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**ACCREDITATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANIZATIONS, ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS**

Note by the secretariat

Addendum

**SUMMARY**

In accordance with the procedures provided in the Convention, the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties (COP), and decision 26/COP.1, a list is contained herein of national, international, governmental or intergovernmental organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations (NGOs), proposed for accreditation to the COP at its sixth session.

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## **I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. Article 22, paragraph 7 of the Convention states: "The United Nations, its specialized agencies and any State member thereof or observers thereto not Party to the Convention may be represented at sessions of the Conference of the Parties as observers. Any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Convention, and which has informed the Permanent Secretariat of its wish to be represented at a session of the Conference of the Parties as an observer, may be so admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object." Rules 6 and 7 of the rules of procedure (decision 1/COP.1, as contained in ICCD/COP(1)/11/Add.1) contain provisions to similar effect. Furthermore, decision 26/COP.1 contains provisions on accrediting NGOs and intergovernmental organizations to the first and subsequent sessions of the COP.

## **II. INTRODUCTION**

2. Document ICCD/COP(6)/9 lists all accreditation requests received from NGOs as at 18 June 2003. The present addendum lists further accreditation requests received from national, international, governmental or intergovernmental organizations, contained in annex I, as well as from NGOs, contained in annex II, as at 13 August 2003.

3. In issuing this document, the secretariat has also taken account of the request made by the World Conservation Union (IUCN) to be accredited to the COP as an intergovernmental organization, in accordance with United Nations General Assembly Resolution 54/195, which decided to invite the same organization to participate in the sessions and work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer.

## **III. RECOMMENDATIONS**

4. In conformity with the provisions mentioned above, the secretariat recommends that the COP at its sixth session accredit as observers, the national, international, governmental or intergovernmental organizations listed in annex I of the present document as well as the NGOs listed in annex II including the change of status of IUCN from an NGO to an intergovernmental organization.

Annex I

**NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL, GOVERNMENTAL OR INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANIZATIONS PROPOSED FOR ACCREDITATION BY THE CONFERENCE  
OF THE PARTIES AT ITS SIXTH SESSION**

European Space Agency (ESA)  
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75738 Paris Cedex 15  
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Tel: 33 1 53697654  
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Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)  
Peace Palace  
Carnegieplein 2  
2517 KJ The Hague  
Netherlands  
Tel: 31 70 3024165  
Fax: 31 70 3024167

Regional Environmental Center (REC)  
Ady Endre út 9-11  
2000 Szentendre  
Hungary  
Tel: 36 26 504000  
Fax: 36 26 311294

The World Conservation Union (IUCN)  
Rue Mauverney 28  
1196 Gland  
Switzerland  
Tel: 41 22 9990000/1  
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Water Center for Arid and Semi-Arid Zones in Latin America and the Caribbean (CAZALAC)  
Cisternas s/n Esq. Anfión Muñoz (Lab. Central U. de La Serena)  
La Serena  
Chile  
Tel: 56 51 204493  
Fax: 56 51 204494

Annex II

**NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS PROPOSED FOR ACCREDITATION TO  
THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AT ITS SIXTH SESSION**

**AMAVIDA**

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65073-200 Sao Luis

Brazil

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Established: 1990

Membership: National

Contributes to the conservation of natural resources in the state of Maranhao. Promotes actions towards protection of the environment and improvements to the living conditions of the local population. Transfers conservationist techniques to protect biodiversity in the ecosystems of Maranhao. Coordinates a platform for ecological development of the region, which includes NGOs and the public and private sectors.

**Asia-Pacific Forum of Environmental Journalists, APFEJ**

42/1 Kha Segun Bagicha

Dhaka 1000

Bangladesh

Tel: 880 2 9336987

Fax: 880 2 9330354

E-mail: apfej@bdcom.com

Membership: International

Promotes awareness of environmental issues among the public and journalists in the Asia-Pacific region. Organizes dialogues with decision makers in the media with a view to giving emphasis to environmental issues. Is creating a network of journalists in the region. Provides the public and journalists with information resources in order to promote international awareness of environmental problems. Organizes international and regional workshops, seminars and study tours for journalists on environmental matters.

**Asociación Coordinadora Indígena y Campesina de Agroforesteria Comunitaria Centroamericana, ACICAFOC**

Moravia, De Pizza Hut los Colegios 50 Sur y 50 Noreste, casa color Blanco

San Jose

Costa Rica

Tel: 506 2406274

Fax: 506 2411996

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Established: 1994

Membership: International

Assists in the sustainable management of forests through the formulation of programmes for

managing common land. Undertakes programmes to transform conventional agriculture (agro-chemic) into organic production, and extensive cattle breeding into environmental cattle breeding. Mitigates poverty through the management of natural resources and the strengthening of local populations. Co-manages protected areas and *zonas de amortiguamiento*.

