

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

Thirty-Third Session
Geneva, February 27 to March 3, 2017

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. The application form of the University of Lausanne which, before December 29, 2016, requested accreditation at the Thirty-Third Session of the Committee is annexed to this document, as received.

3. *The Committee is invited to consider and decide upon the accreditation request as an ad hoc observer submitted by the organization referred to in the Annex to this document.*

[Annex follows]

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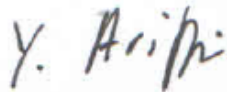
Dear Traditional Knowledge Division,

Re: Request for accreditation as an observer in future sessions of the WIPO
Intergovernmental Committee

I am writing to express the wish of my organization to participate in the sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore as an *ad hoc* observer. Please find our application attached for the Committee's consideration.

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

Yours sincerely,



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(Name and Signature of Representative)

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 INFORMATION OF THE APPLICANT ORGANISATION

Full name of the Organization:

University of Lausanne

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Institution of higher education specializing in international studies

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

Areas of specialisms include (selected list)

- international relations (politics, history and sociology of)
- international environmental politics
- development studies
- international normalization and standardization processes

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

- Offers BA, MA and Phd degrees in Political Science
- Carries out third-party funded research

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 representative of the organization, Yohan Ariffin, is the lead investigator of a Swiss National Science Foundation project on "Governing Biodiversity: The Role of Traditional and Indigenous Knowledge in the International Management and Conservation of Biodiversity".

The project funds two PhD candidates.

One of the main objectives of the research project is to explore whether and to what extent current negotiations in various international fora are leading effectively to the protection of traditional knowledge of indigenous and local communities.

Please do not enclose any attachment with your application.

¹ Please note that the decision on accreditation will not be made by the Secretariat, but by the Member States at the beginning of the session of the Intergovernmental Committee. It is therefore possible that certain organizations may not receive accreditation. Therefore, if the requesting organization is not based in Geneva, it might not be advisable to travel to Geneva for the sole purpose of participating in the session of the Committee until accreditation has been granted.

² Please note that this application form may be presented to the Committee exactly in the form received. Please therefore, as far as possible, complete the form using a type-writer or word processor and e-mail it to grtkf@wipo.int.

Relevant information about the project can be found here: <http://p3.snf.ch/project-156211>

Observation of sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee is important for the project.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Switzerland

Additional Information:

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

Full contact details of the Organization:

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