a day of environmental awareness-raising for children, "The Child and the Environment";
- Monthly conference and debates on environmental protection;
- The organization in 2009 of the first prize for Kabyle literature on mountains dedicated to the topic "Literary texts for the protection of the environment and the mountains of Kabylia";
- Work each weekend at Akbou to install garbage bags with the aim of reducing the quantity of waste threatening the fauna and flora;
- Encouraging the full involvement of grass-roots actors in the preparation and implementation of mechanisms in order to strengthen the management of natural resources and agricultural biodiversity;
- Annual commemoration and tribute on May 22 in memory of Haroun Mohand, an activist for the Berber cause;
- Organization of trips to the mountains designed to explain better to children the dangers threatening the environment;
- Organization of a gala celebrating the arts and a literary evening designed to promote the Berber language and culture.

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In the view of the *Association Kabylia pour l'environnement* and its President Benadjaoud Yougourten, himself an "author of literary works in the Berber language", the issue of the protection of intellectual property represents a significant challenge both in Algeria and at the international level. The President is well-placed both to benefit from this meeting, the aim of which is to provide support for ongoing efforts in this field, and to inform the bodies responsible for monitoring respect for intellectual property rights of the situation in Algeria.

Algerian legislation on intellectual property must be reviewed and the laws concerning intellectual property rights implemented to the letter. The United States of America has placed Algeria on its blacklist of countries which fail to respect the international standards in place in this regard.

We wish to draw attention to the serious situation in terms of piracy in Algeria and Kabylia, a problem that has developed into a deadly threat to Berber culture at a time when we are witnessing the marginalization and denial of our traditional Amazigh knowledge.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Algeria

Additional Information:

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Our association supports the idea of creating an international organization capable of bringing pressure to bear on countries afflicted by piracy in order to put an end to this grave threat to intellectual property.

There is a need to review Algerian legislation on the status of artists in general, as well as to take into consideration Amazigh knowledge and culture as a whole. There is currently no social coverage in place for Algerian artists and much more needs to be done in terms of the promotion and funding of material in the Berber language.

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Yours sincerely,

[signed]

AIT-KACI-ALI Zohra

President

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Application Form for Accreditation as *Ad Hoc* Observer to the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore^{1,2}

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Massai Experience

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Swiss not-for-profit association with an international scope, founded in Geneva in 2008 at the request of several Maasai communities in Kenya in order to give them a voice at the international level and highlight their projects on the world stage while empowering them culturally, socially and economically.

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

- Defense of the rights of the Maasai people over their lands, exploited in the name of mass tourism;
- Provision of support for sustainable development projects targeting the Maasai communities of Kenya and Tanzania;
- The promotion of Maasai culture;
- Assistance with a view to empowering Maasai communities.

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

- Responsible tourism and cultural ecotourism: organization with the Maasai communities of walking safaris for small groups, involving stays in Maasai villages;
- Promotion of handicrafts of Maasai women;
- Provision of support for sustainable development projects (education, health...).

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Massai Experience defends the rights of the Maasai peoples of Kenya and Tanzania and the preservation of their culture through an initiative consisting of tourism that respects their way of life and surroundings.

The aim is to empower the communities concerned through the management of tourism activity which involves the promotion of their traditional knowledge and practical training in tourism.

Maasai traditional knowledge is also used as a means of poverty reduction.

The village stays, with small groups of guests, allow visitors to encounter the Maasai people and culture, rather than simply viewing them as objects of curiosity for tourists.

Our organization also uses these village stays as a valuable opportunity to raise awareness among Maasai communities regarding the exploitation of their lands, culture and image by actors in tourism (tour operators and tourists).

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Kenya
Tanzania

Additional Information:

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

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President

Ontario Federation on Indian Friendship Centres (OFIFC)

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[signed]

Magda Smolewski, PhD

Research Director

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

ONTARIO FEDERATION ON INDIAN FRIENDSHIP CENTRES (OFIFC)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Established in 1971, the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres is a not-for-profit aboriginal organization representing the collective interests of 29 member friendship centres located in towns and cities throughout Ontario.

We aim to improve the quality of life for Aboriginal people in urban environments by supporting self-determined activities, encouraging equal access to and participation in Canadian society, and respecting Aboriginal cultural distinctiveness. We respond to the needs and support the strengths of urban Aboriginal people by building and fostering a dynamic, culturally-responsive and culturally-appropriate social milieu in urban communities.

