

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

**Forty-Fourth Session**  
**Geneva, September 12 to 16, 2022**

### **VOLUNTARY FUND FOR ACCREDITED INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD**

*Information Note prepared by the Director General*

1. The arrangements establishing the WIPO Voluntary Fund (“the Fund”), as approved by the General Assembly, are contained in the Annex to Document WO/GA/39/11. Article 6(i) of the Decision states:

“The Advisory Board will adopt its recommendation before the end of the Committee session on the margins of which it meets. This recommendation will identify:

- (i) the subsequent Committee session and, should the case arise, the IWG meeting(s) intended for financial support (i.e., the subsequent session of the Committee),
- (ii) the applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported for that session and/or the IWG meeting(s), for whom funds are available,
- (iii) any applicant or applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported in principle but for whom insufficient funds are available,
- (iv) any applicant or applicants whose application has been rejected in accordance with the procedure in Article 10,
- (v) any applicant or applicants whose application has been postponed until the next session of the Committee in accordance with the procedure in Article 10.

The Advisory Board will immediately forward the contents of the recommendation to the Director General who will take a decision in accordance with the recommendation. The Director General will inform the Committee immediately and, in any case, prior to the end of its current session, by means of an information note specifying the decision taken concerning each applicant.”

2. Accordingly, the Secretariat wishes to communicate to the Committee the report and recommendations adopted by the Advisory Board at the conclusion of its meeting held on the margins of the Forty-Fourth Session of the Committee. This report is attached in the Annex.

3. The Committee is advised that, in accordance with Article 6(d) of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11 as approved by the General Assembly (39<sup>th</sup> session), the Director General has taken note of the content of this report and adopted the decisions as recommended by the Advisory Board in paragraph 4 of its report.

[Annex follows]

WIPO VOLUNTARY FUND

ADVISORY BOARD

REPORT

1. The Advisory Board of the WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities (“the Fund”), whose members were appointed by decision of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”) during its Forty-Fourth Session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its thirty-fourth meeting on September 14, 2022, under the chairmanship of Mr. Yonah SELETI, member *ex officio*, on the margins of the Forty-Fourth Session of the Committee.

2. The members of the Advisory Board met in accordance with Articles 7 and 9 of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11.

3. Recalling Article 5(a) of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11, the Advisory Board took note of the financial situation of the Fund as described in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/44/INF/4 dated August 25, 2022, which was distributed before the opening of the Forty-Fourth Session of the Committee and which specified that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 718.28 Swiss francs on August 24, 2022. In this regard, the Advisory Board welcomed with much appreciation the contribution to the Fund received from the Federal Ministry of Justice of Germany on September 13, 2022, amounting to 14,233.70 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 15,000 euros at the time of the transfer). The Advisory Board strongly encouraged WIPO Member States and other potential donors to contribute further to the Fund.

4. The Advisory Board adopted the following recommendations based on the consideration of the list of applicants as it appears in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/44/INF/4 as well as of the content of the applications of those applicants, and in accordance with Article 6(i) of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11:

- (i) future session intended for financial support in accordance with Article 5(e): 45<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee;
- (ii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agreed should be supported in principle for the session of the Committee as referred to under paragraph 4(i), pending sufficient availability of funds (in order of priority):

Agoussou Marcellin AIGBE (Mr.)

Ulukoa DUHAYLONSOD (Mr.)

Musa Usman NDAMBA (Mr.)

(iii) applicants whose application should be postponed for further consideration by the Advisory Board until the next session of the Committee:

Babagana ABUBAKAR (Mr.)

Jafarou MALAM KOSSAO (Mr.)

(iv) applicants whose application should be rejected:

None.

The content of the present report and the recommendations it contains will be forwarded to the Director General of WIPO following its adoption by the members of the Advisory Board in accordance with Article 6(i) last paragraph of the Annex to document WIPO/GA/39/11.

Done in Geneva, September 14, 2022.

Names of the members of the Advisory Board:

Chair: Mr. Yonah SELETI (Mr.), Chief Director, Science Missions, Department of Science and Innovation (DSI), South Africa, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee, member *ex officio*, [agreed]

and in alphabetical order:

Joã Anne DRIESSENS (Ms.), Representative, Arts Law Centre of Australia [agreed]

Vueti KOSONIU MAY (Mr.), First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Fiji, Geneva [agreed]

Lucy MULENKEI (Ms.), Representative, Executive Director, Human Rights, Gender and Environment Department, Indigenous Information Network [agreed]

Allan NDAGIJE MUGARURA (Mr.), Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Uganda, Geneva [agreed]

Herlinda Guadalupe QUE DZUL (Ms.), Representative, Adviser, *Agencia Internacional de Prensa Indígena* (AIPIN) [agreed]

Thomas REITINGER (Mr.), Senior Patent Examiner, Patent Division, German Patent and Trademark Office, Federal Ministry of Justice, Germany [agreed]

Alison Anabella URQUIZO OLAZABALA (Ms.), Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Peru, Geneva [agreed]

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