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1. Rural Development Leadership Network

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Rural Development Leadership Network works to overcome the root causes of poverty and hunger and to improve the social and economic well-being of people in poor rural areas, primarily in the United States of America. Founded in 1983 with the purpose of supporting community-based development through hands-on projects, education, leadership development and networking, the Network focuses on persistently poor, historically oppressed areas, mostly with high concentrations of people of colour.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Network organizes a month-long Rural Development Institute at the University of California at Davis for learning and exchange and convenes activists in other forums for peer exchange and discussion of rural issues. It strengthens the commitment, confidence, knowledge and credentials of emerging leaders who spearhead community development projects guided by mentors. They have the option of pursuing educational opportunities without leaving their community work. They gain access to new resources, funds, expertise and contacts, coming together for learning, dialogue and action within a multicultural network. The Network strengthens rural leaders in order to enhance the capacity and further the development of poor rural communities, which build on their own strengths.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Every year, the Network has brought grass-roots rural women to the United Nations and presented events, primarily at the Commission on the Status of Women. The Network participated in the following events at sessions of the Commission in New York in the last four years: 27 February 2007, led a dialogue on “Rural women fight violence against girls”; 29 February 2008, was a panellist and led the dialogue on “Financing for the empowerment of rural women”; 2 March 2009, was a panellist and led discussion on “Rural women confront the current financial crisis”; 6 March 2010, was a panellist and led a discussion on “Grass-roots United States rural women on Beijing+15”. The Network formed a rural caucus within the Commission and convened meetings of the caucus on 4 March 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

There has been no participation.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the past four years the Network worked primarily with the Commission on the Status of Women and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

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

The Network supported the Millennium Development Goals through the following activities: for goal 1, strengthening rural leaders and supporting their efforts to overcome poverty and hunger, working with small farmers (especially minority farmers) and farm workers on community gardens, strengthening markets, income generation and improving working conditions, and hosting Web-based seminars; for goal 7, working on sustainable agriculture and indigenous land stewardship; co-hosting the National Network Assembly in Lancaster, Massachusetts, in September 2008, Oxfam American, the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE), and Agricultural Missions. Speakers included representatives from FAO, Heifer International, University of California, and grass-roots organizations; and for goal 3, promoting gender equality and empowerment of women.

2. Shimin Gaikou Centre

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Shimin Gaikou Centre (Citizens' Diplomatic Centre for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples) is a non-partisan and grass-roots organization established in March 1982.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre has been concerned with peace, human rights, environment and development issues internationally.

Significant changes in the organization

The Centre has tried to strengthen its organizational structure and revised the constitution to create a post of vice-president in 2010. The Centre has also strengthened networking with NGOs working in the field of minority rights and has participated in the activities of the Japan Network for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, a network of minority groups and NGOs working for the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In August 2009 the Centre submitted a written statement to the second session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In September 2010, the Centre submitted a written statement to the Human Rights Council. The Centre also hosted the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, a platform for indigenous people's delegates attending the Tenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Biodiversity in Nagoya, Japan, in November 2010, and worked closely with organizations working on issues of environment and indigenous rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Centre attended sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York in May 2007, April-May 2008, May 2009 and April 2010; of the Human Rights Council in Geneva in September 2008, September-October 2009 and September-October 2010; of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Geneva in August 2009; and of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Nagoya, Japan, in October 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2008, the Centre contributed to a joint submission made to the High Commissioner for Human Rights by the Japan International Human Rights Non-Governmental Organization Network for the universal periodic review of Japan. The Centre translated the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (General Assembly resolution 61/295, annex) and published it in Japan. In July 2009, the Centre submitted information on the implementation of the Declaration in Japan for the second session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in response to an invitation by the members of the Expert Mechanism. In May 2010, the Centre held consultations with the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Tokyo.