Asociación Cubana de Producción Animal, ACPA

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Habana

Cuba

Tel: 53 7 8338159

Fax: 53 7 335366

E-mail: [acpa@acpa.co.cu](mailto:acpa@acpa.co.cu)

Established: 1974

Membership: National

Undertakes projects in the eastern part of the country to combat desertification through the use of renewable energies and sustainable management of water. Carries out reforestation programmes in the areas devoted to cattle breeding. Improves the living conditions of communities by facilitating their access to production resources and water. Assists local communities in reducing unemployment.

Asociación Nacional de Agricultores Pequeños de Cuba, ANAP

Calle 13 No 206, entre H e I, Vedado

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Cuba

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Fax: 53 7 8328586

E-mail: [proyecto@anap.org.cu](mailto:proyecto@anap.org.cu)

Established: 1961

Membership: National

Provides technical and economic assistance to small farmers in the production field and organizes the sustainable use of human and material resources. Participates in the formulation of policies and strategies relating to agriculture and production. Organizes large training programmes for farmers and members of small cooperatives. Promotes and disseminates the experience of sustainable agriculture among farmers.

Belarusian Geographic Society, BGS

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E-mail: [yatsukhno@bsu.by](mailto:yatsukhno@bsu.by)

Established: 1992

Organizes conferences and round tables to raise awareness of the problems of land degradation in Belarus. Publishes booklets, newsletters and maps on the use and protection of land. Develops alternative models of territorial development and land protection. Participates in the training of specialists in the field of land degradation. Develops training programmes and specialized books on these topics.

Centro de Estudios sobre la Juventud, CESJ  
Ave. de las Misiones #53 e/ Peña Pobre y Cuarteles  
Habana  
Cuba

Tel: 537 8670227

E-mail: ces@jovenclub.cu

Established: 1994

Membership: National

Coordinates the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) project Geo-youth in Cuba. Organizes workshops and seminars to raise awareness among adolescents and young people of environment related issues. Involves youth in the preparation of work and activities associated with the environment.

Club du Sahel, CDS

BP 15773

Douala

Cameroon

Tel: 237 7551588

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Established: 1991

Membership: National

Creates awareness campaigns aimed at reducing tree cutting and bush fires. Organizes workshops to inform rural populations on the conservation of flora and fauna in order to protect the ecosystem balance. Carries out reforestation activities.

Cooperativa Interdisciplinar de Pesquisa e Assessoria Tecnica, CIPAT

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60020300 Fortaleza

Brazil

Tel: 55 85 281-1123

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E-mail: cipatce@terra.com.br

Established: 1997

Membership: National

Is carrying out a project to recover areas affected by desertification in the semi-arid region of Cearense, especially in areas near to human settlements in Miraima e Independencia. Undertakes environmental education programmes through the production of teaching materials, particularly on desertification. Carries out projects to provide technical assistance and capacity building in the areas undergoing agricultural reform.

CUBASOLAR

Carmen No 270 e/ Saco y Luz Caballero. 10 de Octubre

Habana

Cuba

Tel: 53 7 405260

E-mail: berriz@cubasolar.cu

Established: 1994

**Membership: National**

Issues several publications on renewable energies and related scientific issues. Promotes the use of solar energy and carries out programmes to facilitate access to energy in rural areas. Is assisting in the development of a project to bring electricity to primary schools through the use of solar panels.

**Development and Environment Foundation, DEF**

PO Box 368

119333 Moscow

Russian Federation

Tel: 70 95 2323548

Fax: 70 95 9563586

E-mail: nikita@ntserver.cis.lead.org

Established: 1993

**Membership: National**

Trains people from regions to be experts in the field of sustainable development from regions affected by desertification and drought. Develops training activities within the framework of the International Program "Leadership for Environment and Development". Implements programmes on migration in former Soviet Union (CIS) countries connected with desertification and drought. Collaborates with the Global Environmental Outlook on topics relating to desertification. Is carrying out a project for the creation of an arboretum park in Novorossiysk.

**Development Foundation, DF**

Str. Illinskaya 57, ap. 5

Kharliv 61093

Ukraine

Tel: 380 57 7158605

Fax: 380 572 199504

Email: df@idf.org.ua

Established: 1997

**Membership: National**

Provides assistance in the development of social partnerships between government bodies and local authorities, business structures and NGOs in the solution of local, regional and international environmental problems. Provides assistance for citizens who have suffered industrial environmental contaminations and ecological and other natural cataclysms. Assists in the development of scientific and educational training programmes in the sphere of ecology and environmental preservation.

