



Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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NOTIFICATION

Voluntary Trust Fund - List of selected participants to receive funding for participation in the Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (ABSWG-7), Paris, France, 2-8 April 2009

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you may know, in decision VII/16 G, paragraph 10, on Participatory mechanism for indigenous and local communities, the Conference of the Parties (COP) decided “to establish a voluntary funding mechanism under the Convention to facilitate the participation of indigenous and local communities in meetings under the Convention”. At its eighth meeting (decision VIII/5 D, Annex), the COP adopted the draft criteria for the operation of such a fund.

The Voluntary Trust Fund remains the only United Nations fund specifically for indigenous and local community participation in meetings related to the Convention and is able to support indigenous and local community representatives in 2009 thanks to the generous support of the governments of Austria, Canada, Finland, Germany and the Kingdom of Spain.

Furthermore in decision IX/12, paragraph 18, the Conference of the Parties encourage the provision of ways and means to allow for sufficient preparation and to facilitate effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the process of the negotiation and elaboration of the international regime.

In this regard, and in connection with the seventh meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, after due consideration of nominations received and in accordance with the criteria established in the annex of the referred decision, I am pleased to inform Parties that the selection of representatives of indigenous and local communities to receive financial assistance in support of their participation in the above-mentioned meeting has been completed. The list of participants is attached for your information. Funded participants will be contacted directly by the Secretariat with regard to travel arrangements.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: CBD National Focal Points
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**List of Beneficiaries of the Voluntary Fund for the
Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing
(ABSWG-7), Paris, France, 2-8 April 2009**

Africa

- Ms. Lucy Mulenkei, Indigenous Information Network (IIN), Kenya
- Mr. Gladman Chibememe, Chibememe Earth Healing Association – CHIEHA, Zimbabwe
- Mr. Mathambo Ezequiel Ngakaeaja, Working Group of Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa (WIMSA), Botswana
- Mr. Masabo, Charles, Unisson-Nous Pour La Promotion Des Batwa – UNIPROBA, Burundi
- Mr. Musa Usman Ndamba, Mbororo Social and Cultural Development Association of Cameroon (MBOSCUDA), Cameroon

Asia

- Mr. Ngwang Sonam Sherpa, Nepal Indigenous Nationalities Preservation Association (NINPA), Nepal
- Mr. Gam Shimray Awungshi, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact Foundation, India
- Ms. Idah Faridah, the Ethnobotanical Conservation Organization for South East Asia ECO-SEA, Indonesia
- Ms. Joji Carino, Tebtebba Foundation, Philippines
- Ms. Herminia Minnie Degawan, International Alliance of Indigenous-Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests, Philippines

Latin America (including Central and South America & the Caribbean)

- Ms. Viviana Elsa Figueroa, Juventud Indígena Argentina, Argentina
- Ms. Maria Eugenia Choque Quispe, Centro de Estudios Multidisciplinarios Aymara, Bolivia
- Ms. Lucia Fernanda Inácio Belfort, Instituto Indígena Brasileiro para la Propiedad Intelectual (INBRAPI), Brazil
- Ms. Esther Camac Ramírez, Asociación Ixácavaä de Desarrollo e Información Indígena (ASIDII), Costa Rica
- Ms. Florina López Miro, Red de Mujeres Indígenas sobre Biodiversidad, Panama
- Mr. Mindahi Crescencio Bastida Muñoz, Consejo Regional Otomí del Alto Lerma, Mexico
- Mr. Onel Arias Arias, Fundación para la Promoción del Conocimiento Indígena, Panama
- Mr. Arlen Ribeira Calderon, Federación de Comunidades Nativas Fronterizas del Putumayo (FECONAFROPU), Peru

Europe and Arctic

- Mr. Mattias Ahren, Saami Council, Sweden
- Ms. Susanne Amalie Andersen, Saami Council, Norway

Eastern, Central Europe and the Caucasus

- Mr. Rodion Sulyandziga, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON), Russia
- Mr. Petr Azhunov, Baikal Buryat Center for Indigenous Cultures, Russia

North America

- Mr. Merle Alexander, Den Kayeh Institute, Canada
- Mr. James Knibb-Lamouche, National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO), Canada

Pacific

- Ms. Neva Collings, Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA), Australia
- Ms. Malia Nobrega, Waikiki Hawaiian Civic Club, Hawaii/USA