

World Alliance of Mobile Indigenous Peoples (WAMIP)

Steering Committee Meeting

16th September 2003

Chair: J. Ole Simel

Rapporteur: Boku Tache, Steering Committee Member (SCM), WAMIP

Agenda:

1. Terms of Reference of a potential consultant
2. Identify date and location of the next WAMIP meeting
3. Membership of WAMIP
4. Concept Paper

Terms of Reference (ToR) of potential consultant

Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend has offered funds for a consultancy to research and outline the possibilities for the objectives, structure and legal status of the Alliance and its relationship with other existing organisations. Therefore, before identifying the ToR of the potential consultant, Steering Committee members agreed that Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend will confirm the final ToR. Furthermore, it was decided that the potential consultant must have a background in issues related to Mobile Indigenous Peoples, and that the results of the consultancy should be completed by December 2003.

The ToR includes:

- Documenting how various Mobile Indigenous Peoples would prefer to be identified: *Mobile Indigenous Peoples, Indigenous Peoples, or Mobile Peoples*
- Identifying similar concerns shared by Mobile Indigenous Peoples
- Investigating international law pertaining to the Indigenous Peoples and whether those can be applied to Mobile Indigenous Peoples
- Identifying existing global forums pertaining to Mobile Indigenous Peoples and the possibility of collaboration
- Recommending appropriate approaches for addressing concerns of Mobile Indigenous Peoples both at national and international levels
- Offering suggestion as to the most suitable structure of WAMIP
- Recommendation on resource mobilization strategies and methods (financial, technical, human)

Date and location of the next WAMIP meeting

The Steering Committee members agreed that the next WAMIP meeting should occur before the *Conference of Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity* in February 2004 in Malaysia, during which a concurrent meeting of the Mobile Indigenous Peoples will finalise the work of the Alliance.

- Date: The date of the next meeting was, therefore, decided for sometime between November and December 2003
- Location: Some tentative locations were Iran, Kenya, and India
- Funding: The funding for the next prospective meeting should be consulted with Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend, Taghi Farvar, and Maryam Niamir-Fuller

Membership

The members of the Steering Committee agreed that membership to the Alliance of Mobile Indigenous Peoples should have several tiers:

- Full Members: Mobile Indigenous Peoples, Tribes and Communities
- Associate members: Support organisations
- Honorary Members
- Individuals will also have a role
- Communities/Community institutions
- Organisations

Development of a Concept Paper

The concept paper will be the outcome of collaborative efforts between the resource mobilization staff:

- Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend
- Taghi Farvar
- Ashish Kotari
- Marco Bassi
- Maryam Niamir-Fuller
- Maryam Rahmanian
- James Everett
- Monica Castelo

Participants

Steering Committee Members

1. J. Ole Simel, (Maasai) Kenya- SCM
2. Boku Tache, (Boorana Oromo) Ethiopia- SCM
3. Sayyaad Soltani, (Qashqai) Iran- SCM
4. Gantuul Sukhee (Iredui), Mongolia- SCM
5. Sauletkhan Bagiman (Kazakh), Mongolia- SCM
6. Saoudata Aboubacrine (Tuareg), Berkina Faso- Absent SCM
7. Bagdiram Raika (Raika), India- SCM

Other participants:

1. Aghaghia Rahimzadeh, Iran- Translator
2. K. Vasamalli (Toda), India- WAMIP Member