**Echange Sud/Sud-Ouest en milieu Rural, ESSOR**

2 passage Alberto Moravia BP 94

31322 Castanet - Tolosan

France

Tel: 33 5 61733625

Fax: 33 5 61731849

E-mail: essor.siege@wanadoo.fr

Established: 1983

**Membership: International**

Undertakes projects aiming at combating deforestation in Guinea. Carries out programmes to improve the condition of the land and to protect cultivations. Promotes amongst local populations

the use of *briques de terre comprimée* in construction, therefore limiting the use of *briques de terre cuite* which use wood for their production. Develops agroforestry projects in Zimbabwe to combat soil “acidification” through the use of an integral forestry system which contributes to soil equilibrium and provides complementary earnings for farmers.

Emirates Environmental Group, EEG

PO Box 7013

Dubai

United Arab Emirates

Tel: 971 4 3318100

Fax: 971 4 3328500

Established: 1991

Membership: National

Holds annual students, workshops on protection of the flora and fauna of the United Arab Emirates. Organizes a waste management and recycling project group to collect different non-degradable materials and to promote the recycling centres. Initiates and participates in green campaigns in the educational system with the aim of raising awareness of the need to protect biodiversity, habitats and green cover. Liaises with various target groups in the community, particularly school children, in order to spread the environmental message.

Enweyay - Civic and Social Education Center, ECSEC

PO Box 24337

Addis Ababa

Ethiopia

Tel: 251 1 716634

Fax: 251 1 716635

E-mail: [ecsec@telecom.net.et](mailto:ecsec@telecom.net.et)

Established: 1995

Membership: National

Undertakes programmes aiming at combating practices which contribute to the deterioration of the environment. Is preparing a teaching kit on environmental protection. Organizes workshops and activities to raise the consciousness of the urban and rural poor in order to improve their material lives through the protection of the environment and better management of natural resources.

Federación de Mujeres Cubanas, FMC

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Habana

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E-mail: [fmccu@ceniai.inf.cu](mailto:fmccu@ceniai.inf.cu)

Established: 1960

Membership: National

Participates actively in national workshops relating to the environment, sustainable development and desertification. Manages orientation houses throughout the country to provide support and advice to women, giving special attention to those living in rural areas. Coordinates with the relevant ministries and organizations specific programmes addressed to women (education, health, capacity building and as on).



Fundación ambiental oasis de vida, FAOV  
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Ibagué (Tolima)  
Colombia  
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Fax: 57 98 2668002  
E-mail: fsalgado@bunde.tolinet.com.co  
Established: 2002  
Membership: National

Formulates studies of the biophysical and socioeconomic characteristics of drylands in order to identify environmental benchmarks and indicators. Participates in the preparation, evaluation and monitoring of the national action programme. Organizes regional and local workshops on UNCCD-related issues. Promotes the transfer of technology in sustainable production so as to ensure food security. Carries out consultancies on the use of organic fertilizers and the establishment, management and use of forests and reforestation.

Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre, FANJ  
5ta B No 6611 entre 66 y 70 Miramar, Playa  
Habana  
Cuba  
Tel.: 53 7 2092885  
Fax: 53 7 2040438  
E-mail: presidencia@fanj.cult.cu  
Established: 1994  
Membership: National

Contributes to the sustainable development of human settlements promoting the improvement of quality of life and the environment. Develops projects and actions with the aim of raising awareness of the sustainable use of natural resources. Promotes dialogue among local populations to solve environmental conflicts and to strengthen the capacity of society in order to find local solutions to environmental problems. Undertakes activities aiming at the conservation and recuperation of the environment.

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Fortaleza 60160-190  
Brazil  
Tel: 55 85 2532422  
Fax: 55 85 2534728  
E-mail: sertao@sertao.org.br  
Established: 1999  
Membership: National

Undertakes projects to improve quality of life in the semi-arid areas through an educational process with rural communities to promote alternatives. In collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, carrying out a project to combat desertification in a small rural village through to the use of adapted technologies in order to improve water management using cisterns. Assists rural communities in building the capacity for water management within the framework of the project "One million cisterns for the semi-arid land".

Jeunesse - Environnement - Democratie - Developpement, JEDD

BP 10663

Niamey

Niger

Tel: 227 977948

Fax: 227 736482

E-mail: ong\_jedd@yahoo.fr

Established: 1995

Membership: National

Establishes reforestation sites in Niamey and in different regions of Niger. Organizes environmental education in schools. Undertakes activities aiming at land restoration. Raises awareness among youth and women regarding the sustainable management of natural resources.

Komrat - Ecological Movement of Moldova

Str. Tretiakova 144 of. 205

Komrat 3800

Republic of Moldova

Tel: 373 38 22629

Fax: 373 38 23841

E-mail: fedotovar@mail.ru

Established: 1999

Membership: National

Carries out seminars and training in appropriate agrotechnics for representatives of the agricultural sector (farmers, peasants...). Provides ecological education to youth in the southern part of Moldova. Organizes training in the application of biohumus for the improvement of soil fertility.