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

In May 2007 the Centre organized a seminar on indigenous peoples and development to coincide with the Asia Development Bank's fortieth annual meeting in Kyoto, Japan. In October 2010, the Centre helped to organize an international symposium entitled "Poverty reduction and biodiversity in developing countries: what roles should NGOs play?" in Tokyo, in its capacity as a leading member of the development working group of the Japan Civil Network for the Convention on Biological Diversity.

3. World Federation of Khoja Shi'a Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities**Special, 2007****Introduction**

The World Federation of Khoja Shi'a Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities is a faith- and community-based organization and a humanitarian non-governmental organization. The organization contributes to the mission of the United Nations by undertaking projects supporting thousands in over 25 countries globally. The World Federation has continued to make significant contributions to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The World Federation's constitutional objectives are to promote the faith, relieve poverty and provide education. These are achieved through departments dealing with international relief and development, health care, education, educational

sponsorship, Islamic education and family affairs. The organization has a vision of “developing spiritual and vibrant communities serving humanity”.

Significant changes in the organization

The World Federation has undertaken routine administrative changes to its constitution to bring clarity to its membership process. The World Federation has advanced its international development portfolio and has become a member of organizations such as the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO), the British Overseas Non-Governmental Organizations for International Development, the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations and the international End Water Poverty campaign. The organization has also become a signatory to the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations in Disaster Relief.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization delivers essential services in disaster relief, health care, shelter and construction, sustainable livelihoods, water and sanitation, community development, education, educational sponsorship and capacity-building in over 25 countries globally. This work is undertaken through its regional members and partners, benefiting the poor and deprived through humanitarian projects. The World Federation has worked closely with other national and international NGOs in areas of common interest within international development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2009, representatives attended the Economic and Social Council substantive session on the global public health review in Geneva; submitted a written statement on global public health to the annual ministerial review; and submitted a best practices report to the civil society platform on its community-led health project.

In 2010, representatives attended the informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly in June and submitted a written statement on the empowerment of women to the annual ministerial review.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization’s members and partners have worked with various United Nations bodies such as the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF).

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

The World Federation has an established global water appeal undertaking projects in India, Kenya, Pakistan and the United Republic of Tanzania and has provided clean water and sanitation services to over 21,570 people between 2007 and 2010. It observes World Water Day each year on 22 March, engaging with its membership to focus on this essential global need. The World Federation observes World Health Day on 7 April, publicizing the operation of its four eye clinics and four health-care centres in India and Pakistan. Between 2007 and 2010, over 43,333 underprivileged patients have visited the health-care centres and 26,803 needy eye patients have

been treated for various eye ailments at the clinics. The organization observes World Autism Awareness Day on 2 April at its autism centre in the United Republic of Tanzania, raising awareness about disability within the local community. The autism centre provides a nurturing and structured environment addressing the social and educational needs of 25 disabled children. The organization undertakes an annual relief project which is aimed at alleviating poverty. In 2010 alone, over 100,691 individuals were provided with essential food items in over 17 countries. Similar programmes have had an impact on the lives of thousands of underprivileged individuals between 2007 and 2009. The organization observes World Humanitarian Day on 19 August aimed at engaging and inspiring the readership on its humanitarian projects. The World Federation's pioneering educational sponsorship scheme, inspired by a new vision in 2007, has educated over 5,682 primary students and 1,316 higher education students in nine developing countries. Through its relief programmes in disaster-stricken countries the organization disburses immediate relief while undertaking short-, medium- and long-term reconstruction and rehabilitation projects that have a profound impact on thousands of displaced families.

4. World Federation of Therapeutic Communities

Special, 1991

Introduction

The World Federation of Therapeutic Communities is a worldwide organization comprised of four regional federations (European, Eastern European, Asian and Latin American) working together with the global therapeutic communities movement to widen recognition and acceptance of the therapeutic community approach.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the World Federation are (a) through its international leadership, to build identification, understanding and cooperation within the global therapeutic community movement; and (b) to widen recognition and acceptance of the therapeutic community approach among the health organizations and health delivery systems of international and national bodies, as well as Governments and the public. From 2007 to 2010 the organization continued to grow with a significant increase in membership from the Latin American, Eastern European and Asian countries.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes in the organization's vision.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The World Federation attended the international organizations meeting held in November 2008 in Geneva and participated in the overall discussions with other organizations such as the World Health Organization, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Amnesty International, the Red Cross Movement and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

There has been no participation.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

There has been no cooperation.

