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1. AIESEC International

Special, 2007

Introduction

AIESEC International is the world's largest student-run organization. Focused on providing a platform for youth leadership development, during the past four years it has expanded to 11 more countries. Statistics for the organization are as follows: 60,000 members; 15,000 leadership positions; 15,000 internships; 4,000 partners; 1,600 universities; 470 conferences; 110 countries and territories; and 60 years of experience.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's vision is about peace and fulfilment of humankind's potential. Its scope remains a global, non-political, independent, not-for-profit organization run by students and recent graduates of institutions of higher education.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization recently created its mid-term ambition for the year 2015:

Our growing physical and virtual reach makes us the most credible and diverse youth voice. We are recognized across sectors as the first-choice partner for our ability to develop responsible and entrepreneurial leadership. Our collaborative environment empowers every member to live a high-quality AIESEC experience, creating a cross-generational positive impact on society.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's national office in the Republic of Korea sent a representative to attend the United Nations Global Compact event held there in November 2010. The organization was also present at the World Youth Summit held in Leon, Mexico, in July 2010. AIESEC International also disseminates information from the United Nations, such as notices of competitions, events and special news, through its weekly newsletter, which reaches 60,000 members in 110 countries and territories.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Unfortunately during the last couple of years the organization has reduced its collaboration with the United Nations and United Nations bodies.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperates closely with the Department of Public Information; the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretary; the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AIESEC in Jordan has become a regional hub for management internships, bringing international talent to key regional consulting firms. AIESEC in Bahrain has launched its first sustainability project in 2010, with the goal of presenting a well-researched thorough reduction method for carbon emissions. In 2007, 2008 and part of 2009, a total of 4,715 students participated in internships to develop social programmes, while in 2010 approximately 1,000 students in internships focused on corporate social responsibility and energy. Some 67 countries offered internships in sustainability and corporate social responsibility, while more than 200 non-governmental organizations, 140 corporations, 90 educational institutions and 14 governmental institutions provided internships focusing on sustainability and corporate social responsibility.

In 2007 and 2008, a total of 1,200 young people participated in education internships with the organization; in 2009 and 2010, a total of 5,706 students in internships focused on cultural education. Some 1,918 internships in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia provided cultural education, and 1,137 recent graduates from those same areas participated in education internships. During 2007, the organization ran a project with the Standard Chartered Bank with the potential to reach 300,000 young adults — an age group significantly affected by HIV.

Additional information

During the 2010 AIESEC International Congress, celebrated in India, the organization managed the second Global Youth to Business Forum for more than 600 delegates from 110 countries and territories at the Indian School of Business in Hyderabad. The scope of the discussions at the forum focused on three key topics: harnessing youth innovation, labour mobility and diversity, and environmental and corporate sustainability. A compilation of ideas was published in a special edition of the *Wall Street Journal Europe* (see www.aiesec.org/cms/aiesec/AI/press.html#pr6). Also during 2010, two important publications revealed the results of a member poll on solutions for environmental issues (see www.aiesec.org/cms/aiesec/AI/press.html#pr1). For the organization's global annual reports, visit www.aiesec.org/cms/aiesec/AI/partners/publications.html.

2. All China Women's Federation

Special, 1995

Introduction

There have been no changes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no changes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization promotes the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and other outcome documents, and the sharing of international experiences. It held the International Forum on Women in Urban Development and Commemoration of the Fifteenth Anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Shanghai, China, 16-18 September 2010). Representatives attended the Asia Pacific NGO Forum on Beijing +15 (Quezon, Philippines, 22-25 October 2009) and the sixth regional round table on the Millennium Development Goals +10 and Beijing +15 (Danang, Viet Nam, 20-22 April 2010).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Representatives attended the fifty-first to fifty-fourth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York, submitted written statements and made presentations at the Asia Pacific workshops. Representatives also held a parallel event on the theme of “Financial and economic crisis from a gender perspective”.
- Representatives attended the twenty-third general assembly of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (Geneva, 5-7 December 2007).
- Representatives attended the seventh session of the Human Rights Council (Geneva, 17-21 March 2008), and the Human Rights Council’s universal periodic review on the human rights situation in China (Geneva, 5-12 February 2009).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Federation organized the International Conference on Gender and Disaster Risk Reduction with the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction in Beijing from 20 to 22 April 2009, and the High-level Meeting on Cooperation for Child Rights in the Asia Pacific Region with UNICEF in Beijing from 4 to 6 November 2010. The organization also conducted advocacy projects with the United Nations system office in China on human development reports in the Asia Pacific region (2010), women and HIV/AIDS (2010) and women and violence (2009, 2010). It worked with the United Nations Population Fund on gender equality, on violence against women and on men’s participation (2006-2010) and with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), which is now the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), on eliminating discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS (2007-2010). The Federation also worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on disaster relief and reconstruction projects for poor and vulnerable women in earthquake-stricken areas (2008-2010), and with UNICEF on violence against children, child safety and trafficking prevention, gender equality and family education, and child protection in earthquake-stricken areas (2006-2010). The organization is also working with the International Labour Organization to prevent trafficking in young women and children for labour exploitation purposes (2000-2012), and with UN-Women on women empowerment through the raising of livestock (2009-2011).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As at December 2010, the Federation's microcredit project has issued RMB 23.7 billion to help 540,000 women start their own businesses. Its charity foundation has helped 10,355 children who were orphaned as a result of HIV/AIDS. The Spring Bud project has raised RMB 1 billion and built more than 1,000 Spring Bud schools, which have helped more than 2 million girls return to school and have trained 400,000 girls in vocational skills. Its mentoring project to help female graduates in China start businesses has provided 160,000 internship opportunities and helped 90,000 woman graduates start businesses. The organization has pushed the drafters of the newly amended Organic Law of the Villagers Committees to include concepts such as the promotion of gender equality. The Federation also operates women's legal aid service hotlines in over 2,500 counties in China.

The Health Express for Mothers project has distributed 1,087 vehicles to 27 provinces, benefiting 26 million people, to support the Government's efforts to lower the maternal mortality rate. The Foundation has also received an allocation from the Government of China to conduct free medical scans to detect cervical cancer and breast cancer among rural women; as at December 2010, more than 7 million women had been scanned for cervical cancer and 907,000 women had been scanned for breast cancer. The Federation's charity foundation to help poor women with the two cancers has raised RMB 30 million.

