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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 forty-first such information note, as required by the decision of the WIPO General Assembly.

Given that the Forty-Eighth and Forty-Ninth sessions of the Committee are scheduled to take place “back-to-back” and that no Advisory Board of the Fund will take place in the margins of the Forty-Eight session of the Committee (one-day session), no information note of the kind will be issued at the occasion of the Forty-Eight session.

The information required to be communicated to the participants in the Forty-ninth session of the Committee is as follows:

Level of the voluntary contributions paid to the Fund until November 1, 2024, 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;

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;

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

14,233.70 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 15,000 euros at the date) credited on September 13, 2022, by the Government of Germany;

817.10 Swiss francs credited on March 3, 2023, on behalf of anonymous contributors, following up a call for voluntary contributions made by the Chair of the Committee during its Forty-Sixth Session;

29,795.36 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 50,000 Australian dollars at the date) credited on June 22, 2023 by the Government of Australia;

872.60 Swiss francs credited on July 4, 2023, on behalf of anonymous contributors, following up a call for voluntary contributions made by the Chair of the Committee during its Forty-Seventh Session;

8,239.99 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 167,555 Mexican pesos at the date) credited on August 7, 2023, by the *Instituto Nacional de los Pueblos Indígenas* of Mexico; and

18,518.24 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 20,000 euros at the date) credited on February 8, 2024, by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation, Spain.

Total amount of the voluntary contributions credited to the Fund until November 1, 2024:
784,369.36 Swiss francs.

Amount of the resources available:

- Amount available in the Fund on November 1, 2024, including bank fees and interest: 0.- Swiss francs.
- Amount committed in view of the Forty-Ninth session of the Committee: No commitment made given the amount in the Fund available on November 1, 2024.

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.

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.

- Amount available in the Fund minus committed amount on November 1, 2024:
0.- Swiss francs.

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

Applicants who were recommended for funding with the view to the Special Session of the Committee (September 4 to 8, 2024)⁴ and who were funded (in order of priority):

Lucia Fernanda INÁCIO BELFORT SALES (Ms.)

Name of the accredited observer non-governmental organization (“NGO”) that nominated the candidate: *Instituto Indígena brasileiro para la Propiedad Intelectual* (INBRAPI)

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Coxilha (RS), Brazil

Nationality of the funded participant: Brazil

Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ INLAGO (Mr.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO that nominated the candidate: Call of the Earth/*Llamado de la Tierra*

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Cusco, Peru

Nationality of the funded participant: Ecuador

Musa Usman NDAMBA (Mr.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO that nominated the candidate: Mbororo Social Cultural Development Association (MBOSCUDA)

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Yaoundé, Cameroon

Nationality of the funded participant: Cameroon

Babagana ABUBAKAR (Mr.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO that nominated the candidate:

Kanuri Development Association

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Maiduguri, Nigeria

Nationality of the funded participant: Nigeria

Following upon a decision taken by the 2023 Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO (July 6 to 14, 2023)⁵:

Applicants who were recommended for funding with the view to the Diplomatic Conference on Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge (“the Diplomatic Conference”) (Geneva, WIPO Headquarters, May 13-24, 2024)⁶ and who were funded (in alphabetical order):

Africa:

Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA (Mr.)

Name of the invited observer NGO that nominated the applicant: ADJMOR

³ See document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/SS/GE/23/INF/3 REV. dated August 29, 2023.

⁴ See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/47/INF/6 dated June 8, 2023.

⁵ See WIPO document A/64/13, par. 29 (v).

⁶ See the Annex to WIPO document GRATK/DC/INF/5 dated February 8, 2024. The applications were listed according to the seven socio-cultural regions as used by the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII). For the purpose of such list, the criteria of attribution of the applications per region as retained was the socio-cultural region of the Indigenous Peoples or local community(ies) represented by the invited nominating NGO as indicated by its representative. The seat of the nominating NGO had been retained as prevailing for those applications submitted by the invited nominating NGOs that represent Indigenous Peoples or local communities from different socio-cultural regions.