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

The World Federation publishes a quarterly news bulletin which acts as a medium for updating Federation members and international colleagues in 56 countries on research issues, international concerns and United Nations activities.

Additional information

The World Federation presents the highly coveted O. Hobart Mowrer Award and Harry Sholl Award every two years at its conferences. The Mowrer Award is the World Federation's acknowledgement of the leadership commitment and expertise of people from outside the ranks of the therapeutic communities. Candidates are considered from fields of substance abuse treatment or prevention, the helping sciences, philosophy, academia, research, government or the voluntary sector. The Sholl Award is bestowed on individuals within the ranks of the World Federation for distinguished leadership and consistent commitment to therapeutic community goals.

5. World Fellowship of Buddhists**General, 1995****Introduction**

The World Fellowship of Buddhists, with headquarters in Bangkok, represents and coordinates the activities of the World Fellowship of Buddhists regional centres worldwide. Its aims and objectives are to promote among members the practice and teachings of Buddhism and to secure solidarity and brotherhood among all Buddhists. It carries out activities in the field of social, educational, cultural and humanitarian service for the benefit of all regardless of race, religion or creed.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Every two years the World Fellowship of Buddhists general conference brings together delegates and observers at different locations around the world, hosted by the regional centre of that location. The 2008 conference was held in Senso-ji, Japan. In 2010 the conference returned to Colombo, Sri Lanka, where the World Fellowship of Buddhists was founded. The general conference also includes the participation of the World Fellowship of Buddhist Youth and the World Buddhist University, who conduct their own meetings while also joining in combined activities during the event.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through the generous donations of its regional centres, the World Fellowship of Buddhists is able to rapidly respond to humanitarian crisis and natural disasters, with local representatives in the regional centres most closely associated with the particular humanitarian need often being able to coordinate the use of funds or the appropriate response. Through its global network the organization is also able to request immediate collective support, as was the case with the recent tsunami disaster in Japan.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

There has been no participation.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

There has been no cooperation.

Additional information

The World Fellowship of Buddhists continues to expand its membership and is confident that it can continue to be an effective and prominent contributor to efforts for the betterment of all humanity.

6. World Job and Food Bank

Special, 2003

Introduction

The World Job and Food Bank is a charitable and non-profit Canadian organization founded in 1986.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Bank seeks to alleviate poverty, chronic unemployment, disease, hunger, homelessness and their causes, in Canada and other countries.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Bank commenced a rural education project in the mountain areas of Sichuan Province of China in 2003 to support the Millennium Development Goals. This project received the support and participation of the Government of Canada through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The Bank continues to support and mentor the following activities under the project:

- (a) Construction and maintenance of schools in four mountain villages, including supplying computer equipment;
- (b) Training for elementary schoolteachers to enhance and upgrade teaching skills and standards;

- (c) Farming and animal husbandry training for village farmers to reduce poverty;
- (d) Training for women in women's rights and health.

The employment and skills training project in Jakarta was initiated in 1989. It seeks to create gender equality and empower poor women and single mothers by providing stable employment and economic self-sufficiency. The project continues to provide employment skills training and assist women in starting small businesses.

In 2002, the Bank partnered with CIDA and Gems of Hope, a Canadian NGO, to implement the microcredit and civil society building project in Bolivia. This ongoing development project aims to improve the living conditions of Bolivia's poorest women and their families through village banking projects. Training is also provided to improve the business and income-generating skills of individuals within the community, with a special focus on women and their perception of self-worth and capacity.

