

IVth General Assembly of the ICCA Consortium
Wednesday 12 October 2011 -- 17:30 – 10:45
CIFOR Campus Bogor (Indonesia)



Minutes

1. Adoption of the Agenda

M. Taghi Farvar, ICCA Consortium President, welcomed attendees at 17:30 local time, and provided an overview of the agenda, which was adopted without change.

2. President's Report

M. Taghi Farvar presented on a range of the Consortium's areas of operation, including:

- Expanded membership;
- Collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD);
- Collaboration with the GEF Small Grants Programme (GEF-SGP);
- Collaboration with the IUCN Global Protected Areas Programme;
- Collaboration with UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and its ICCA Registry; and
- Work related to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification.

He highlighted the opportunity presented by CBD's Aichi Target 11 and, in that context, underscored the importance of forthcoming collaborations and partnerships. He concluded by thanking the Consortium Members for their active involvement.

3. Global Coordinator's Report

Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend, Global Coordinator, provided a report of the Consortium's work since the Extraordinary General Assembly held in January 2011, dubbing her report "A Year of Consolidation and Takeoff". After reminding attendees of the Consortium's main purpose and structure, she underscored that the Members are organisations and federations of indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as NGOs working with them. She then provided details of the 2011 work, based on Vision 2020 and the ICCA Consortium Work Plan developed in Shirakawa in 2010. She noted that for most of 2011 the Consortium worked on a voluntary basis. Key products and activities included:

- Work on the *Resource Kit on Governance of Protected Areas* (which will contribute to enhanced country-level engagement with CBD's PoWPA Element 2);
- The Consortium successful applications for 3 grants, specifically:
 - "The ICCA Consortium as an emerging institution" --The Christensen Fund [230,000 US\$ until Dec 2013 – work started on Oct. 1st]
 - Documentation and dissemination of information on ICCAs in the context of CBD COP10 Aichi 2020 strategic targets– UNDP EEG [75,000 US\$ until Dec 2013 – work started on Aug. 1st]
 - Review of Laws that support or hinder ICCAs – Swedbio [80,500 US\$ over 1 year– work will start on Nov. 1st] – managed by Natural Justice

Participation, training and side events at international meetings, including:

- CBD Regional Training for PoWPA and GBSAP Coordinators in Dakar (Senegal)– May 2011;
- EMRIP IV in Geneva (Switzerland)– July 2011;
- UNDP GEF SGP regional meeting in Beijing (China)– August 2011;
- UNEP/WCMC planning meeting in Cambridge (UK) April 2011– [support to development of ICCA Registry, governing body];
- Regional meeting on *Community conservation in Europe* (Gerace, September 2011);
- Recruitment of Global Assistant/Communications Officer; and
- Recruitment of Global and Regional Coordinators and planning retreat in Prana Dewi, Bali, immediately before the General Assembly.

She concluded by looking ahead to the upcoming national symposium on ICCAs in Bogor (13-14 Oct 2011), organized with local Members and honorary members. She described the Consortium as coming of age, nourished by a spirit of collaboration, good will and volunteering.

4. Comments by Members and honorary members

All attendees in Bogor and on Skype (voice and chat) introduced themselves and made comments on the President and Global Coordinator's reports. Dave de Vera offered remarks on critical ICCA-related issues in the Philippines. He explained that the Philippines are about to officially recognize ICCAs, which could provide an added layer of protection for the local governance of Ancestral Domains (they could prevent mining exploration and exploitation, which are still possible even when an IP possesses an Ancestral Domain title).

Khaled Khawaldeh, in representation of the Dana and Qadisiyah Local Community Cooperative explained about the Dana ancient ICCA now incorporated as part of a national protected area in Jordan. This designation did not receive the FPIC of the community. He expressed the hope that

the Consortium can help to redress the balance between biodiversity conservation and customary rights.

The General Assembly noted both the President and Global Coordinator's reports.

5. Treasurer's Report

Stan Stevens, Treasurer, presented on the following:

- Current status of the accounts;
- Account activity; and
- 2012 Current budget.

The Financial Report is contained in Annex I.

6. Report of the Auditor of the Accounts

Maurizio Farhan Ferrari, the Auditor of the Accounts expressed his satisfaction with the Treasurer's report.