The Water Cellar for Mothers project has spent RMB 600 million to build 125,000 water cellars and 1,400 small water-supply projects, resulting in 1.7 million beneficiaries in 24 provinces.

Additional information

The Foundation plans to hold an international forum on women and sustainable development in Beijing from 9 to 11 November 2011 to contribute to the upcoming Rio+20 Conference.

3. All India Women's Conference

Special, 1999

Introduction

The All India Women's Conference, one of the oldest voluntary organizations in the country, was founded in 1927 by Margaret Cousins. The organization's initial main concern was women's education, but it has gradually taken on various social and economic issues concerning women, including "purdha", child marriage, divorce and women's property rights. The Conference has worked over the years for the security of women and their social and economic rights and entitlements. At the international level, the organization is a member of UNICEF, the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations, International Networking for Sustainable Energy, the World Renewable Energy Network, the ENERGIA International Network on Gender and Energy and the Global Village Energy Partnership, and is affiliated with the International Alliance of Women, the Pan Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association and the NIMROO Education Centre in Japan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Aims and purposes include:

- To work for a society based on principles of social justice, integrity, equal rights and opportunity.
- To secure recognition for the inherent rights of every human being to work and to achieve the essentials of life, such as food, clothing, housing, education, social amenities and securities, on the belief that these should not be determined by accident of birth or sex but by planned social distribution.
- To support the claim of every citizen to the right to enjoy basic rights and liberties.
- To stand against all separatist tendencies and to promote greater national integration and unity.
- To work actively for the general progress and welfare of women and children and to help women to utilize to the fullest fundamental rights conferred on them by the Constitution of India.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In the past three years the organization's branches across India have trained nearly 4,000 women who are now running their own microenterprises, helping them generate income.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization's representative in New York participated in the following meetings:

- Centre for Social Research (13-23 July 2008)
- World Renewable Energy Congress (19-25 July 2008)
- Microcredit Regional Summit (Bali, Indonesia, 28-30 July 2008)
- International Alliance of Women board meeting (Netherlands, 4-9 October 2008)
- The fourteenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Poznan, Poland, 1-12 December 2008)
- Global NGO Forum (27-28 February 2010)
- MASHAV (the Israel Agency for International Development Cooperation) international workshop on violence against women in cooperation with the UNESCO Division for Gender Equality (16-27 May 2010)
- All China Women's Federation friendship visit (25-31 July 2010)
- World Renewable Energy Congress (Abu Dhabi, 25-30 September 2010)

- International Alliance of Women board and international meeting (Johannesburg, South Africa, 22-28 November 2010)

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As a follow-up to the Bidi Workers Programme that was initiated with the assistance from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of India, the organization conducted vocational training for women bidi workers to empower them with alternate vocations. Earlier, the Conference had organized a project on sensitization and alternate vocation for women bidi workers in seven states in India. The organization worked with the small grants programme developed by the United States Agency for International Development South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy to fund women self-help groups for livelihood and income generation that focused on solar electricity initiatives in communities in Dakshinpuri, Sangam Vihar, Delhi.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The Conference runs vocational training and skill upgrade centres and has trained some 8,650 women to create self-help groups, thereby providing them with the tools for microcredit projects and entrepreneurship.

Goal 2. Ten of the organization's branches ran informal schools that conducted evening literacy classes for working women, in addition to teaching some 400 children.

Goal 5. The organization conducted camps for mother and child focusing on reproductive health, general health, hygiene and sanitation education.

Goal 7. The organization has partnered with some 100 schools throughout India to conduct 250 awareness programmes on environmental protection and waste and water sanitation, including the raising of herbal gardens.

Additional information

There is no additional information.

4. Ankara Foundation of Children with Leukemia

Special, 2007

Introduction

Ankara Foundation of Children with Leukemia is a non-governmental organization based in Ankara that serves at the national level.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to provide educational and emotional support, financial assistance and health services for children who have leukaemia or chronic blood disorders in order to help them cope with these life-threatening illnesses. The Foundation also promotes knowledge and provides instruction on an international level regarding acquired and inherited blood diseases, and establishes and operates

research institutions. In June 2010, the organization established the Village for Children with Leukemia in Ankara, which consists of laboratories conducting clinical research that may play a part in the prevention of cancer and improvement of the treatment of leukaemia. For families who are displaced due to the lack of treatment facilities in their hometowns, the organization owns 25 furnished houses where families may live during their child's treatment. For children who come to Ankara for follow-up examinations, the Foundation has built a lodging facility that provides hotel service free of charge. The organization has opened offices in the Anatolian region of Istanbul and in Izmir in order to enable patients residing in those areas to access services easily. It also established the School for Children with Leukemia in November 2008. This private school, which follows the curriculum of the Ministry of Education of Turkey, provides nursery and primary education free of charge. The organization also works to increase awareness of cancer, as the disease is an obstacle for sustainable development. As a result, the organization started conducting seminars at nursery, elementary and secondary private and state schools in 2008 that promote a healthy diet and an active lifestyle.

Significant changes in the organization

The foundation changed its name from Ankara Foundation of Children with Leukemia to LOSEV Foundation for Children with Leukemia. "Ankara" was dropped to avoid the impression of a local organization. It also has recently added language to its constitution that expands its mission to include the support of adult cancer patients, and the organization will soon open its doors to adult cancer patients by organizing informative and psychosocial seminars and creating a social space where adult patients may carry out occupational therapy.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

After receiving special consultative status in 2007, the organization started conducting short-term visits to equivalent organizations in nearby countries working on the same cause in order to share experience and knowledge. It is hoped that these visits will result in mutually fruitful concrete cooperation in the fields of research, social and health services and cancer prevention.

2010: Al Farabi Hospital in Almaty, Kazakhstan; Sofia Childrens Onco-Hematology Hospital in Sofia; German Leukemia Foundation in Bonn, Germany; La FE Hospital and ASPANION Asociación de padres de niños con cáncer de la Comunidad Valenciana in Valencia, Spain; Queen Fabiola University Children's Hospital Oncology Department in Brussels.