The Calgary Community Outreach Services Society project, initiated in Calgary, Canada, in 2000, has become an integral part of Calgary's growing immigrant community. The project provides crisis counselling and support for abused immigrant seniors, families and children. Many of the more than 1,500 clients come from dysfunctional families with generational and cultural gaps. A number of families are socially disadvantaged and some have serious domestic problems and family issues. This project reduces domestic violence and crime in Calgary and surrounding areas. Its services include counselling to remedy domestic violence and abuse, the teaching of communication skills to help immigrant seniors successfully integrate and adapt to Canadian culture, and provision of a positive and accepting atmosphere where immigrants from different backgrounds, home situations and individual differences can come and feel welcomed, loved, wanted and safe. There are also workshops, guest speakers and health education sessions. All services are provided in a variety of local languages by a registered social worker.

In May 2008, under the earthquake relief project, the Bank provided earthquake disaster relief in the Sichuan Province of China by collecting 500 tents and sending them to the affected areas.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Bank participated in the forty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development in New York in 2010 and the Economic and Social Council NGO selection meeting in New York in 2009.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Bank sponsored and supported the Paperless Committee System through the Economic and Social Council.

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

The Bank took the following actions to support goal 1 in Asia, South America and Canada: training for farmers to increase production rate (1,500 people); animal husbandry training for farmers and women (500 people); training of food growing

for farmers at village level (400 families); provision of best seeds to farmers for growing squash and carrots (300 families); post-credit training and capacity-building for female entrepreneurs (10,000 women).

7. World Jurist Association of the World Peace

Special, 1967

Introduction

The World Jurist Association of the World Peace was founded in 1963 in response to an international outcry for a free and open forum where judges, lawyers, law professors and other professionals from around the world could work cooperatively to strengthen and expand the rule of law and its institutions. “A world ruled by law, not force” has been the Association’s mission since its inception.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association continues to work closely with Governments, non-governmental organizations and international associations to foster a cooperative dialogue on world peace through the rule of law. Through our support, decision makers from around the world work together as individuals, rather than representatives of a particular country, class or ideology.

Significant changes in the organization

The Association has undergone significant change in the past four years. In 2010 it appointed a new Executive Vice President. Between 2007 and 2011 the Association added staff members who are also international lawyers. In 2009, the by-laws were amended to ensure a smoother and more efficient decision-making process that would allow for the creation of an Executive Committee to advise the Board of Governors. Additionally the Association created a Board position of President for Commonwealth of Independent States countries to help strengthen its relationships in the former Soviet countries and enhance its ability to incorporate their perspective into its work. Lastly from 2009 to 2011 it reshaped its membership efforts to ensure greater efficiency in delivering service.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association’s work is closely aligned with that of the United Nations and the Association is proud to have contributed to furthering the United Nations agenda. Since late 2006, the United Nations has renewed its commitment to an agenda that includes the rule of law.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Members of the Association’s Board of Governors are active in facilitating the exchange of information between United Nations entities and the Association. While funding is not available to send staff or members to all meetings, the Association has been working to ensure that the activities of the United Nations, the Economic and Social Council and the Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations are regularly brought to the

attention of the members. Recently the Association's social media pages have enhanced its ability to regularly share information that it receives with its members.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association has appointed a special representative to its Board of Governors to help identify opportunities for cooperation with United Nations bodies.

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

During the reporting period the Association took up four key issues that are closely tied to the success of the Millennium Development Goals: migration policies; climate change and the related concerns of sustainable development; conflict resolution; and bringing an end to terrorism.

Additional information

In 2010 the Association embarked on an internal effort to revitalize itself, increase its global presence, utilize modern social media tools and increase funding to ensure that it can continue to carry out its mission.

8. World Mission Foundation

Special, 2007

Introduction

The World Mission Foundation is a non-governmental organization dedicated to serving and improving the lives of people in communities receiving HIV/AIDS services.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation advocates on health and social issues in African nations and provides education, information and prevention (awareness) services to schools, families, communities, widows and orphans.