Makhzoumi Foundation, MF

PO Box 13

5009 Beirut

Lebanon

Tel: 96 11 869318

Fax: 96 11 863949

E-mail: info@makhzoumi-foundation.org

Established: 1997

Membership: National

Organizes different workshops on pest management addressed to farmers from all over Lebanon. Undertakes environmental activities for children and youth. Manages an environmental craft centre for women aimed at generating additional income. Is developing an agro-development project for degraded lands of Lebanon in partnership with other European NGOs. Administers microcredit loans for those women in the rural areas of Mount Lebanon who want to start small private businesses.

Noah's Ark Centre for the Recovery of the Endangered Species, NACRES

PO Box 20

0179 Tbilisi

Georgia

Tel: 995 32 537125

Fax: 995 32 537124

E-mail: striped.hyena@nacres.org

Established: 1989

Membership: National

Implements activities targeted at recovering arid lands in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. Undertakes the project Conservation of Arid and Semi-arid Ecosystems in the Caucasus. Organizes large-scale education campaigns on land use targeted at shepherds and local authorities. Assists the Government of Georgia in the preparation of the UNCCD national action programme for the country.

Pronaturaleza - Sociedad Cubana para la Protección del Medio Ambiente, PN

Calle 16 # 114 e/ 1a y 3a, Miramar, Playa

Habana

Cuba

Tel.: 53 7 2030617

Fax: 53 7 2042087

E-mail: cim@cim.colombus.cu

Established: 1993

Membership: National

Organized the Third Regional Meeting for NGOs working on desertification in Latin America and the Caribbean. Is preparing a TV and several radio programmes to address environmental issues, including desertification. Is formulating studies on environmental impacts and environmental risks. Organizes workshops on environmental education. Is carrying out a project on environmental education in seven primary schools around the country.

Protection and Presentavion of Natural Environment, PPNE

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University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi"

Shkoder

Albania

Tel.: 355 22 43688

Fax: 355 22 43688

E-mail: ormirshqarri@yahoo.com

Established: 1995

Membership: National

Undertakes tree-planting campaigns in different schools within the country. Formulates studies to evaluate biodiversity in forests of the country (Dobraci, Viluni Lagoon, Velipoja Reserve). Organizes round tables on the problems of desertification and erosion. Has established and manages an ecocenter in the Shkodra area to educate and to raise awareness regarding environmental problems.

Sociedad Cubana de la Ciencia del Suelo, SCCS

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Habana 32700

Cuba

Tel.: 53 64 63867

Fax: 53 64 63867

E-mail: sccs@inca.edu.cu

Established: 1984

Membership: National

Supports programmes for the use and management of bio-fertilizers. Undertakes specialized studies on the geography of the soil. Organizes workshops and seminars on soil use and classification. Publishes a newsletter every six months to disseminate information gathered by the society on the soil sciences.

Sociedad Meteorológica de Cuba, SOMETCUBA

Calle 23 No esq a B, Vedado

Habana

Cuba

Tel: 53 7 8308996

Fax: 53 7 338010

E-mail: [sometcuba@met.inf.cu](mailto:sometcuba@met.inf.cu)

Established: 1992

Membership: National

Collaborates with the national Institute of Meteorology in tackling the problems of drought. Undertakes projects with the aim of studying aspects or topics relating to desertification and drought, such as the evaluation of land aridity and the determination of drought risks. Identifies and establishes surveys and early warning systems. Promotes the development of activities in communities for reinforcing and transferring experiences and knowledge on drought mitigation and prevention.

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16070 Alger

Algeria

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E-mail: [touiza@wissal.dz](mailto:touiza@wissal.dz)

Established: 1989

Membership: National

Participates in the UNCCD national action programmes in partnership with the Direction of Forestry. Organizes awareness-raising campaigns on desertification at school level. Facilitates voluntary work to assist local communities in desertification-affected areas such as Adrar and Timimoun. Trains youth groups in tree nursery activities.

Wingspread International, WPI

Foxwood, Flemingstown South

Co. Kildare

Naas

Ireland

Tel: 353 45 889364

E-mail: [jmcclintock@eircom.net](mailto:jmcclintock@eircom.net)

Established: 1997

Membership: International

Runs an integrated rural development programme in the Torani district of Chad where WPI carries out small-scale projects in the areas of water development, agriculture and agro forestry. Establishes

agro-centres to carry out extensive demonstration programmes to show local producers the scope of improvements through the use of locally-available materials and techniques. Proposes pilot projects to establish soil fertility reserves and to serve crop-livestock systems and agro forestry, aiming at controlling soil erosion.

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