A culturally appropriate Code of Ethics is the cornerstone to OFIFC's award winning culture-based approach to research, policy, communications, lobbying, training and program support. In 1985, OFIFC became one of the first aboriginal organizations in Canada to establish a Twenty-Year Long Range Strategic Plan.

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

- Achieving greater participation of all Aboriginal peoples (Métis, First Nation/Status Indian, Inuit and people who identify as Aboriginal) in all facets of society;
- Integrating research, policy, programs, services, and cultural supports (both internally and with external partners) to ensure the needs of communities are addressed in a holistic manner;
- Developing and maintaining partnerships with other aboriginal and mainstream organizations and First Nations through policy development, administration and delivery of programs and services;
- Developing partnerships through collaborative, multi-stakeholder community-driven and self-voiced research initiatives.

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

- Designing and conducting community-driven and community-owned self-voiced research;
- Encouraging confident, well-informed and effective social action;
- Developing policies and strategies to influence political decisions that affect the lives of urban Aboriginal people;
- Collaborating with key partners to design and deliver innovative training and focused programs that:
 - i. Promote cultural cohesion;
 - ii. Strengthen indigenous identities;
 - iii. Support education and training;
 - iv. Foster well-being, health and economic development;
 - v. Support a culturally-responsive justice sector;
 - vi. Provide life opportunities for children and youth;
 - vii. Advance cultural awareness.

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The matters of authorship and intellectual property are of utmost importance to OFIFC as our research approach recognizes that knowledge production, ownership and dissemination constitute a political process for Indigenous people in the post-colonial context. This process we use purposefully to strengthen our identity and decolonize our knowledge and praxis. The language of our research is the language of identity: we speak in our own voice and on our own terms. Our research model explicitly promotes self-determination and builds capacity at a community level, engaging communities in active praxis. We equate this praxis with the true realization of communities' aspirations and freedoms to formulate their own objectives, ensuring that whatever benefits are derived from research (such as enhanced academic reputation or acknowledgement as authors of original work) is attributed in a manner that properly recognizes local knowledge, community participation and contributions.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Canada

Additional Information:

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OFIFC has been involved in ground-breaking, self-voiced research for most of its history. The *Report of the Task Force on Native People in and Urban Setting* was released in 1981 and was influential in setting the agenda for urban Aboriginal issues for years afterwards. We have self-published numerous research reports on topics as varied as child poverty, FASD, justice, and more. In 2007, we released the *Final Report of the Urban Aboriginal Task Force*, as a follow up to the 1981 report. In the past years, we have undertaken a volume of community-based research, currently being involved in several original research projects with indigenous academics as well as mainstream institutions, for example Our Health Counts, partnering the Centre for Research on Inner City Health, a study on Indigenous Masculinity supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada, and a research project on the Indigenous Knowledge Networks.

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Punto Verde Association (Asociación Punto Verde)

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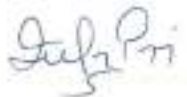
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Zulay Poggi Gonzalez
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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Punto Verde Association (*Asociación Punto Verde*)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Asociación Punto Verde is an environmental organization, founded in 2000, dedicated to promoting sustainable development and indigenous communities and the preservation of traditional knowledge using tactics such as handicrafts.

This organization has implemented projects to rescue the environment, through the craft. It has developed projects with indigenous people in this area.

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

- Promoting sustainable development in rural communities in Venezuela;
- Encouraging the preservation of traditional knowledge related to crafts and biodiversity;
- Promoting legal protection of traditional knowledge through intellectual property;
- Training in rural communities in the area of crafts and environment.

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

- Design and implementation of projects in rural and indigenous communities in the area of crafts, environment and traditional knowledge;
- Design and implementation of educational programs in the area of environmental education and traditional knowledge;
- Provide courses in the area of intellectual property and crafts;
- Mr. Zulay Poggi, the President of the organization, is the managing chair of the protection of traditional knowledge in the specialization course on intellectual property at the *Universidad de los Andes*;
- Support for indigenous communities in the area of crafts and environment.

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The interest in participating as an observer in these events is to monitor the discussions of the IGC, inform the leaders of indigenous communities with whom we work and build capacity in this area. Two of the researchers of in association are specialists in the area of intellectual property and are experienced in these matters.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Venezuela

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