

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

**Twenty-Ninth Session**  
**Geneva, February 15 to 19, 2016**

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

*Document prepared by the Secretariat*

1. This document contains information required to be reported to the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”) on the operation of the Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities (“the Fund”). The rules are set out in the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6, which was approved by the WIPO General Assembly at its 32<sup>nd</sup> session in September 2005 and subsequently amended by the General Assembly at its 39<sup>th</sup> session in September 2010.

2. Article 6(f) of the rules states:

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

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

- (v) the people chosen to benefit from the Fund but who withdrew;
- (vi) the amount of the support allocated to each beneficiary; and
- (vii) a sufficiently detailed description of the applicants seeking support for the following session.

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

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

Level of the voluntary contributions paid to the Fund until January 9, 2016 and names of the contributors:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15,000 Swiss francs credited on June 20, 2013 by the Government of Australia<sup>1</sup>; and

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

Total amount of the voluntary contributions credited to the Fund until January 9, 2016:  
623,401.71 Swiss francs.

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

Amount of the resources available:

- Amount available in the Fund on January 9, 2016, including bank fees and interest: 683.20 Swiss francs.
- Amount committed on January 9, 2016: *nihil*.
- Amount available in the Fund minus committed amount on January 9, 2016: 683.20 Swiss francs.

List of persons who benefited since the previous information note<sup>2</sup>:

Applicants who were recommended for funding in view of the Twenty-Eighth Session of the Committee<sup>3</sup>, but for whom there were no sufficient means available in the Fund on June 19, 2014

Ms. Tarisi VUNIDILO

Nationality: Fiji

Mailing address: Auckland, New Zealand

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

Pacific Islands Museums Association (PIMA)

Seat of the accredited observer: Port Vila, Vanuatu

Mr. Stephen RWAGWERI

Nationality: Uganda

Mailing address: Fort Portal, Uganda

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

Engabu Za Tooro (Tooro Youth Platform for Action)

Seat of the accredited observer: Fort Portal, Uganda

Applicants who were recommended for funding in view of the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Committee<sup>4</sup>, but for whom there were no sufficient means available in the Fund on January 9, 2016 (in order of priority):

Mr. Nelson DE LEÓN KANTULE

Nationality: Panama

Mailing address: Panama City, Panama

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

*Asociación Kunas Unidos por Napguana (KUNA)*

Seat of the accredited observer: Corregimiento San Felipe, Panama

Mr. Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA

Nationality: Mali

Mailing address: Nouakchott, Mauritania

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: ADJMOR

Seat of the accredited observer: Tombouctou, Mali

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<sup>2</sup> See document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/28/INF/4 dated June 19, 2014.

<sup>3</sup> See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/INF/6 dated April 2, 2014.

<sup>4</sup> See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/28/INF/6 dated July 9, 2014.

Mrs. Kathy HODGSON-SMITH  
Nationality: Canada  
Mailing address: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:  
Métis National Council  
Seat of the accredited observer: Ottawa, Canada

Disbursed for any participation in the Twenty-Eighth Session of the Committee:

No disbursement made.

Committed or disbursed in view of the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Committee

No commitment; no disbursement made.

List of the applicants seeking support for the next Session of the Committee  
(in alphabetical order)

Mr. Isa ADAMU  
Nationality: Cameroon  
Mailing address: Yaounde  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: SAMUSA  
Seat of the accredited observer: Yaounde, Cameroon

Mr. Siddhartha Priya ASHOK  
Nationality: India  
Mailing address: Mumbai, India  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:  
National Educational Social and Traditional Knowledge (NEST) Foundation  
Seat of the accredited observer: Sivasagar (Assam), India

Mrs. Edith Magnolia BASTIDAS CALDERÓN  
Nationality: Colombia  
Mailing address: Nariño, Colombia  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:  
*Centro de Estudios Multidisciplinarios Aymara (CEM Amayra)*  
Seat of the accredited observer: La Paz, Bolivia

Mrs. Alba Lucia CASTAÑEDA PEREZ  
Nationality: Colombia  
Mailing address: Pereira, Colombia  
Name of the accredited observer: *Corporación Red Nacional de Mujeres Comunes,  
Comunitarias, Indígenas y Campesinas de la República de Colombia*  
Seat of the accredited observer: Pereira, Colombia

Mr. Estebancio CASTRO DIAZ  
Nationality: Panama  
Mailing address: Wellington, New Zealand  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:  
International Indian Treaty Council  
Seat of the accredited observer: Panama City, Panama

Mrs. Kathy HODGSON-SMITH  
Nationality: Canada  
Mailing address: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:  
Métis National Council  
Seat of the accredited observer: Ottawa, Canada

Mrs. Irene LESHORE  
Nationality: Kenya  
Mailing address: Maralal, Samburu, Kenya  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:  
Nainyoie Community Development Organization  
Seat of the accredited observer: Maralal, Kenya

Mrs. Cecilia Eneck NDIFON  
Nationality: Cameroon  
Mailing address: Ekmen-Batibo, Cameroon  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:  
Association of the Reconstruction and Development of the Moko-oh People (AFTRADEMOP)  
Seat of the accredited observer: Ekmen-Batibo, Cameroon

Mr. Santiago OBISPO  
Nationality: Venezuela  
Mailing address: Puerto Ayacucho, Venezuela  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:  
*Red de Cooperación Amazónica*/Amazon Cooperation Network (REDCAM)  
Seat of the accredited observer: Puerto Ayacucho, Venezuela

Mr. Joseph OLESARIOYO  
Nationality: Kenya  
Mailing address: Nanyuki, Kenya  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: Indigenous Laikipia Maasai  
Integrated Youth Organization (ILAMAIYO FOUNDATION)  
Seat of the accredited observer: Nanyuki, Kenya

Mr. Kamal Kumar RAI  
Nationality: Nepal  
Mailing address: Kathmandu, Nepal  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: Himalayan Folklore and  
Biodiversity Study Program, IPs Society for Wetland Biodiversity Conservation Nepal  
Seat of the accredited observer: Kathmandu, Nepal

Mr. Stephen RWAGWERI  
Nationality: Uganda  
Mailing address: Fort Portal, Uganda  
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:  
Engabu Za Tooro (Tooro Youth Platform for Action)  
Seat of the accredited observer: Fort Portal, Uganda

Mrs. Jennifer TAULI CORPUZ

Nationality: Philippines

Mailing address: Quezon City, Philippines

Name of the accredited observer: Tebtebba Foundation – Indigenous Peoples' International  
Centre for Policy Research and Education

Seat of the accredited observer: Baguio City, Philippines

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

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