The reports of Treasurer and Auditor of Accounts were noted and the 2012 Budget, included in Annex I of these minutes, was approved.

7. Report by Chair of the Statutes Committee

Harry Jonas, Chair of the Statutes Committee, presented the revised Statutes and procedural guidelines. He explained that there had been an extended process of comments from Members, which had been augmented by further contributions from the Steering Committee members and regional Co-coordinators at the recent planning retreat. He highlighted two items: the first relating to excluding for-profit corporations from the Consortium and the second about whether having a simple majority vote where a consensus cannot be found is an acceptable *modus operandi*. The General assembly broke for supper at which a small group discussed the issues.

Upon resumption of the meeting, Harry Jonas explained the final agreed changes that include excluding for-profit corporations and the suggestion to put the question about consensus vs. simple majority voting to the wider Consortium. On this basis, the revised Statutes – constituting Annex II of these minutes - were approved.

Harry Jonas also presented the draft procedural guidelines. Taghi Farvar suggested that the General Assembly charge the Chair of the Steering Committee to circulate the draft document to all Members for any final inputs, after which a decision to adopt them could be taken. The General Assembly agreed with this proposal.

8. Steering Committee, Members and Membership Policy

Taghi Farvar noted the resignation of Dennis Rose (Australia) from the Steering Committee and proposed approving the nomination of Chrissy Grant (Australia), who is a leader of the environment and indigenous rights movement in Australia. His proposal was unanimously accepted. He noted the applications from Tao Foundation (Taiwan) and Foundation for the Sustainable Development of Altai (Russian Federation). Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend said she is now receiving proposals for new honorary members and she will further the list of new nominations to the Steering Committee after the 17th of October.

Ashish Kothari outlined the draft membership policy. The General Assembly approved the suggestion that the draft membership policy should be circulated to all Members and honorary members together with the draft operational guidelines.

9. Global and Regional Coordinators

Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend then outlined the work programme for 2012, with an overarching reference to the Aichi Target 11, which will greatly raise ICCAs' visibility both as part of protected areas' systems and as "other area-based conservation measures". She outlined the key upcoming meetings that include Rio+20, the World Conservation Congress and the 11th conference of the Parties to the CBD. She stressed that this overall focus also requires regional and local approaches.

Onel Masardule, joining by Skype, expressed his support for the Consortium as representative of a Member organization and said his organization was at the disposal of the Consortium for any needed collaboration. Taghi Farvar replied saying he looked forward to collaborating at the upcoming CBD Working Group on Article 8j.

The following Regional Coordinators added their comments:

- Lorena Arce introduced her co-coordinators for Latin America: Jorge Luis Andreve Diaz, Carmen Miranda, and Ivan Zambrana and explained that there are currently only 6 Members in the Latin American region, and thus a priority is to include more indigenous peoples' organisations. She explained that the coordinators would begin by engaging with prospective Members in their own countries and then expand their regional reach.
- Francois Depey introduced the North American work plan, explaining that he would focus on the West Coast and link with Jessica Brown to engage more East Coast communities.
- Kail Zingapan, Neema Pathak and Mina Esteghamat introduced the Asia workplan that includes local ICCA activities, as well as work on the CBD Recognition Guidelines and the Legal Review.
- Christian Chatelain introduced work in Europe and Africa. In Europe, a membership drive is proposed. The African Coordinators will be engaged and find an occasion for joint planning at the 2012 Congress of the International Society of Ethnobiology in France.

Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend concluded by stating that the regional groups will synthesize the 2012 Work Plan in a document by the end of 2011, including regionally-specific outputs. The document will be circulated to Members.

10. Information and communication plan

Vanessa Reid, Global Assistant/Communication Officer, provided the following details of the Consortium's information and communication plan:

- new Google groups will be set up for regional mailing lists and a global overall list of Members and honorary members;
- the Facebook page will be developed, which would be useful for the alert mechanism;
- the Consortium will not have a "bulletin board" page;
- the Consortium will engage with Twitter and it will be a process of exploring its best use for the Alert mechanism;

- there will be unified email addresses for the regional coordinators and any other Consortium staff;
- the "contact us" page on the website will contain names and bios of the Steering Committee Members, Regional Coordinators and the Secretariat;
- cell phones and landlines remain a recommended way of communicating;
- an online newsletter will be created every six months, organized by the Communication Officer with information provided by Regional coordinators and ICCA Consortium Members and honorary members;
- brand design will be explored and experimented by all the Consortium members and a competition for designing the logo will be organized by the Communication Officer.