2009: King Hussein Cancer Center and King Hussein Cancer Foundation in Amman.

2008: Together for Children with Tumours Foundation in Budapest; St. Anna's Children Hospital in Vienna.

2007: Clic Sargent, University College London Hospital and Procancer Research Fund in London.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization wishes to collaborate with equivalent organizations and especially the United Nations so as to ensure concrete measures are taken and solutions are

found for the prevention of the disease, and the disadvantaged receive equal access and equal rights in treatment, as in developed countries.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is communicating with the UNICEF office and United Nations representatives in Turkey in its area of specialization.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has been and will continue to support cancer patients who are economically deprived by assisting them financially to cover the monetary needs that come with the disease. Its work thus focuses on non-communicable diseases.

Additional information

There is no additional information.

5. Armenian Constitutional Right-Protective Centre

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Armenian Constitutional Right-Protective Centre is a non-profit, non-governmental organization founded in June 1988 in Vanadzor, Armenia. The Centre has been the leading human rights education non-governmental organization in Armenia since 1996, having implemented some 70 projects costing approximately \$2 million total.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The strategic plan for 2011 to 2015 was developed from May to December 2010 during two workshops with the participation of organization members, partners, beneficiaries and volunteers. The Centre's vision of "a world living with love and tolerance where law and justice given from above reign" and its strategic directions are intended ultimately to contribute to the rule of law, global justice and peace.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2008, the organization enrolled as a member in the National Assembly-NGO Network and was elected as a board member. In 2009, the Centre enrolled as a member in the Public Council and its Civil Society Commission's subcommission on human rights. From February to November 2010, the new Conception of the Armenian Human Rights School was elaborated and approved. In 2010, the Centre enrolled as a member in the Armenian National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum of the European Commission.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Centre's contributions include:

- The Armenian Human Rights School, which organized four one-year advanced human rights training courses for teachers of human rights, civic education, state and law and ethics in the secondary schools of Armenia.
- The Human Rights Library Network. All six human rights libraries have special United Nations-related sections and have served as resource centres for human rights education, thus contributing to the World Programme for Human Rights Education.
- Publication of more than 80 United Nations-related articles, statements and documents between 2007 and 2010 in the its periodicals *Legal Culture* and *For the Sake of Justice* with the aim of acquainting the society with the activities of the United Nations. Some 2,300 periodicals were published and delivered to educational institutions, libraries, state bodies and non-governmental organizations in all regions of Armenia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives worked at and attended the Department of Public Information/ Non-Governmental Organizations Conference planning committees and the fifty-first to fifty-fourth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York. In 2009, the Centre, in collaboration with the United Nations Public Information Centre in Yerevan, organized a forum to coordinate human rights education actors to join efforts in developing suggestions for the second phase of the World Programme on Human Rights Education (2 July), and submitted a document to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Centre cooperated in developing the Human Rights Library Network and supplementing it with books on the United Nations. It also cooperated in joint projects with OHCHR, and the UNDP and UNICEF offices in Armenia and conducted joint activities and presentations with the United Nations Public Information Centre in Yerevan. The organization also conducted human rights courses with UNESCO, UNDP, UNICEF, and United Nations Public Information Centre in Yerevan.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization undertook the following initiatives:

- In July 2010, representatives distributed health bars and vitamin supplements to those in need, approximately 500 units per country, during humanitarian outreach trips to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Kenya and Sierra Leone.
- The Centre's Collaborative Secondary School taught 144 schoolchildren and its human rights educational youth clubs worked with 45 young people.
- In April 2010, the Centre's main representative organized and took teams to Haiti.

- In Kunya, Kenya, a Centre representative conducted informative and healing sessions each day of the mission for approximately 20 victimized children in high schools, emphasizing methods of prevention and action.
- A representative worked to empower 100 women in the disadvantaged generation in Kenya and in Sierra Leone, predisposing them to give birth to healthier children with less risk to both mother and child.
- Educational sessions and workshops in the area of maternal health were conducted in Kenya and Sierra Leone in 2009, and in Haiti in 2010.
- Six humanitarian outreach missions were initiated in Haiti and Kenya, and in previous outreach locations. A humanitarian outreach was also developed to establish partnerships for training on solar cooking for two weeks in Kunya (August and September 2010).
- The Centre coordinated the national events of the global campaign for education Armenian coalition, in cooperation with the United Nations Public Information Centre and the UNESCO and UNICEF offices in Armenia.

Additional information

There is no additional information.

6. Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions is the regional representative organization of credit unions and similar cooperative financial institutions in Asia. The Confederation has been instrumental in helping members address development issues faced by credit unions, such as poverty, gender equality, access to financial services and youth involvement.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Confederation serves as both a trade association and a development organization. Its vision is the creation of a sustainable credit union system in Asia. Its mission is to promote and strengthen credit unions and similar cooperative financial organizations so they can fulfil their potential as effective instruments for the socioeconomic development of the people in the marketplace. In its role as a regional organization for credit unions, the organization performs representation, development, liaison and coordination functions on behalf of the Asian credit union movements. The Confederation ensures that credit unions are relevant in the communities they serve and continue to operate with their original goals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization is constantly examining whether Asian credit unions are adhering to their original mission to improve people's well-being through the provision of affordable financial services, especially to those who do not have access to them. The credit union microfinance innovation, introduced by the organization in 1999, provides sustainable financial services to the poor market segment: a national partner federation can acquire the appropriate skills and operational framework of the product, making it possible to offer that product to its member credit unions. Member organizations in countries where both rural and urban poverty are found consider the program a priority and tool in alleviating poverty. More than 5 million low-income people have gained access to the affordable financial services of credit unions supported by the organization. The credit union microfinance innovation provides an effective means of alleviating poverty by raising incomes and encouraging poor households to enter the market economy. The Confederation is constantly motivating and increasing the capacity of its partner federations to increase their focus on sustainable strategies to reach more low-income people.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Not applicable.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization works with the Regional Fisheries Livelihood Program — a project of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) — to introduce the necessary training tools to its microfinance national consultants, enabling them to train beneficiaries in project countries. The Programme began activities in September 2009 and plans to operate for four years in Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam. Limited access to microfinance services and extremely limited supplementary and/or alternative livelihood options are among the issues being addressed by the Programme. The project aims to strengthen the capacity of participating small-scale fishing communities and their supporting institutions with the goal of improved livelihoods and sustainable fisheries resources management.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In September 2009, the Confederation, along with its member organizations, launched a campaign to reach an additional 1 million poor by 2012 by using credit union microfinance innovation methodology, in line with the celebration of the International Year of Cooperatives. The organization coordinates and facilitates the program of poverty alleviation and microfinance in seven countries in South-east and South Asia.

