

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

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UPDATE OF THE LIST OF THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
ADMITTED AS *AD HOC* OBSERVERS TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES,
TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE

Document prepared by the Secretariat

INTRODUCTION

1. At its Forty-Fifth Session, the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (the IGC) agreed on the approach contained in document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/45/2 entitled “Update of the List of the Non-Governmental Organizations Admitted as *Ad Hoc* Observers to the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (the IGC).” The said document provided an analysis of the increase in the number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) admitted as *ad hoc* observers to the IGC, as well as the participation rates of observers. Furthermore, it introduced a process to update the list of NGO observers in order to mitigate challenges associated with the increase in observers. The Secretariat would report back to the IGC on the outcome of the updated list of NGO observers, i.e. the results of the survey, as well as any revisions made, which is the purpose of the present document.

UPDATE PROCESS

2. Based on the aforementioned decision, the Secretariat undertook several steps, as specified in document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/45/2 paragraph 7, to identify the NGOs that are defunct or no longer interested in participating in the IGC.

3. In March/April 2023, the Secretariat distributed a survey through Note C. 9145, requesting all NGOs admitted as *ad hoc* observers to the IGC, listed at https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/igc/docs/igc_observers.pdf, that did not participate in the IGC during the period between IGCs 35 to 44, to confirm that they remain interested in the work at the IGC and wish to retain their status as *ad hoc* observers to the IGC.

RESULTS

4. In line with the update procedure described above, the Secretariat identified 358 NGOs, out of a total of 436 NGOs admitted as *ad hoc* observers to the IGC as of 2001, that did not participate in the IGC during the period between IGCs 35 to 44. By the conclusion of the update process, a total of 2 NGOs from the target group of 358 NGOs, had replied to the survey and provided the Secretariat with up-to-date contact information. This information will be used to update relevant documents and databases regarding *ad hoc* observers to the IGC. Consequently, all those NGOs that did not reply to the communications sent will be removed from the list of *ad hoc* observers. Together with the newly admitted NGO observers at IGC 46 in 2023, this results in a total number of 81 NGOs, currently admitted as *ad hoc* observers to the IGC. The list is annexed to this document.

5. *The IGC is invited to take note of this document.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

Updated List of Accredited Observers to the IGC¹

[Action jeunesse pour le développement \(AJED-Congo\)](#)

[ADJMOR](#)

[Agencia Internacional de Prensa Indígena \(AIPIN\)](#)

[Al-Zain Organization for Intellectual Property \(ZIPO\)](#)

[Assembly of Armenians of Western Armenia, The](#)

[Assembly of First Nations](#)

[\(Asociación Centro Indígena para el Desarrollo Sostenible\) \(CINDES\)/Indigenous Center for Sustainable Development Association](#)

[Asociación Kunas unidos por Napguana/Association of Kunas United for Mother Earth \(KUNA\)](#)

[Association Culturelle Et Scientifique De Khenchela \(ACSK\)](#)

[Association Debout Femmes Autochtones du Congo \(ADFAC\)](#)

[Association pour la Valorisation du Patrimoine Culturel des Communes du Cameroun \(AVP3C\)](#)

[Association pour l'intégration et le Développement durable au Burundi/ Association for Integration and Sustainable Development in Burundi \(AIDB\)](#)

[Arts Law Centre of Australia](#)

[Centre du Commerce International pour le Développement \(CECIDE\)/International Trade Center for Development \(CECIDE\)](#)

[Centre for Documentation, Research and Information of Indigenous Peoples \(doCip\)](#)

[Centre for International Governance Innovation \(CIGI\)](#)

[Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables \(CAMV\)](#)

[Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú \(CHIRAPAQ\)/Centre for Indigenous Cultures of Peru](#)

[Centro de Estudios Multidisciplinarios Aymara \(CEM-Aymara\) \(Center for Multidisciplinary Studies Aymara\) \(CEM-Aymara\)](#)

[Centre de Recherche et de Promotion du Droit \(CRPD\)](#)

[Centre for Support of Indigenous Peoples of the North/Russian Indigenous Training Centre \(CSIPN/RITC\)](#)

¹ This list does not include the permanent observers to WIPO, as contained in the list available at <https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/members/en/docs/observers.pdf>.