Vanessa Reid concluded by providing information on the alert mechanism and said that Artiso Mandawa has given good information on how to use YouTube and Vimeo to engage more people. All the above will be linked to the ICCA Forum website, which will serve as a hub. There will be four global e-mail lists, one only for Members, one that includes all Members and honorary members, one for the Steering Committee and one for the Coordinators. This is besides the regional mailing lists.

Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend noted that the information and communication system includes 1. an ICCA information hub (the ICCA Forum site that needs to be indexed and easily searchable); 2. a variety of communication avenues (as described by Vanessa); and 3. the Alert mechanism.

The information and communication plan was noted.

11. Any other business

Maurizio Farhan Ferrari raised two issues regarding his position as Auditor of Accounts. First, he explained that while he is happy to remain in the position, he is eager to see someone with greater proclivity for accounting to take on the role. Second, he alerted the Steering Committee to the fact that there are still no formal Terms of Reference for the position.

As an addendum to this agenda item, linkages between the Consortium and the ICCA-Registry were briefly discussed, with agreement that further discussions are required regarding the latter's governance and advisory Committees.

Prompted by a question from Jessica Brown, Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend explained the overall emphasis of the options for WCC events that were discussed in the planning retreat.

13. Closing the Meeting

Taghi Farvar thanked all participants and closed the meeting at 10:45 pm local time.

In attendance:

- Taghi Farvar (Consortium President and member of the Steering Committee; Cenesta – Member and WAMIP -- Member)
- Artiso (Tisoy) Mandawa (ALDAW -- Member)
- Ashish Kothari (member of the Steering Committee; and Kalpavriksh -- Member)

- Carmen Miranda (Consortium Co-Coordinator for Latin America)
- Crissy Guerrero (NTFP-EP -- Member)
- Christian Chatelain (Consortium Co-Coordinator for Europe and Africa)
- Christina Eghenter (honorary member and representative of WWF-Indonesia, Partner)
- Dave de Vera (PAFID -- Member)
- Francois Depey (Office of the Wet'suwet'en – Member; Consortium Coordinator for North America)
- Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend (Consortium Global Coordinator, member of the Steering Committee, honorary member)
- Harry Jonas (Chair of the Statutes Committee; Natural Justice -- Member)
- Holly Shrumm (Natural Justice -- Member)
- Jorge Luis Andreve Diaz (APCI – Member; Consortium Co-Coordinator for Latin America)
- Kail Zingapan (member of the Steering Committee; PAFID – Member; Consortium Coordinator for South East Asia and the Pacific)
- Lorena Arce (Consortium Co-Coordinator for Latin America)
- Maurizio Farhan Ferrari (Auditor of Accounts; FPP – Member)
- Mina Esteghamat (CENESTA, Consortium Coordinator for West Asia)
- Mita Saragi (KIARA -- Observer)
- Neema Pathak-Broome (Kalpavriksh—Member, Consortium Coordinator for South Asia and China)
- Rio Bertoni (NTFP-EP, Member)
- Riza Damanic (KIARA -- Observer)
- Simone Lovera (Global Forest Coalition -- Member)
- Stan Stevens (Consortium Treasurer, member of the Steering Committee, honorary member)
- Susan Harawate (KIARA-- Observer)
- Vanessa Reid (Consortium Global Assistant / Communication Officer)
- Ari (GKPP Indonesia, Observer)

Attending via Skype:

- Khalid Khawaldeh (Dana and Qadisiyah Local Community Cooperative -- Member)
- Salatou Sambou (Association des Pêcheurs de la CR de Mangangoulack -- Member)
- Jessica Brown (Quebec-Labrador Foundation – Member and honorary member)
- Onel Masardule (APCI – Member)
- Terence Hay-Edie, UNDP- GEF SGP (honorary member and representative of Partner)
- Bas Verschuuren, CSVPA (honorary member)

Annex I: 2012 Budget

Annex II: revised Statutes, 12 Oct 2011

(soon to be available from www.iccaforum.org)

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