Education programmes on credit union microfinance innovation promote financial literacy, maternal health, business management, technical skills, good manners and correct conduct, first aid or any topic deemed necessary to improve the living conditions of the poor. Indirectly, the programme helps to increase the educational level of the poor people who attend it.

Women make up 50 per cent of membership in credit unions, but their membership is not commensurate with their participation in decision-making. The organization provides a platform for women leaders to discuss women issues and put forward responses that has resulted in the allocation of women seats in the leadership of credit unions and the creation of an advisory committee for women.

Additional information

There is no additional information.

7. CIDSE

General, 2007

Introduction

There have been no changes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no changes.

Significant changes in the organization

2007: Reclassification to general consultative status

2008: Granted observer status at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

2009: As part of its Strategic Framework 2010-2015, “International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity” becomes CIDSE

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization advocates, lobbies, creates policy documents and performs media work on financing for development; global governance; business and human rights; climate justice; food security, agriculture and trade; and the Millennium Development Goals. It has also created public awareness campaigns entitled “Make Aid Work” (2007) and “Climate Justice” (2009-2010).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2007

- 16 April: attended the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) held in New York
- 23 and 24 October: delivered a statement on the theme “From Monterrey to Doha” and held a side event on the theme “Selected issues on financing for development” at the High-level Dialogue of the General Assembly on Financing for Development held in New York

2008

- 14 April: delivered a statement on innovating sources for financing sustainable development and held a side event at the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the WTO and UNCTAD held in New York
- 20 to 25 April: attended the twelfth conference of UNCTAD, held in Accra, and participated in a workshop on biofuels
- 2 to 18 June: presented oral and written statements on the mandate of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on business and human rights and conducted a side event on the human face of human rights and business at the eighth session of the Human Rights Council
- 29 November to 2 December: held a side event on tax justice and financing for development and participated in official round tables 3 and 4 at the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, held in Doha

2009

- 22 September: presented a statement on climate justice and participated in panel discussion on adaptation technologies at the Summit on Climate Change held in New York
- 28 September to 9 October: held side events on climate change at the Climate Change Conference held in Bangkok
- 5 and 6 October 2009: attended the OHCHR consultation on operationalizing the framework for business and human rights held in Geneva and contributed a submission to the framework developed by John Ruggie
- 2 to 6 November: held side events on climate change and reducing emissions at the Climate Change Conference held in Barcelona, Spain

2010

- 31 May to 18 June: presented a statement on the work of John Ruggie at the fourteenth session of the Human Rights Council
- 11 and 12 October: submitted “Protect, respect and remedy: keys for implementation and follow-up of the mandate” at the Special Representative’s consultation with civil society stakeholders

2008-2010

- Attended the Climate Change Conferences held in Bonn, Germany, from 2 to 12 June 2008; 29 March to 8 April 2009; 29 May to 3 June 2009 (held side event web-cast with Malawi and panel discussion on adaptation technologies); 10 to 14 August 2009; 9 to 11 April 2010; 31 May to 11 June 2010 (launched paper on direct access); and 2 to 6 August 2010.
- Attended the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held, respectively, in Poznan, Poland, from 1 to 12 December 2008 (launched Climate Justice Campaign); Copenhagen from 7 to 19 December 2009 (held

campaign events); and Cancun, Mexico, from 29 November to 10 December 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization supported the reform process of the FAO Committee on World Food Security held in 2010.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CIDSE submitted statements on the Millennium Development Goals, financing for development and the food price crisis at the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, held in New York from 23 to 25 September 2008. The organization held a side event on the Millennium Development Goals and the financial economic crisis at the United Nations Conference at the highest level on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development, held in New York from 24 to 26 June 2009. The organization also attended the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the WTO and UNCTAD, held in New York on 18 and 19 March 2010. CIDSE presented a statement on the theme “Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the face of global crisis” and participated in the official round table on supporting recovery and development efforts of developing countries with special needs at the High-level Dialogue of the General Assembly on Financing for Development, held in New York on 23 and 24 March 2010. The organization provided input to the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service for the MDG+10 Summit in May 2010. CIDSE was a respondent at official round table 4 and a speaker at the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service seminar on the theme “Reforming finance for the Millennium Development Goals” at the informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly, held in New York on 14 and 15 June 2010. The organization also held a side event on the Millennium Development Goals and human rights in development cooperation at the Development Cooperation Forum, held in New York on 29 June 2010. The organization held another side event on the financial crisis and the Millennium Development Goals at the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, held in New York from 20 to 22 September 2010.

Additional information

There is no additional information.

8. CITYNET: Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements

Special, 1995

Introduction

There have been no changes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no changes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CITYNET has been working closely with United Nations agencies, including the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the United Nations Centre for Regional Development and the United Nations Millennium Campaign on various fields related to local governments and urban development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

2007

- Global Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction (Kobe, Japan, 12 and 13 April; Geneva, 5-7 June)
- UN-Habitat Expert Group Meeting on Urban Development (Gangwon, Republic of Korea, 3-5 May)
- UN-Habitat Expert Group Meeting on Gender (Fukuoka, Japan, 25 and 26 June)
- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Expert Group Meeting on Infrastructure (Bangkok, 11-13 June)
- ESCAP meeting on good governance (Makati, Philippines, 15 November)

2008

- UNITAR Steering Committee of the International Training Centre for Local Authorities/Actors Network (Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America, 8 and 9 May)
- UN-Habitat expert group meeting on urban development (Gangwon, Republic of Korea, 27 and 28 May)
- UN-Habitat expert group meeting on sustainable cities in Asia (Manila, Philippines, 25-28 August)
- UN-Habitat mid-term plan 2008-2013 (Nairobi, 7-9 October)
- World Urban Forum IV (Nanjing, China, 3-6 November)