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Timbuktu, Mali
Nationality of the funded participant: Mali

Lucy MULENKEI (Mrs.)

Name of the invited observer NGO that nominated the applicant: Indigenous Information Network (IIN)

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Nairobi, Kenya

Nationality of the funded participant: Kenya

Asia:

Jennifer CORPUZ (Mrs.)

Name of the invited observer NGO that nominated the applicant: Tebtebba Foundation – Indigenous Peoples’ International Center for Policy Research and Education

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Baguio City, Philippines

Nationality of the funded participant: Philippines

Preston HARDISON (Mr.)

Name of the invited observer NGO that nominated the applicant: Tebtebba Foundation – Indigenous Peoples’ International Center for Policy Research and Education

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Baguio City, Philippines

Nationality of the funded participant: United States of America

Central and South America and the Caribbean:

Edith BASTIDAS CALDERÓN (Mrs.)⁷

Name of the invited observer NGO that nominated the applicant: *Red Mujeres Indígenas sobre Biodiversidad* (RMIB)

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Panama City, Panama

Nationality of the funded participant: Colombia

Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ INLAGO (Mr.)

Name of the invited observer NGO that nominated the applicant: Call of the Earth (COE)

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Cusco, Peru

Nationality of the funded participant: Ecuador

Eastern Europe, Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia:

Polina SHULBAEVA (Mrs.)

Name of the invited observer NGO that nominated the applicant: Centre for Support of Indigenous Peoples of the North/Russian Indigenous Training Centre (CSIPN/RITC)

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Moscow, Russian Federation

Nationality of the funded participant: Russian Federation

Mikhail TODYSHEV (Mr.)

Name of the invited observer NGO that nominated the applicant: Elders Council of the Shor People

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Novokuznetz, Russian Federation

Nationality of the funded participant: Russian Federation

⁷ Mrs. INÁCIO BELFORT SALES, who was recommended for funding, timely informed that she was unable to participate in the Diplomatic Conference on behalf of the invited observer that nominated her for funding. Consequently, Mrs. BASTIDAS CALDERÓN, recommended as an alternate, was offered and accepted funding in lieu of Mrs. INÁCIO BELFORT SALES.

North America⁸:

June LORENZO (Ms.)

Name of the invited observer NGO that nominated the applicant: International Indian Treaty Council

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Tucson (Arizona), United States of America

Nationality of the funded participant: United States of America

The Pacific:

Jo-Anne DRIESSENS (Mrs.)

Name of the invited observer NGO that nominated the applicant: Arts Law Centre of Australia

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Sydney, Australia

Nationality of the funded participant: Australia

Ulukoa DUHAYLONSOD (Mr.)

Name of the invited observer NGO that nominated the applicant: *Ka'uikiokapō*

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Kapolei (Hawaii), United States of America

Nationality of the funded participant: United States of America

Applicants who were recommended for funding, pending availability of funds, with the view to the Forty-Eighth and Forty-Ninth sessions of the Committee⁹, but for whom no sufficient means were available on November 1, 2024 (in order of priority):

Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA (Mr.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO that nominated the applicant: ADJMOR

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Timbuktu, Mali

Nationality of the recommended applicant: Mali

Nelson DE LEÓN KANTULE (Mr.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO that nominated the candidate:

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

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Panamy City, Panama

Nationality of the recommended applicant: Panama

Agoussou Marcellin AIGBE (Mr.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO that nominated the applicant: *Jeunesse Sans Frontières Bénin (JSF Bénin)*

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Tori-Bossito, Benin

Nationality of the recommended applicant: Benin

Lucia Fernanda INÁCIO BELFORT SALES (Ms.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO that nominated the candidate: *Instituto Indígena brasileiro para la Propiedad Intelectual (INBRAPI)*

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Coxilha (RS), Brazil

Nationality of the recommended applicant: Brazil

⁸ Mr. Frank ETTAWAGESHIK, who was recommended for funding, informed that he was unable to participate in the Diplomatic Conference.