Significant changes in the organization

The Foundation has focused its medical mission on combating AIDS, adopting an education scheme for African children orphaned by AIDS and extending health-care services to rural communities.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through community education programmes, World Mission Foundation promotes the development agenda of the United Nations and its Economic and Social Council. It donated money to Haiti during a hurricane and to Japan through the Commission on the Status of Women. It collaborated with United Families International in 2008 in a special education programme for youths in eastern Nigeria. It has carried out HIV/AIDS awareness, education, information and prevention events in many cities in the United States on quarterly basis.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation attended the forty-fourth session of the Commission on Population and Development in April 2011 and made statements in support of the Millennium Development Goals. The Foundation is an executive member of the NGO committee on HIV/AIDS and has been a member of the planning committee and the handbook committee of the Commission on the Status of Women. The Foundation participated at the recently concluded high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Foundation cooperates with the United Nations agenda by providing scholarships to 10 African children orphaned by AIDS in a private school in Nigeria, responding to health-care needs through its annual medical mission to rural communities, and partnering with community NGO networks and private NGOs in educating youths on HIV/AIDS and eradicating poverty.

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

The Foundation's "Campaign of Crusaders Against HIV/AIDS" contributes to HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. It has launched rural education programmes and a scheme for the education of children orphaned by AIDS. It has held conferences and training sessions in which experts educate and inform policymakers, youths and the public on health issues and HIV/AIDS. It has established an HIV/AIDS club for youths and health club for children in schools and developed a curriculum for teaching about HIV/AIDS in primary schools.

9. World Muslim Congress**General, 1967****Introduction**

The World Muslim Congress is the oldest international Muslim organization, founded in 1926. It is the only Muslim organization elected several times to the CONGO board. It promotes the Charter of the United Nations and works for world peace on the basis of universal brotherhood, promotion of human rights and interfaith dialogue. According to its constitution, the Congress has a President and two Vice-Presidents, one from Asia and the other from Africa. It has a number of branches throughout the world and coordinates with other NGOs working for the same objectives. Its funding is derived mostly from contributions from members and associated organizations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The World Muslim Congress strives for interfaith cooperation to create an atmosphere of tolerance, and strongly believes in the universal brotherhood of mankind without discrimination. It also strives to defuse conflicts, especially those stemming from religious differences, through education and social awareness.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Congress promotes the objectives of the United Nations throughout the world by networking with entities of the United Nations system and with sister NGOs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the Congress participate actively in meetings at United Nations Headquarters.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Congress has representatives in Geneva, Vienna and Bangkok. It was represented at the fourth session of the Human Rights Council in March 2007, the sixth session of the Council in September and December 2007, the seventh session in March 2008, the eighth session in June 2008, the ninth session in September 2008, the tenth session in March 2009, the eleventh session in June 2009, and the twelfth session in September-October 2009. The Secretary-General of the Congress wrote to the Secretary-General of the United Nations to intervene in the Indian-occupied Kashmir to stop the carnage of Muslims and gross human rights violations. The representative of the Congress to the Human Rights Council participated in all human rights sessions, meetings, conferences and seminars held in Geneva in 2010. The Congress attended the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York in February 2008.

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

The Congress promotes the Millennium Development Goals through its monthly international magazine, consultative meetings and contacts.

10. World Safety Organization**Special, 1987****Introduction**

The purpose of the World Safety Organization is to disseminate throughout the world the benefits of practices, skills, arts and technologies of safety and accident prevention.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization supports activities of other national and international groups in their attempts to protect people, property, resources and environment. The specific objectives of the organization are to encourage the effective exchange of information and experiences among its members, collaborate with other international organizations in activities of mutual concern, promote the continuous upgrading of safety and accident prevention technology, and strive for a universal level of professionalism and competence among its members and non-members.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2007, a representative of the organization attended a meeting with the Child Labour Coalition and the “Chocolate Manufacturers Association” to address the number of children used to harvest chocolate in Western Africa.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In June 2007 a representative of the organization participated in the accommodation of delegates to the fifty-first session of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. In October 2009, a representative presented the closing plenary lecture at the third international workshop of the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response in Bonn, Germany. In October 2010 a representative spoke at the World Habitat Day celebration in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the past couple of years, a representative has worked on a project funded by the World Health Organization (WHO) on road safety in Lebanon. The representative conducted a number of seminars in schools and universities on promoting road safety in daily activities in Lebanon.