2009

- United Nations Millennium Campaign global retreat (Bangkok, 13-14 January)

- International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Conference on disaster risk reduction (New Delhi, 23-25 February)
- Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (Geneva, 16-19 June)
- ESCAP expert group meeting on flood resilient cities (Bangkok, 21-23 July)
- ESCAP high-level panel on environment and development (Bangkok, 2-4 December)

2010

- International Strategy for Disaster Reduction regional task force on disaster risk reduction (Kobe, Japan, 13 and 14 January)
- ESCAP meeting of the Kitakyushu Initiative Network (Kitakyushu, Japan, 10 and 11 February)
- International Strategy for Disaster Reduction forum on disaster risk reduction (Shanghai, China, 28-30 July)
- UN-Habitat regional partners meeting on climate change impacts (Changwon, Republic of Korea, 15-17 September)
- ESCAP ministerial conference on environment and development (Astana, 27 September)

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization coordinated the following meetings with support from United Nations agencies:

2007

- Institute of Advanced Studies seminar on sanitation with the United Nations University (2 November)
- Technical advisory service on the Millennium Development Goals with UNITAR/UN-Habitat (Makati, Philippines 18-21 November)

2008

Seminar on climate change and urban wetlands with UNITAR (Seoul, 10 and 11 September)

2009

- Publication on urban risk profiling on biogas with the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction city-to-city project (Danang, Viet Nam, 18-20 February)

Annually

Kuala Lumpur regional training centre training course with UNITAR

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- The organization set up an office in Kathmandu from 2007 to 2008 and promoted local governments in South Asia that pursued the Millennium Development Goals.
- The organization also published “Local authorities in the south and 8 ways to change the world” in 2007 and “A guideline on localizing the Millennium Development Goals and municipal poverty reduction strategy papers for the municipalities of Nepal” and “Ten ways of achieving the Millennium Development Goals in cities in Indonesia” in 2008.
- With support from UN-Habitat, the organization pursued a city-to-city project from 2006 to 2008 that focused on localizing the Millennium Development Goals, and in 2007 organized leadership training and a workshop on localizing the Millennium Development Goals in Asian cities through innovative leadership and community empowerment in Kathmandu.
- CITYNET organized the Japan forum on the theme “No excuses 2015: the Millennium Development Goals and us” in April 2008. It organizes the events for the Stand Up campaign every year. In 2009, the organization conducted a survey on the status of the implementation at the city level of the Millennium Development Goals in order to subsequently help to develop activities for the remaining years.
- With support from UN-Habitat and ESCAP, CITYNET organized the regional workshop on putting safety first for the urban poor on the local agenda in 2010 in Marikina, Philippines.

Additional information

There is no additional information.

9. Earthjustice

Special, 1991

Introduction

There have been no changes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no changes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Earthjustice promotes human rights and the environment as fundamental aspects of sustainable development. It also focuses on climate change, reducing the impact of toxic materials and improving access to water and sanitation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Human Rights Council. Earthjustice representatives attended all sessions of the Human Rights Council, where representatives worked with United Nations officials and delegates from governmental and non-governmental organizations to promote the link between human rights and the environment. Some examples of Earthjustice's work at each session follow:

2007

- Fourth session. Supported a presentation by the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons, on the theme of operational guidelines on human rights and natural disasters (A/HRC/4/38/Add.1).
- Fifth session. Organized meeting with the Special Rapporteur on the adverse effects of the movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights on the theme "The human rights challenge of the traffic of toxic wastes and products".
- Sixth session. Supported report of OHCHR on human rights obligations related to equitable access to safe drinking water and sanitation (A/HRC/6/3).

2008

- Seventh session. Supported adoption of Human Rights Council resolution 7/14 on the right to food.
- Eighth session. Participated in an event organized with the Permanent Mission of the Maldives to the United Nations on human rights and climate change.
- Ninth session. Participated in discussions with the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and other Council members on the adoption of resolution 9/1.

2009

- Tenth session. Supported report of the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons (A/HRC/10/13). Intervened in discussions with Council members and observers for adoption of resolution 10/4 on human rights and climate change.
- Eleventh session. Delivered a statement at interactive panel on the theme of human rights and climate change. Organized a discussion on renewal of special procedure mandates, adoption of universal periodic review outcomes, and panel discussions in the Council.
- Twelfth session/ Circulated proposal for panel discussion and participated with the Permanent Mission of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations in discussions on the adoption of resolution 12/18 on adverse effects of the movement and dumping of toxic products and wastes on human rights.

2010

- Thirteenth session. Discussed with members and observers the application of opinion 9/2009 of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention regarding Japanese detention of environmental advocates.
- Fourteenth session. Made a statement at interactive panel dialogue on the theme of toxic waste.
- Fifteenth session. Participated in a discussion concerning report of the Special Rapporteur on the adverse effects of the movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights (A/HRC/15/22) and report of the Independent Expert on human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation (A/HRC/15/31).

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Earthjustice representatives attended all meetings of the Aarhus Convention Working Group of the Parties and Compliance Committee as well as meetings of the Aarhus Convention task forces on access to justice, public participation in decision-making and public participation in international forums. Representatives also participated in and made a statement on the work of the Compliance Committee at the Third Meeting of the Parties (11-13 June 2008) and participated in meetings of the London Protocol on Water and Health Compliance Committee (12 March and 24-25 September 2008; 25-26 February 2009; 26-27 January and 22-23 June 2010).

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Earthjustice representatives participated in the thirteenth Conference of the Parties (Bali, Indonesia, 3-15 December 2007); the Bonn Climate Change Conference (2-13 June 2009); the Barcelona Climate Change Conference (2-6 November 2009); the fifteenth Conference of the Parties (Copenhagen, 7-18 December 2009); and the sixteenth Conference of the Parties (Cancun, Mexico, 29 November-10 December 2010).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Earthjustice representatives participated in meetings to promote recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on human rights and the illicit movement of toxic wastes. Representatives also worked with the secretariat of the Convention on Hazardous Waste and OHCHR. Additionally, representatives made oral interventions at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) national committee meetings. Earthjustice representatives also participated in the fourth Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (4-8 May 2009) and the second session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (11-15 May 2009).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All Earthjustice activities promote awareness of the links between ensuring environmental sustainability and eradicating extreme poverty and hunger.

