

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

Twenty-Fourth Session
Geneva, April 22 to 26, 2013

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 February 26, 2013, requested accreditation at the Twenty-Fourth 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

African Cultural Center INC (ACC)

Centro de Estudios Multidisciplinarios Aymara (CEM-Aymara) (*Center for Multidisciplinary Studies Aymara*) (*CEM-Aymara*)

Centro de Promoción y Desarrollo Rural Amazónico – (CEPODRA) (*Center for Promotion and Rural Development of the Amazon*) (*CEPODRA*)

Coordinadora Andina de Organizaciones Indígenas (CAOI) (*Andean Coordinating Body for Indigenous Organizations*)

EcoLomics International

German Research Foundation Graduate School “Intellectual Property and Public Domain” at the University of Bayreuth

Initiative for the Development of Africa (IDA)

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African Cultural Center INC (ACC)

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Dear Traditional Knowledge Division,

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Yours sincerely,

Karim Camara

(Name and Signature of Representative)

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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:

African Cultural Center INC (ACC)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

African Cultural Center (ACC) is a nonprofit organization based in New York City. Our mission is “to preserve and share African and other ethnic cultures and tradition through the arts.” We provide educational, artistic and technical programs, as well as opportunities and resources that incorporate the diverse cultures and history of Africa by educating all interested persons through arts and culture. ACC is a linguistically and culturally competent advocate for immigrant inventors, craft makers, and performers. We also act as a booking agency with the purpose of protecting ethnic entertainers from exploitation and mistreatment to ensure that our artists are paid fairly.

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

- Sharing and preservation of our tradition and culture
- Tolerance of different races and tribes
- Respect for the immigrant and ethnic people’s history, as well as for the artists and vendors under our programs
- Honesty and justice for entertainers of color
- Empowerment for all artists and entertainers from immigrant communities

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

- The African Day Parade
- Lanye Dancing Without Shoes Program
- African Artists United (AAU)
- Lelapa Workspace Project

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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)

ACC's relationship with intellectual property stems from our willingness to protect our culture and our artists from mistreatment from other people. We believe the African culture and tradition is a very sacred art that is cherished by its people and therefore should be safeguarded from people who try to steal or exhibit it in an unrightful way. We are interested in TCE issues because every day we are faced with the extinction and eradication of some of our cultures and very unique lifestyles due to progressive movements, which although positive to our wellbeing, unfortunately diminishes some of our most cherished traditions and arts. It is about time we paid attention to these pressing issues and address them before we lose sight of what is important to us as Africans. The creativity and skills presented by the individuals from the African community should not be tampered with, rather we believe it should be promoted and preserved and if needed a small innovative change to make sure that the world accepts us for who we are performers, artists and expressive individuals.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

USA, Ghana, Guinea, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Canada

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Name of Organization Representative and Title:

Karim CAMARA, Founder

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Yours sincerely,

María Eugenia Choque Quispe

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Full name of the Organization:

Centro de Estudios Multidisciplinarios Aymara (CEM-AYMARA)
(*Center for Multidisciplinary Studies Aymara*) (CEM-AYMARA)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Centro de Estudios Multidisciplinarios Aymara (CEM-Aymara) (*Center for Multidisciplinary Aymara Studies*) is a working group, which performs actions in tandem with indigenous organizations and which plays an active part in the work of bodies mainly in the Andean region of Bolivia. The majority of our members are Aymara and our aim is to restore identity through indigenous knowledge. As an indigenous working group, we have performed concrete actions designed to promote the issue of *suma qamaña* (an approach to life based on sustainability, equality and social justice) in Bolivia and the rebuilding, beginning in 1990, of *Ayllus* (traditional communities based on extended family groups) as a form of organization, through the re-establishment of the indigenous institutions.

Over the last few years, the work of restoring identity has been based on the reconstitution of traditional knowledge through a methodology involving oral history, with the recovery of indigenous myths, legends, tales, know-how and knowledge concerning the environment. Such activities are linked to education processes involving the indigenous peoples, with women playing a role in the restoration and strengthening of the identity of indigenous peoples.