⁹ See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/47/INF/6 dated June 8, 2023. At the time of the adoption of its recommendation (see the said Annex, paragraph 4 (iii)), the Advisory Board could not have anticipated that the Forty-Eighth and Forty-Ninth sessions of the Committee would take place "back-to-back" and that no Advisory Board could possibly take in the margins of the Forty-Eighth Session of the Committee (one-day session). Its recommendation should be read therefore as intended for the Forty-Eighth and Forty-Ninth sessions of the Committee.

Expenditures made by the Fund in relation to the Special Session of the Committee:

Lucia F. INÁCIO BELFORT S. (Ms.)	CHF 4,286.25
Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ INLAGO (Mr.)	CHF 4,202.6
Musa Usman NDAMBA (Mr.)	CHF 3,775.65
Babagana ABUBAKAR (Mr.)	CHF 4,133.95

Expenditures made in relation to the Diplomatic Conference:

Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA (Mr.)	CHF 6,544.10
Lucy MULENKEI (Mrs.)	CHF 6,423.95
Jennifer CORPUZ (Mrs.)	CHF 6,652.7
Preston HARDISON (Mr.)	CHF 7,054
Edith BASTIDAS CALDERÓN (Mrs.)	CHF 4,800.8
Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ INLAGO (Mr.)	CHF 7,097.9
Polina SHULBAEVA (Mrs.)	CHF 6,246.9
Mikhail TODYSHEV (Mr.)	CHF 6,959.1
June LORENZO (Ms.)	CHF 6,915.4
Jo-Anne DRIESSENS (Mrs.)	CHF 7,042.6
Ulukoa DUHAYLONSOD (Mr.)	CHF 6,959.05

Total expenditures: CHF 72,696.50

In line with the decision taken by the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO in their Sixty Fourth Series of Meetings (July 6 to July 14, 2023)¹⁰, the balance of the Fund that amounted to CHF 41,387.21 on February 13, 2024, and the bank interest generated by the Fund from January 1 to June 30, 2024 that amounted to CHF 119.11¹¹, were fully used to cover part of those expenditures, and the remaining amount of those expenditures (CHF 31,190.18) were made through the budget allocated to the Diplomatic Conference.

Commitments with the view to the Forty-Eighth and Forty-Ninth sessions of the Committee:

None.

¹⁰ See WIPO document A/64/13, par. 29 (v).

¹¹ This amount differs from the one included in the donors' reports, since the estimate of the bank interest generated during this Fund until June 2024 was provisional at the time of such reporting.

List of the applicants seeking support with the view to the Fiftieth Session of the Committee

Babagana ABUBAKAR (Mr.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO nominating the candidate:

Kanuri Development Association

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Maiduguri, Nigeria

Nationality of the applicant: Nigeria

Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA (Mr.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO nominating the applicant: ADJMOR

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Timbuktu, Mali

Nationality of the applicant: Mali

Edith BASTIDAS (Ms.)

Name of the invited observer NGO nominating the applicant: *Red Mujeres Indígenas sobre Biodiversidad* (RMIB)

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Panama City, Panama

Nationality of the applicant: Colombia

Musa Usman NDAMBA (Mr.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO nominating the candidate: Mbororo Social Cultural Development Association (MBOSCUDA)

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Yaoundé, Cameroon

Nationality of the applicant: Cameroon

Osaruigiemwin Joseph OGIERIAKHI (Mr.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO nominating the candidate: West Africa Coalition for Indigenous Peoples' Rights (WACIPR)

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Benin City, Nigeria

Nationality of the applicant: Nigeria

Nongpoklai SINHA (Ms.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO nominating the candidate: Ethnic Community Development Organization (ECDO)

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Sylhet, Bangladesh

Nationality of the applicant: Bangladesh

Mikhail TODYSHEV (Mr.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO nominating the applicant: Elders Council of the Shor People

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Novokuznetz, Russian Federation

Nationality of the applicant: Russian Federation

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

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