Additional information

There is no additional information.

10. European Women's Lobby**Special, 1995****Introduction**

Founded in 1990, the European Women's Lobby is the largest alliance of women's non-governmental associations in the European Union. The European Women's Lobby represents more than 2,500 organizations overall.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to work to achieve equality between women and men, to promote women's rights in all spheres of public and private life, to work towards economic and social justice for all women in their diversity and to eliminate all forms of male violence against women. The Lobby works through democratic processes with its members for the mainstreaming and monitoring of gender equality and women's rights perspective in all areas of European Union policy and for the achievement of parity democracy at all levels and in all areas.

Significant changes in the organization

From 2007 to 2010, the Lobby has expanded to include 30 national coordination organizations (in Cyprus, Poland, Romania and Slovenia), and added two more European-wide organizations. The Lobby can count on established, transparent and democratic decision-making and consultation processes and other participatory processes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the United Nations Global Gender Equality Architecture Reform Campaign in favour of the creation of UN-Women. Non-governmental organizations committed to women's rights and gender equality have been advocating for the United Nations to reform its gender equality architecture for many years, which led to the creation of UN-Women in 2010. The Campaign was officially launched in March 2008 at the Commission on the Status of Women. The Lobby had been involved in the Campaign since its creation and was particularly active in the European working group for the Campaign, which the organization coordinated in 2009 and 2010 (see www.gearcampaign.org).

The organization contributed to the Beijing+15 process as the Lobby participated in the yearly Commission on the Status of Women, including the Beijing+5 and the Beijing+10 special sessions. The 15-year review was an opportunity for the organization to voice its recommendations and concerns on behalf of its members across the European Union. The Lobby produced a full Beijing+15 Report on the activities of the European Union in the 12 areas of the Beijing Platform for Action (see www.womenlobby.org/spip.php?article124&lang=en).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Each year, the organization participated in and submitted written amendments to the Commission on the Status of Women, which were proposed to European delegations and widely distributed to delegates of non-governmental organizations. Each year, the organization connected with the current European Union presidency, coordinated the European non-governmental organization caucuses and actively participated in the Non-governmental Organization Linkage Caucus and Coordination Caucus.

The Lobby organized sessions on the themes:

- “Dispelling the generational myth and promoting participation: are the needs of girls and women so different?” (2 February 2007);
- “Financing for women’s rights, a european perspective” (28 February 2008);
- “Beijing to Brussels, an unfinished journey” (2 March 2010).

The Lobby attended and spoke at sessions on the themes:

- “Girls shaping the future”, organized by the Coalition of Finnish Women’s Associations and UNIFEM (1 March 2007);
- The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts on Security Council resolution 1325 (28 February 2008);
- La CLEF on women in decision-making (2 March 2009);
- “Transforming economic structures for equal and sustainable development”, organized by the Green Women of Sweden (7 March 2010).

The organization participated in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Beijing+15 Regional Review Meeting and its forum for non-governmental organizations, held in Geneva (31 October 2009-3 November 2009). The organization:

- Presented its recommendations during the general plenary session on the review of progress in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action;
- Submitted written amendments to the chairpersons’ conclusions of the meeting.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with United Nations bodies and representatives to participate in the following:

- European consultation with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (London, 11-13 January 2007)
- UN.GIFT Forum to fight human trafficking (Vienna, 13-15 February 2008)
- Co-organization with UNIFEM and the Women in Development (WIDE) Network of the event on the theme “Women and migration in Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States” (Brussels, 4 September 2009) and the subsequent publication of a report
- A session on the theme “A human rights approach to combating human trafficking: challenges and opportunities. Implementing the recommended

principles and guidelines on human rights and human trafficking”, organized by OHCHR (Geneva, 27-28 May 2010)

- Violence against Women Expert Group Meeting on good practices in national action plans on violence against women (Port of Spain, 13-15 September 2010)

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization regularly collaborates with organizations focusing on development issues whose mandate is to support the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, in particular from a women’s rights perspective.

Additional information

There is no additional information.

11. Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez de la Naturaleza y el Hombre is a cultural and scientific organization of civil and non-governmental character, autonomous and not for profit. It focuses on research and implementation of programs, projects and actions for environmental protection and its relationship with culture and society. The organization works with other non-governmental organizations in Cuba to educate people about the need to protect nature and heritage values. It collaborates with national and foreign institutions in the development of culture and science, promoting and supporting projects to preserve, among other things, the identity of the nation of Cuba. Its main programmes are geohistoric research, local sustainable development, sustainable consumption, heritage preservation, environmental education and biodiversity conservation, all supported by an editorial team.

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no changes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Projects are intended to achieve sustainable development at all levels of society but include a specific emphasis on the local level. The organization implements projects to achieve food sovereignty that guarantees the staple food needs of communities. The organization’s geo-historic research supports the implementation of its cultural values and aims to preserve heritage — work that is strongly linked to UNESCO. The organization encourages a passion for science and research when working with young people and practices gender equity in all its actions to ensure adequate

representation and training. It keeps strong relations with UNDP offices in Cuba and with others such as UNESCO, UNICEF and FAO. The organization has participated in multiple activities coordinated by UNEP, FAO and UNESCO, and has collaborated with the UNDP office in Havana. It has done preparatory and follow-up work in reference to different events hosted by the United Nations and works with other non-governmental organizations in Cuba, some of which already have consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to forge concrete proposals for projects and actions at the national level.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2008

- Sixteenth session of the Sustainable Development Commission (New York, 5-16 May)
- UNEP Latin America and the Caribbean civil society summit in preparation for the tenth Global Civil Society Forum (Buenos Aires)
- National workshop for the promotion of the sciences study, hosted by UNESCO (Cuba)
- Exchange of experiences about public policies in urban agriculture in Latin America and the Caribbean, hosted by UN-Habitat (Ecuador)
- Preparation and implementation of a workshop for representatives of eight vulnerable communities (Esmeralda, Ecuador)
- Technical workshop and round table on the theme “Challenges of climate change in Cuba: architecture and hurricanes, experiences of 2008”, co-hosted with UN-Habitat and the National Union of Architects and Engineers of Construction Architecture Society (Cuba, December)