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

- Recovery of traditional knowledge, with particular emphasis on the role of indigenous women;
- Strengthening of Andean indigenous organizations based on the rebuilding of their indigenous institutions, such as *Ayllus*, *Markas* and *Suyus* (traditional, local-level social and political structures);

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- Recovery of traditional knowledge through tales, myths, legends and forms of teaching based on the environment, namely the interpretation of nature through its manifestations, which the indigenous peoples view as guides for life;
- Training and empowerment through workshops on traditional knowledge, held in cooperation with indigenous organizations;
- Performance of actions in defense of traditional knowledge within the framework of the Indigenous Women's Biodiversity Network (IWBN), based on the process concerning the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

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

- Research activities concerning the recovery of traditional knowledge;
- Support with regard to the training and empowerment of indigenous organizations, women's organizations and academic bodies;
- Dissemination and awareness-raising concerning the need to recover traditional knowledge in the face of the crisis brought on by climate change, through processes of dissemination;
- As a member of IWBN, CEM-Aymara is involved in the monitoring of work at the international level within the framework of the CBD;
- Organization of workshops with Andean indigenous organizations on the dissemination of traditional knowledge under the CBD

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)

As a member body of IWBN, CEM-Aymara has experience and specialist knowledge in terms of the monitoring of the work of the Working Group on Article 8(j) within the framework of the CBD. As a result, work has been carried out with indigenous organizations on a continuous basis.

CEM-Aymara plays an active part in the process of strengthening and rebuilding *Ayllus* and *Markas* (traditional forms of organization) based on the identity of the peoples. These forms of organizations now constitute institutions which play a practical role in the life of the indigenous peoples. Such work involves an approach based on oral history concerning traditional knowledge.

CEM-Aymara has been working to train and empower indigenous women to recover traditional knowledge and to strengthen them in their role as bearers of said knowledge.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

The majority of Bolivia's population is of indigenous origin, with 64 per cent of Bolivians identifying themselves as members of an indigenous community. Most of the indigenous inhabitants of Bolivia are Aymara or Quechua (Andean region) and CEM-Aymara's work focuses on the Andean region of the country.

Additional information:

CEM-Aymara carries out actions within the framework of IWBN. We are a part of the indigenous advisory group within the framework of the CBD and, as a part of our work, we specialize in traditional knowledge. As well as being an indigenous working group, we

constitute an academic body, which serves as a point of reference in terms of the recovery, conservation and preservation of traditional knowledge.

CEM-Aymara essentially specializes in work involving indigenous women, who constitute a vulnerable population in terms of the violation of their rights, as well as being major actors concerning the preservation and dissemination of traditional knowledge through the process of educating their sons and daughters.

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Yours sincerely,

Daniel Maynas Inuma

(Name and Signature of Representative)

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Full name of the Organization:

Centro de Promoción y Desarrollo Rural Amazónico – (CEPODRA)
Center for Promotion and Rural Development of the Amazon (CEPODRA)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

CEPODRA is a civil non-profit making association and declares itself to be a non-governmental organization which aims to promote development in order to improve the living conditions that help to solve the problems of the indigenous population of the Ucayali region and foster the preparation of proposals which contribute to the aim described. For this purpose, CEPODRA works specifically with communities of indigenous peoples in the Ucayali region and seeks to defend collective interests by means of community organization and training directed toward joint action measures.

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

The aims of the civil association are to:

- Strengthen communal organization, by developing self-management capacities in social and productive actions;
- Promote the devising of proposals which help to resolve the most important regional problems, in order to foster their complete development, without affecting the ecology of the Amazon, taking into consideration the problems of class, race and gender;
- Provide technical training in education and handicraft, agricultural, forestry and health-related occupations, which are the branches of productive activity of the indigenous communities, and through their participation succeed in developing and implementing social and investment projects;
- Support the promotion and defense of human rights for children and women, and the collective knowledge of ethnic intellectual property, within the perspective of promotion of cultural development.

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

- Human development of indigenous peoples on subjects of biodiversity, collective knowledge and intellectual property, and rights of indigenous peoples.
- Development of community rural tourism, without affecting ecology, the environment and cultural identity.
- Application of intercultural health with the use of medicinal plants for the treatment of terminally ill patients.
- Organization of discussions on national legal standards with respect to biodiversity and collective knowledge that does not include intellectual property.
- Production and marketing of indigenous handicrafts.

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The law on biodiversity does not include ancestral intellectual property and refers in general terms to collective knowledge. What is required is that the world becomes aware and establishes, in national and international legal standards, the fact that intellectual property as ancestral collective knowledge of indigenous peoples in biodiversity has multiple uses, and particularly in medicinal plants for the treatment of terminally ill patients. Peruvian national laws state that intellectual property is valid for three years and then may enter the public domain, thereby violating the rights of indigenous peoples; this must therefore be dealt with in WIPO meetings for discussion purposes

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Peru (Ucayali, Loreto and Huánuco)

Additional Information:

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

The collective knowledge of the indigenous population on biodiversity is very interesting and important, since ethnic families live by it and with it. For the treatment of diseases, the use of medicinal plants is a form of intellectual property not considered or recognized by national and international legal standards. Equally, no provision is made for the settlement of emotional issues in married life, the union of couples and success in work by means of aromatic medicinal plants, since the laws ignore our everyday lives and legal recognition for them is therefore required.