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

In July 2007 a representative sent comments and suggestions to the United States Department of Labour concerning proposed changes to the United States child labour law. At its annual conference the organization holds a round table on improving the environment. Minutes of the round table are sent to the missions to the United Nations.

11. World Savings Banks Institute

Special, 1971

Introduction

The World Savings Banks Institute is one of the largest international banking associations and the only global representative of savings and retail banking. Founded in 1924, it represents savings and retail banks and their associations from 89 countries of the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the Institute is to influence the standing, development and strength of all member institutions so that they are perceived both domestically and internationally as professional and efficient banking institutions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

One of the top priorities for the Institute is to increase access to financial services. This includes a number of actions and initiatives supportive of the United Nations policy of promoting the development of inclusive financial sectors: regular dialogue and exchanges of information with the United Nations Advisers Group, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Capital Development Fund and the Universal Postal Union (UPU), and support for responsible and sustainable banking practices, which is reflected by the Institute's endorsement of the United Nations Global Compact.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Institute participated in the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council on coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, in New York in April 2008; the business forum organized on the occasion of the Doha Review Conference in November 2010; the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council on achieving the Millennium Development Goals domestic and international resources to fund existing and emerging MDG in New York in March 2010; the hearings on the Millennium Development Goals with civil society and the private sector in New York in June 2010; and the private sector forum on the Millennium Development Goals in New York in September 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Representatives of UNDP attended the Institute's Africa regional group meeting in Dakar in June 2007, the Asia-Pacific regional group meeting in Bangkok in June 2009 and the annual meeting of members from Latin America and the Caribbean at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia in October 2010. The Institute participated in the colloquium on savings-linked conditional cash transfers held in New York in November 2010. A representative of the United Nations Capital Development Fund participated in the Institute's meeting of members from Africa in Maseru, Lesotho in March 2010 and the Asia-Pacific regional group meeting in Bali, Indonesia, in May 2010. The Institute participated in the UPU forum on developing financial services through the post, held in Bern, in April 2010, and a representative of UPU attended the Institute's postal savings banks forum in Cape Town, South Africa in October 2010. Representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Finance Initiative participated in the above-mentioned Institute meetings in Maseru, Bali and Cartagena.

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

In January 2010, the Institute called for the introduction of a reference to access to finance as a key means of achieving the Millennium Development Goals and highlighted the importance of savings. The message was co-signed by five other global financial networks and sent to the press, members of the Millennium Development Goals task force and interested stakeholders.

12. World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations

Special, 1947

Introduction

There has been no change.

Aims and purposes of the organization

There has been no change.

Significant changes in the organization

There has been no change.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Union's contributions include advocacy regarding the dignity of persons and human rights; encouraging the education of the girl child; providing opportunities for adult literacy education, seminars and workshops on many subjects including HIV/AIDS; training of trainers (2007, 2010) in Indonesia for 135 trainers; starting and developing health-care services; combating HIV/AIDS and other major diseases through workshops and training sessions; construction in the Philippines of a shelter for women and girls in crisis; assistance provided to victims of battery, abuse and exploitation; creation of a shelter for women and children in crisis in Indonesia; drugs education; workshops and seminars for promotion of the rights of workers and initiation sessions for income-generating activities; organization of a symposium on poverty in December 2009 and publication of a book on women in poverty in France; nutrition education for children; publication in 2010 of a booklet to raise awareness of domestic abuse in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and setting up a programme to train women about climatic change.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Each year the Union attends meetings of the General Assembly; the Commission on the Status of Women; the Commission on Population and Development. In 2007 it attended events sponsored by UNICEF on violence against girls and protecting girls from female genital mutilation. In 2008 it attended meetings on human rights (October) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (December) as well as the Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations. The Union co-sponsored the meeting on maternal health best practices held in September 2010 in conjunction with the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals. In Geneva representatives of the Union attended meetings of the Human Rights Council; the Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations; CONGO briefings and workshops; and the International Labour Conference. From 2007 to 2011 representatives regularly attended meetings of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris and of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome. The Union has cooperated with other NGOs in drafting preliminary statements on trafficking, violence against women, children's rights, female foeticide and infanticide, poverty, water, sanitation and social