2009

- Workshop to promote a dialogue and build alliances among non-governmental organizations in Cuba towards a better implementation of international projects, co-organized by the UNDP (Cuba, 23 February)
- The People’s Forum, fifteenth Conference of the Parties (Copenhagen, December)

2010

- Application sent to become member with consultative status in the UNEP Governing Council
- UNEP Latin America and the Caribbean civil society consultation (Cozumel, Mexico)
- “Climate change and women”, co-hosted with UN-Habitat (Cuba)

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has been working in close cooperation with the UNDP regional office in Havana on the following projects:

- “Digitalization of Antonio Núñez Jiménez archive”, funded by the UNESCO regional office and the Cuban national commission
- “Adaptation to climate change and risk management developed by Cuban women”, funded by COSUDE and implemented with UN-Habitat
- “Urban risk management, a strategy of adaptation to climate change”, funded by the Local Initiatives Fund of the Canadian Embassy in Cuba and implemented with UN-Habitat

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization focuses on the environmental education work that comprises two of the Millennium Development Goals focusing on care of the environment and education, such as sustainable consumption, geo-historic research, heritage preservation and local sustainable development. The general goal of the organization’s environmental education and biodiversity conservation programme is to contribute to the creation of an environmental culture in Cuban society, erected on sustainable bases and in harmony with the environment, with the purpose of favouring the conservation of biodiversity and fragile ecosystems.

Additional information

There is no additional information.

12. Geneva International Model United Nations

Special, 2007

Introduction

Geneva International Model United Nations is an entirely student-run non-governmental organization based in Geneva. The organization is also active in New York via its chapter in the United States.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization’s mandate is to promote the values and principles of the United Nations amongst young people, especially students, by organizing various educational events that familiarize students with the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

Important amendments to the constitution include the creation of an advisory board, permitting a better transfer of knowledge. The organization was accredited with the University of Geneva in 2010 and has developed a relationship with the city and state of Geneva, thus allowing for future collaboration and funding opportunities.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

All events organized by Geneva International Model United Nations relate to the agenda of the United Nations and may be grouped as follows: simulations, seminars and educational visits. During simulations, such as the annual conference, students

learn about the workings of the United Nations by taking on the roles of diplomats and representatives of the United Nations Secretariat. Notable conferences have espoused the themes of humanitarian intervention (2009), human security (2010) and women and development (2011). The organization also held a simulation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change for the Global Humanitarian Forum's inaugural Youth Forum and the Model United Nations Society (2009), and semester-long simulations of General Assembly and Security Council sessions (2010-2011). The organization holds a variety of seminars which offer students the possibility to interact with their peers, United Nations officials, and the academic community. They give students the opportunity to express their opinions on issues regarding the United Nations. Previous events have included the annual commemoration of the entry into force of the Charter of the United Nations on United Nations Day (2008, 2009, 2010), and a three-day conference on the expectations and propositions of young people on the occasion of the International Year of Youth (2011) on the theme "Youth perspectives: education in the twenty-first century". The organization also arranges educational visits, where students observe and learn about the work of the United Nations in New York and Geneva (2009, 2010, 2011) and its agencies in the field in Lebanon (2009) and Kenya (2011).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

On the occasion of the International Year of Youth, the Geneva International Model United Nations is currently organizing a side event to present the outcome of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council held in Geneva in July 2011. The event is entitled "Youth perspectives: education in the twenty-first century".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has cooperated with the United Nations on several events in its annual programme of work and on events hosted by the United Nations. The annual event commemorating the entry into force of the Charter of the United Nations is organized in collaboration with the Non-governmental Organization Liaison Office and the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva. Other cooperative efforts include preparation and promotion of the second edition of the "Geneva lecture series: are human rights universal?" organized by UNITAR (2008). In 2009, the organization held a social side event for the Global Model United Nations project of the Department of Public Information. The organization also coordinated and collaborated with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency and UNESCO for its study trip to Lebanon in 2009 and with UN-Habitat for its study trip on housing rights in Kenya in 2011.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has sought to raise awareness of the Millennium Development Goals through its annual programme of events and has encouraged the exchange of opinions on goals particularly affecting young people. The simulation of the 2009 Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change discussed environmental sustainability by presenting participants with national adaptation programme of action projects. The 2010 event commemorating

the entry into force of the United Nations Charter dealt with youth unemployment, gender-related illiteracy and halting the spread of HIV/AIDS. Its 2011 event espoused the theme “Women and development: promoting a gender-balanced approach to development ethics”; and the 2011 Youth Perspectives conference addressed key aspects of education, in particular universal access, gender equality, citizenship and integration.

Additional information

There is no additional information.

13. Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida is a non-profit, non-governmental organization working in Mexico.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization’s mission is to contribute to the recognition, respect and defence of reproductive rights, particularly abortion rights, within a human rights framework, upholding women’s free choice. The organization targets decision makers and public officials from the three branches of government as well as opinion leaders and the media.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization participated in the update of the National Diagnostic of the Human Rights Situation in Mexico, originally developed by OHCHR in 2003. The organization also participated in monitoring the election of new council members for the National Human Rights Commission, working jointly with the Senate Commission to develop basic transparency and citizen participation criteria such as public hearings. The organization was a member of the monitoring and evaluation body of the Mexico City human rights programme, and also participated in a seminar for Ministry of Health service providers, where a staff lawyer presented information on human rights and reproductive rights before an audience of more than 400 health care professionals. The group was the only organization specializing in women’s rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2007

Fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women

2008

Fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women

2009

- Forty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development
- Partners in Action Conference (Berlin, 2-4 September)
- Advances and key actions for the implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme (Santiago, 7 and 8 October)

2010

- Ninety-eighth session of the Human Rights Committee (New York, 8 and 9 March)
- Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 1-12 March)
- 2010 Women Deliver conference to advance Goal 5 of the Millennium Development Goals on improving maternal health (Washington, D.C., 7-9 June)
- Global Health Council annual conference on global health, goals and metrics (Washington, D.C., 14-18 June)
- World Youth Conference (Guanajuato, Mexico, 23-27 August)

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization sent information to the Human Rights Council when Mexico was evaluated under the universal periodic review in 2009. The organization also provided information to the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health during a consultation with civil society organizations. The organization requested that the Special Rapporteur comment on violations by the Government of Mexico of women's human rights stemming from State-level constitutional amendments (Guatemala City, 2010).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization was a key actor in the process that led to the decriminalization of abortion in Mexico City in 2007. The organization has been involved in the institutionalization of safe abortion services and in training key personnel so that high-quality services are provided, representing a major contribution towards Goal 5. In 2008, the organization participated in an international initiative to build capacity for women's health advocacy called the Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era regarding sexual and reproductive rights and health (in the millennium development agenda), which assesses and monitors the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals with a focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights policies.