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Yours sincerely,

Gerardo Jumí Tapias

(Representative name and signature)

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Full name of the Organization:

Coordinadora Andina de Organizaciones Indígenas (CAOI)
(*Andean Coordinating Body for Indigenous Organizations*)

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

- Defending the earth, territories and unity with Mother Nature;
- Building plurinational states and intercultural societies;
- Enforcing the collective rights of the indigenous peoples;
- Rebuilding our peoples and consolidating their international links and the institutional nature of CAOI;
- Defending the rights of the indigenous peoples and promoting the concept of “*Buen Vivir*” (an approach to life based on sustainability, equality and social justice);
- Strengthening and legitimizing the participation of indigenous women in national and international organizations and bodies.

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

- Systematizing and developing proposals concerning the concept of ‘*Buen Vivir*’, research on the rights of Mother Earth;
- Strengthening links between indigenous women;
- Monitoring the processes of national organizations;
- Participating in the Abya Yala Indigenous Forum, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII);
- Actions carried out before bodies belonging to the international system, such as the Organization of American States (OAS), the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the United Nations (UN);
- Participating in the Conferences of the Parties (COPS) on Climate Change, United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) Rio+20.

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The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), also known as the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, made it possible to gain visibility for indigenous peoples' rights in the context of the environment. Up until that point, the two issues had been dealt with separately, with no effort being made to link them. Furthermore, the connection between natural and biological diversity was made for the first time, through recognition of the fact that most of the regions of the world with high biodiversity are located in the territories of indigenous peoples.

This recognition highlighted the issue of ancestral knowledge and led to the adoption of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in 1992.

At Rio+20, it was argued that States must ensure that indigenous peoples have control over their territories, including their sacred places, which contain the greatest wealth of biodiversity on the planet. States must also guarantee the participation of indigenous peoples in the conservation and rational use of their environment, as well as respecting our traditional knowledge.

In the view of CAOI, States must respect, recognize and protect the ancestral knowledge of indigenous peoples and look after their sacred sites. The necessary safeguards must be put in place to ensure the recovery and protection of collective ancestral know-how of indigenous peoples.

Furthermore, it must be made clear that such know-how cannot be infringed through any regulatory agreement on protection of intellectual property favoring private companies. Thus, CAOI wishes to participate in the sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) as an observer, in order to listen to, examine and subsequently discuss with its organizations any proposals agreed on during the sessions.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Peru (Lima)

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Dr. Noriko Yajima

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Full name of the Organization:

EcoLomics International

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Statement of purpose:

The purpose of EcoLomics International is to make a contribution toward an improved balance between inter-generational ecological objectives and more short-term economic priorities. The relationship between these two often disparate spheres is perceived as being dominated too much by the latter. This website is based on a scientifically sound approach and focuses on the promotion of this balance through the documentation and analysis of multilateral perspectives, institutions and agreements.

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

- Intellectual property rights and plant genetic resources
- WTO law, science, GMO's
- North-South aspects of above subject areas
- Global EcoLomic governance
- North-South aspects of above subject Areas

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

- EcoLomic policy and law – Journal of Trade and Environment Studies
- EcoLomics Occasional Papers Series
- Global EcoLomics, a formally established sister NGO
- Center for Trade and Environment, a virtual coordination mechanism

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Intellectual property rights have become one of the biggest issues since the GMO debate, the most contentious one in fact for many consumers especially in Europe. Thus, we have been focusing on issues of

- Intellectual property rights on plants and the conservation of agricultural plant biodiversity;
- TRIPS, UPOV;
- FAO's International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;
- CGIAR;
- The Convention on Biological Diversity: the Bonn Guidelines and subsequent negotiations;
- WIPO-IGC;
- Traditional knowledge and intellectual property rights.

WIPO negotiations are one of important areas of our academic research. We also think that the recent WIPO collaborations with other international organizations are also key to move forward this controversial agenda. Hence, we would like to participate in the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore. Further information is on http://www.ecolomics-international.org/headg_iprs_pgrs.htm

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Geneva, Switzerland; Montréal, Canada

Additional Information:

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

Since our headquarters is located in Montreal and we are mainly working in Geneva, we are interested in linking trade and biodiversity. According to Pascal Lamy's speech at the CBD COP8: The issues of access to genetic resources, of prior informed consent and of benefit sharing are all being explored in the WTO. They are also being examined in WIPO — another important partner in the intellectual property domain. Our members continue to be divided on how best to address these issues, with some wanting an amendment of the TRIPS agreement, and others saying that there is no conflict between the WTO and the CBD warranting such a change. The discussions must still run their course. We also agree that intellectual property and genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore are important for sustainable trade and development.

