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APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES  
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE GUIDELINES FOR  
PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS  
IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES.759 (1217/99)]

*[The Aldet Centre – Saint Lucia]*

**ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION BY  
*THE ALDET CENTRE – SAINT LUCIA*  
TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES**

This document was prepared by the Department of International Affairs of the Secretariat for External Relations to provide member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) with information on the civil society organization (CSO) *The Aldet Centre – Saint Lucia*.

The information contained in this report is in response to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), “Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities.” This document contains a summary and a list of supporting documentation presented by *The Aldet Centre – Saint Lucia* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

*The Aldet Centre – Saint Lucia* is a non-governmental, non-profit entity which serves as the Secretariat for two indigenous peoples’ organizations, including The Indigenous People (Bethelchilokono) of Saint Lucia Governing Council (BGC) and The Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus & the Diaspora (CAIPCD). *The Aldet Centre – Saint Lucia* was founded in Castries, Saint Lucia on November 30, 1990 with the mission of providing a space for the research, exchange, and dissemination of information, as well as the development of policy stances and civic participation to promoting the interests of the indigenous peoples of Saint Lucia and protecting their human rights.

*The Aldet Centre – Saint Lucia* advances its objectives by representing the indigenous people of Saint Lucia at forums and dialogues at international organizations, collecting and disseminating data on the status of human rights protection of indigenous peoples in Saint Lucia, hosting working groups and roundtables of indigenous leaders, protecting the environment and culture of the indigenous peoples, and collaborating with the Government of Saint Lucia on indigenous policy. *The Aldet Centre – Saint Lucia* holds Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC).

The Executive and functionaries of *The Aldet Centre – Saint Lucia* meet once a year to review the organization’s activities for that period. A representative of *The Alde Centre – Saint Lucia* has participated in seven meetings of negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus held by the OAS Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and at Special Meetings of the Indigenous Caucus. *The Aldet Centre – Saint Lucia* finances its activities through in-kind contribution of voluntary workers and office space and equipment donated by its members. Stipends received from participation in regional and international meetings are used for the purchase of office supplies and other necessary cash expenditures.

*The Aldet Centre – Saint Lucia* submitted its application to the OAS on October 16, 2006.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

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President: Albert Deterville

Date of charter: June 2005

3. Primary areas of activity of the CSO and their relationship to OAS activities

*The Aldet Centre – Saint Lucia* seeks to protect the human rights and culture of the indigenous peoples of Saint Lucia while providing a forum for information exchange and formulation of policy recommendations:

- Contribute to preserve and promote the indigenous culture and history in Saint Lucia;
- Protect the biodiversity and natural environment of the island of Saint Lucia;
- Promote the sustainable and integral development of indigenous communities to eradicate poverty and promote their economic, social and political rights; and
- Advocate to mitigate violence and conflict in local communities.

4. CSO contributions that could be of interest to the OAS

*The Aldet Centre – Saint Lucia* can contribute to OAS work in areas such as the protection of human rights of indigenous peoples through the following activities:

- Advocating at the national, regional and international political level for policies promoting the interests and rights of indigenous peoples;
- Gathering, evaluating and disseminating information on anthropological issues, technology transfer, domestic legislation and international human rights instruments, sustainable development, education gender issues, in, land ownership and traditional knowledge.
- Participating in forums and dialogues within the framework of cooperation with international organizations to attract attention to the issue of indigenous peoples' issues at the international level.

- Monitoring the implementation of laws to protect and promote the rights of indigenous peoples and engaging in dialogue with the Government of Saint Lucia on this issue.

5. Identification of the OAS work areas in which the CSO proposes to support ongoing activities or to make recommendations on the best way to achieve OAS objectives

*The Aldet Centre – Saint Lucia* can contribute to OAS efforts to promote the interests of indigenous peoples by:

- Advocating to the mandate from the Fourth Summit of the Americas and the Declaration of Mar del Plata to promote by the Working Group of the OAS Permanent Council to Draft the American Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People;
- Working with the Department of International Affairs of the Secretariat for External Relations to participate and offer recommendations at the General Assembly, the Summit of the Americas, the Ministerial Meetings on Education, Labor, Sustainable Development, and dissemination of the resolutions and mandates emanating from these meetings;
- Engaging with consultations with Saint Lucia or advocate for such consultations aimed at enriching efforts being undertaken within the framework of the Summits of the Americas towards highlighting the issues of indigenous peoples;
- Giving input to the Draft Social Charter of the Americas and help implement the projects that arise out of the Strategic Plan for Partnership for Integral Development 2006 – 2009; and
- Lending research and training to help the Department of Sustainable Development of Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) to continue support the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network (IABIN).

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General of the OAS, dated October 16, 2006
- Official name, address, and date of establishment of the organization and names of its directors and legal representatives
- Sources of funding and financial statements for 2007