Additional information

There is no additional information.

14. Hong Kong Council of Social Service**Special, 2003****Introduction**

The Hong Kong Council of Social Service is an umbrella organization of more than 370 members that provide over 90 per cent of social welfare services through 3,000 service units throughout Hong Kong, China.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization represents non-governmental welfare agencies committed to sustaining and developing social welfare in Hong Kong. The Council aims to promote the development of social welfare together with its member agencies by enhancing accountability of social welfare service agencies; promoting improvement of social welfare services; facilitating agencies to better serve the community; advocating equality, justice, social integration and a caring society; and promoting the local welfare sector as a model of excellence in the international community.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has continuously worked with the United Nations system and its partners to promote international conventions in the region, supporting local non-governmental organizations to meet social service needs in Hong Kong society.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Organization representatives attended:

- Forty-fifth session of the Commission on Social Development (New York, 7-16 February 2007)
- Third Internet Governance Forum (Hyderabad, India, 3-6 December 2008)
- Forty-seventh session of the Commission for Social Development (New York, 4-13 February 2009)
- Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Salvador, Brazil, 12-19 April 2010)

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Co-hosted the “2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development: The Agenda” with the International Association of Schools of Social Work, the International Council on Social Welfare, the International Federation of Social Workers and seven other local hosts in Hong Kong. The

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS was invited to conduct a workshop promoting the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

- Contributed to the compilation of the third report of Hong Kong under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which has been submitted to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
- Submitted a civil report compiling the views and concerns collected from welfare sectors and service users on the implementation of human rights treaties in Hong Kong.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Council has taken major actions regarding the following:

Goal 1.

- Commemorated the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty by holding a forum on the theme “From policy address to ways ahead for poverty alleviation” on 16 October 2008; a seminar on assisting students from low-income families in schools and a book launching ceremony on 16 October 2009; and a forum on the theme “Has policy effectively addressed the poverty problem?” on 15 October 2010.
- Performed advocacy work on enhancing poverty alleviation in its annual submissions to the Chief Executive of Hong Kong from 2007 to 2010.
- Submitted a proposal and paper to the former Commission on Poverty on establishment of the Child Development Fund in support of the long-term development of children from a disadvantaged background.
- Conducted 12 research/consultancy studies and 9 seminars/forums on poverty issues from 2007 to 2010.
- Partnered with corporations to coordinate the provision of recycled/refurbished computers and broadband service to poor families.

Goal 3.

Held a consultation meeting on the statistical profile on the situation of women and girls (Hong Kong, 7 October 2010).

Goal 4.

- Conducted a focus group and discussion forums on the theme “Child fatality review and child protection”, in June and July 2007
- Presented a paper concerning the Batterer Intervention Programme and the child fatality review
- Held a seminar on the pilot project of the child fatality review on 13 July 2007

Goal 8.

Organized, together with three international and seven local organizations, the 2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development, held from 10 to 14 June 2010.

Additional information

The organization's activities promoting human rights include promotion and advocacy work against racial discrimination and promotion on inclusion of persons with disabilities.

15. International Network of Liberal Women**Special, 2003****Introduction**

There have been no changes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

International Network of Liberal Women aims to promote the ideas of democracy worldwide, focusing on both national and international levels. It sees the equal representation of women and men in all decision-making processes as essential to this development. It further aims to attack all gender-discriminatory practices which impede women participating as full citizens in whatever form they appear, whether physical, civic, economic or legal. The organization strongly supports the aims of the United Nations and Economic and Social Council, and works to promote national adoption and implementation of the United Nations conventions designed to protect and advance women's status worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization experienced an increase in the geographical distribution of its membership.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

An organization representative attended:

2007

- Seminar on women's contribution to society (Barcelona, Spain, 26-27 January)
- General Assembly of European Women's Lobby (Borovets and Samokov, Bulgaria, 25-29 October)
- Seminar on trafficking in human beings (Hamburg, Germany, 16 November)
- Seminar on strengthening networks and combating human trafficking (Taiwan Province of China, 8 December)

2008

Meeting on the theme “A non-violent society, overcoming conflicts” and a round table on women in peace processes (Belfast, Northern Ireland, 17 May).

2009

- Meeting on human rights and democracy (Strasbourg, France, 25 January)
- Round table on women and education for the twenty-first century (Cairo, 30 October)

2010

- Meeting on supporting democratic forces and promoting human rights (Berlin, 11 June)
- Seminar on the theme “Africa yesterday, today and tomorrow” (Cape Town, South Africa, 13 November)

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization submitted the following written and/or oral statements:

2007

At the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 26 February-9 March): “The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl-child” and “Girls and boys lost to peace and forced to make war”.

2008

At the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 25 February-7 March): “Women’s equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace-building” and “NGOs for the financing of gender equality”.

2009

At the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 2-13 March): “Equal participation of women and men in decision making processes at all levels”.

2010

At the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 1-12 March): “15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995) and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, especially on women in armed conflicts, education, health, violence, girl-child and participation in decision-making processes” and “Perception of civil society on the actual accomplishment of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Millennium Development Goals”.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No information.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The activities of the organization focus mainly on social awareness campaigns on women human rights, gender equality, women in decision making, empowerment of women, education for all — especially women and girls — and adequate women's health programs. Representatives assisted UNESCO Centre Netherlands, a financing centre of educational resources in Western Africa. In these centres in rural areas the Millennium Development Goals are brought to the attention of local people. Representatives of the organization took part in their respective home countries in Women's Day (8 March) activities, programmes related to Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) and Millennium Development Goal programmes and initiatives.

Additional information

There is no additional information.