[*Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos \(CAPAJ\)*](#)

[*Corporación Red Nacional de Mujeres Comunes, Comunitarias, Indígenas y Campesinas de la República de Colombia \(REDCOMUINCACOL\)*](#)

[CS Consulting](#)

[Culture of Afro-indigenous Solidarity \(Afro-Indigène\)](#)

[Elders Council of the Shor People](#)

[Engabu Za Tooro \(Tooro Youth Platform for Action\)](#)

[Ethnic Community Development Organization \(ECDO\)](#)

[European Network of Traditional Music and Dance \(ENTMD\), The](#)

[European Seed Association \(ESA\)](#)

[*Federación de Comunidades nativas Fronterizas del Putumayo \(FECONAFROPU\)/Federation of Indigenous Border Communities of Putumayo*](#)

[*Fédération des Organisations Autochtones de Guyane \(FOAG\)*](#)

[First Peoples Worldwide](#)

[For Alternative Approaches to Addiction, Think & do tank \(FAAAT\)](#)

[Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action \(FAIRA\)](#)

[France Freedoms - Danielle Mitterrand Foundation/France Libertés Fondation Danielle Mitterrand](#)

[*Fundación Empresas Indígenas*](#)

[Garifuna Nation](#)

[*Grupo de Investigación en Política y Legislación sobre Biodiversidad, Recursos Genéticos y Conocimientos Tradicionales/Policy and Legislation on Biodiversity, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge \(PLEBIO\)*](#)

[Indian Council of South America \(CISA\)](#)

[Indigenous Information Network \(IIN\)](#)

[Indo-OIC Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry \(IICCI\)](#)

[*Instituto Indígena Brasileiro da Propriedade Intelectual \(InBraPi\)*](#)

[International Association of IT Lawyers \(IAITL\)](#)

[International Centre for Environmental Education and Community Development \(ICENECDEV\)](#)

[International Indian Treaty Council](#)

[*Jeunesse Sans Frontières Bénin \(JSF Bénin\)*](#)

[Ka'uikiokapō](#)

[Kanuri Development Association](#)

[Kosodum Welfare Private Limited](#)

[Mbororo Social Cultural Development Association \(MBOSCUDA\)](#)

[*Métis National Council \(MNC\)*](#)

[Native Nations Law and Policy Center, University of California, Los Angeles School of Law](#)

[Norwegian Council for Traditional Music and Traditional Dance](#)

[Ontario Federation on Indian Friendship Centres \(OFIFC\)](#)

[Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat](#)

[Peruvian Society for Environmental Law \(SPDA\)](#)

[*Proyecto ETNOMAT, Departamento de Antropología Social, Universidad de Barcelona \(España\)*](#)

[*Rassemblement des Africains Conscients, Intègres, Nationalistes, Engagés et Solidaires : Association \(RACINES\)*](#)

[*Red de Cooperación Amazonica/Amazon Cooperation Network \(REDCAM\)*](#)

[*Red Mujeres Indígenas sobre Biodiversidad \(RMIB\)*](#)

[*Regroupement des mamans de kamituqa \(REMAK\)*](#)

[Research Group on Cultural Property \(RGCP\)](#)

[Rulu Arts Promoters \(RAP\)](#)

[Rural Women Environmental Protection Association \(RWEPA\)](#)

[Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North \(RAIPON\)](#)

[SAAMI Council](#)

[Secretariat of the Pacific Community \(SPC\)](#)

[*Società Italiana per la Museografia e i Beni Demoetnoantropologici \(SIMBDEA\)*](#)

[*Société Internationale d'Éthnologie et de Folklore \(SIEF\)*](#)

[*Solidarity for a Better World/Solidarité pour un Monde Meilleur \(SMM\)*](#)

[Structural Analysis of Cultural Systems \(S.A.C.S.\)](#)

[Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc.](#)

[Tebtebba Foundation - Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education](#)

[*Traditions pour Demain/Traditions for Tomorrow*](#)

[Tulalip Tribes of Washington Governmental Affairs Department](#)

[*Union des peuples autochtones pour le réveil au développement \(UPARED\)*](#)

[University of Lausanne](#)

[*Villages unis \(United Villages\)*](#)

[*Voie éclairée des Enfants Démunis \(VED\)*](#)

[Wakatū Incorporation](#)

[West Indian Tribal Society](#)

[World Trade Institute \(WTI\)](#)

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