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Prof. Dr. Michael Grünberger, LL.M. (NYU)

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Full name of the Organization:

German Research Foundation Graduate School "Intellectual Property and Public Domain" at the University of Bayreuth, Germany

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The research program envisaged for the graduate school "Intellectual Property and the Public Domain" aims at analyzing the tension between intellectual property rights such as patents, trademarks and copyright on the one hand and the public interest in the freedom to use inventions, distinguishing signs and literary, musical and artistic works, i.e. the public domain, on the other hand. This subject of research pertains to all types of intellectual property rights: it encompasses not only private law but also constitutional law, criminal law and international law, including their historical dimensions: it aims both at fundamental legal research and at specific issues of practical relevance, which need the overall perspective for convincing solutions; finally it is of great current relevance, particularly in the light of recent developments in the field of information technology.

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

- Promote the academic research in the field of intellectual property and the public domain.

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

- Provide scholarships to doctoral candidates
- Supervise doctoral candidates during their research
- Host conferences concerning intellectual property and public domain
- Promote the international exchange between scholars

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The main aim of the German Research Foundation Graduate School “Intellectual Property and Public Domain” is the promotion of academic research in the field of intellectual property law. Among other topics, some doctoral candidates are interested in the relationship between traditional knowledge, genetic resources, folklore and intellectual property law. The possibility to attend the meetings of the IGC would further their academic research and it would provide them with a great opportunity to closely monitor actual developments in their areas of research.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Germany

Additional Information:

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The program of the Graduate School is focusing on six closely networked topical areas. First, the historical dimension will be used to cross-fertilize new ideas which add to the current debate. Secondly, research will be conducted on the so far neglected general principles of intellectual property law, both in terms of private law and constitutional law. This aspect is closely related, thirdly, to the “tragedy of the anti-commons”, i.e. the fact that recently intellectual property rights have tended to extend to converge and to overlap, which results, fourthly, in issues concerning both internal and external exceptions from the scope of intellectual property rights, fifthly, in questions relating to private law and criminal law sanctions and, sixthly, in issues of European and international law.

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Name of Organization Representative and Title:

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Spokesperson of the German Research, Foundation Graduate School “Intellectual Property and the Public Domain”

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Dear Traditional Knowledge Division,

Re: Request for accreditation as an observer in future sessions of the WIPO
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Yours sincerely,

Andrea Giannetto

(Representative Name and Signature)

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Initiative for the Development of Africa (IDA)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Initiative for the Development of Africa (IDA) is an NGO that promotes, through business and cultural activities, the principles of a better world and contributes, through international cooperation, to the development of the African Continent

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

- Africa development
- Joint venture promotion
- Projects development
- Help the European companies to protect the intellectual property in Africa

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

- Business meeting
- Economic missions in Africa
- Projects support
- Legal support

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 mission is to promote the African development creating a connection between the European and African companies; one of the main activity is to create joint ventures between the parties. The European companies generally participate with the knowhow, machineries,

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patent, trademark and training. The African companies generally give the land, hangar, offices, workforce and administrative contribution. So one of IDA's tasks is to help the European companies to protect the intellectual property in Africa to increase the innovation and creativity for the economic, social and cultural development of the continent, through an international intellectual property system. We give the support to obtain protection internationally for patents and trademarks. The companies we support are in the construction, industry production, agriculture, franchising and so on. The connection with WIPO is very important to build capacity in the use of patent rules to support the economic development of the Continent and protect the European investments.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Senegal, but also in West Africa

Additional Information:

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IDA links up its members, offers them quality services and provides a network for the business men of Africa and the rest of the world to work together. By encouraging members to work together, IDA facilitates the exchange of experience and learning; restates and defends the values that determine the proper functioning of projects development in Africa, using also an international intellectual property system.

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(Name and Signature of Representative)

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

SELARL Smeth and Younes (Cabinet d'avocats)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Franco-Congolese law firm specialized in business law and intellectual property

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

- Help our customers in the protection and the exploitation of their rights in particular of intellectual property
- Offer advice and legal support in the various domains of the criminal law, business law and intellectual property laws
- Train and make our customers and the decision-makers aware of the problems of business law and intellectual property on the national level and international level.
- Assist the autochthonous and local populations, the holders of the traditional knowledge and the Congolese decision-makers in the protection and exploitation of this knowledge and associated genetic resources.

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

- Dispute in criminal law, business law and intellectual property laws
- Advice in criminal law, business law and intellectual property laws

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 law firm is specialized in intellectual property. We offer in this domain our advices and legal support to our French and Congolese customers. Problems bound to the genetic

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resources, traditional knowledge and to the folklore as well as to those concerning the just and fair sharing of the advantages ensuing from their exploitation, represent one of the major challenges for the African countries as well as all the persons or institutions interested in these questions. Our objective as an observer of the work of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore is to acquire knowledge and to attend the evolution of the debates to be able to help better the autochthonous populations, the Congolese government and the other persons interested in these questions.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

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