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

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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 Thirty-Second Session in September 2005 and subsequently amended by the General Assembly at its Thirty-Ninth Session in September 2010.

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.”

The present document constitutes the thirty-fourth such information note, as required by the decision of the WIPO General Assembly. The information required to be communicated to the participants in the Forty-Second Session of the Committee is as follows:

Level of the voluntary contributions paid to the Fund until February 4, 2022 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 Australia¹;

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

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

37,835 Swiss francs credited on February 28, 2017 by the Government of Australia;

18,268.75 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 25,000 Canadian dollars at the date) credited on March 27, 2019, by the Government of Canada;

16,227.93 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 15,000 euros at the date) credited on November 6, 2019, by the Government of Finland; and,

16,158.98 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 15,000 euros at the date) credited on December 9, 2019, by the Government of Germany².

Total amount of the voluntary contributions credited to the Fund until February 4, 2022: 711,892.37 Swiss francs.

Amount of the resources available:

- Amount available in the Fund on February 4, 2022, including bank fees and interest: 20,574.53 Swiss francs.
- Amount committed on February 4, 2022: none.
- Amount available in the Fund minus committed amount on February 4, 2022: 20,574.53 Swiss francs.

List of persons who benefited or were recommended for funding since the previous information note³:

The Advisory Board of the Fund recommended⁴ two applicants for funding, pending availability of funds, with the view to the Forty-First Session of the Committee (in order of priority):

Mr. Ndiaga SALL
Nationality: Senegal
Mailing address: Dakar, Senegal
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: Enda Santé
Seat of the accredited observer: Dakar, Senegal

Mr. Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ INLAGO
Nationality: Ecuador
Mailing address: Quito, Ecuador
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
Call of the Earth/Llamado de la Tierra
Seat of the accredited observer: Cusco, Peru

In accordance with Article 5 (e) of the rules of the WIPO Voluntary Fund⁵, the expenses to be covered by the Fund are intended to enable funded participants to travel and attend sessions physically.

² 16,158.98 Swiss francs were reimbursed on January 8, 2021 to the Government of Germany in accordance with the agreed terms for the use of the contribution made by the Government of Germany.

³ See document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/41/INF/4 dated July 13, 2021.

⁴ See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/40/INF/6 dated June 20, 2019.

⁵ Annex to document WO/GA/32/6, subsequently amended by the General Assembly at its Thirty-Ninth Session in September 2010. The rules can also be retrieved as Annex I of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/41/3.

Insofar the Forty-First Session was concerned, only Group Coordinators were authorized to attend the session physically due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation at that time⁶.

Insofar the Forty-Second session is concerned, due to the Covid-19 pandemic which causes travel restrictions and policies in place, the Fund is unable to grant financial support to the two recommended applicants.

In implementing the recommendation for funding made by the Advisory Board of the Fund regarding the two recommended applicants, the Secretariat understands that the recommendation adopted by the Advisory Board of the Fund at that time was made implicitly with the view to the first of the forthcoming sessions of the Committee that the recommended will be authorized, as Observers, to attend physically, and taking into account the travel restrictions and policies in place due to the Covid-19 pandemic, be able to travel to. The two recommended applicants will therefore be granted funding, in accordance with the rules of the Fund and pending availability of funds, with the view to such session.

Disbursement due to the postponement of the Forty-First Session of the Committee⁷:

Mr. Ndiaga SALL: 552.85 Swiss francs⁸

Mr. Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ INLAGO: 549.95 Swiss francs⁹

Disbursement with the view to the Forty-First Session of the Committee:

No disbursement.

Disbursement with the view to the Forty-Second Session of the Committee:

No disbursement.

List of the applicants seeking support (in alphabetical order)

Mr. Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA
Nationality: Mali
Mailing address: Timbuktu, Mali
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: ADJMOR
Seat of the accredited observer: Timbuktu, Mali

Mr. Agoussou Marcellin AIGBE
Nationality: Benin
Mailing address: Cotonou, Benin
Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:
Jeunesse Sans Frontières Bénin
Seat of the accredited observer: Cotonou, Bénin

⁶ See document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/41/3 dated July 13, 2021.

⁷ See document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/41/INF/4 dated July 13, 2021.

⁸ Flight cancellation fees.

⁹ Id.

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/Association of Kunas United for Mother Earth (KUNA)

Seat of the accredited observer: Corregimiento Vista Alegre, Arraijan, Panama

Mr. Vainqueur KALAFULA LUSU-YULULU

Nationality: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mailing address: Cyangugu, Rwanda

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

Regroupement des Mamans de Kamituga (REMAK)

Seat of the accredited observer: Kamituga, Rwanda

Ms. June LORENZO

Nationality: United States of America

Mailing address: Pagate (New Mexico), United States of America

Name of the accredited observer: International Indian Treaty Council

Seat of the accredited observer: San Francisco (California), United States of America

Mr. Jafarou MALAM KOSSAO

Nationality: Niger

Mailing address: Niamey, Niger

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

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Seat of the accredited observer: Niamey, Niger

Mr. Fidèle MBILIZI MUTIMANWA

Nationality: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mailing address: Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate:

Ligue nationale des Associations autochtones pygmées du Congo/League of Indigenous Pygmy Associations of the Congo

Seat of the accredited observer: Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mr. Musa Usman NDAMBA

Nationality: Cameroon

Mailing address: Bamenda, Cameroon

Name of the accredited observer which nominates the candidate: Mbororo Social Cultural Development Association (MBOSCUDA)

Seat of the accredited observer: Yaoundé, Cameroon

Ms. 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

Since the most recent recommendation made by the Advisory Board will not be implemented until the first of the forthcoming sessions of the Committee that the two recommended applicants will be authorized, as Observers, to attend physically, and taking into consideration the travel restrictions and policies in place due to the Covid-19

pandemic situation, be able to travel to, the Secretariat has invited the Committee not to proceed with the election of the Advisory Board of the Fund at the present session. (See document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/42/3).

The applications above will be considered by the Advisory Board as soon as it meets in accordance with the rules of the Fund.

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

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