development, women and work, mainstreaming women's rights, women in development and freedom of religion.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Union participated with UNESCO in planning an event for teenagers in November 2010 on Africa, women and health. Members have asked their national sections in Africa to learn and diffuse the "good practices" of people who live in poverty every day. In 2009 and 2010 questionnaires were sent to all members on sustainable development education. A document entitled "Global priority Africa: learning from Africa" was prepared, detailing experiences in the field in Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Senegal and Togo.

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

The Union has conducted education on the Millennium Development Goals in all 66 countries where its members are present. It observes International Women's Day, the International Day of the Family, the International Day of Peace, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Human Rights Day and World Food Day each year.

13. World Wind Energy Association

Special, 2007

Introduction

The World Wind Energy Association is a non-profit organization which works for a world energy system fully based on the various renewable energy technologies, with wind energy as one cornerstone. It has 500 members and represents the wind sector of some 100 countries on all continents. The members include national wind energy associations (representing 50,000 members), companies, scientific institutions and public bodies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association aims at increasing the share of wind and other renewable energies in the global energy supply and eventually at a 100 per cent renewable energy supply worldwide. To this end, it acts as a communication platform for all wind energy actors worldwide, advises national Governments and international organizations on favourable policies for wind energy implementation and enhances international technology transfer, a key in the accelerated dissemination of this clean technology.

Significant changes in the organization

The Association today has 500 members, compared with 250 members in 2007.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association's primary aims and objectives are to increase the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the energy sector worldwide. This includes

decreasing energy poverty and improving energy access, especially in the poorest countries. An energy system completely based on renewable energy will not face many of the problems that today's energy system is facing, such as climate change, energy scarcity and increasing energy prices. In this sense, the Association's work is in line with the Millennium Development Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association has participated in all sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change since 2007. It has participated in events hosted by UNESCO, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, UNDP, UNEP et al. It contributed to the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Bonn in 2008.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UNESCO supported the Association's World Wind Energy Conferences in 2007 (Argentina), 2008 (Canada), 2009 (Republic of Korea) and 2010 (Turkey). The Association contributed to an ILO study on occupational and skills needs in renewable energy.

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

The Association publishes information about wind energy on a regular basis through its annual *World Wind Energy Report*, the technology website www.world-wind-energy.info and the biannual yearbook *Wind Energy International*, which comprises updated country reports covering 100 countries as well as numerous special reports. The Association also cooperates with many other media and advises national Governments and international organizations on suitable policies for the fast deployment of wind energy. It has presented proposals on how to make the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change more receptive to renewable energy, especially in developing countries.

14. Worldwide Organization for Women

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Worldwide Organization for Women is an international non-denominational, non-profit organization with permanent representation at the United Nations offices in New York, Vienna and Geneva, plus offices in Nepal and Nigeria.

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no changes.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization established a global education opportunity programme giving students access to international forums including the Human Rights Council, the

Commission on the Status of Women, the World Health Assembly, WHO and CONGO.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Between 2007 and 2010 the organization sponsored panels at the Commission on the Status of Women on women and the value of unwaged work, media and body image, female infanticide, women's achievement in leadership, the importance of mothers in society and Afghanistan women and education. It sponsored panels at the Human Rights Council on acid attacks, female infanticide, honour crimes and violence against women, trafficking of women and girls, early marriage, bioethics and gender networking and challenges for women in Somalia, Zimbabwe and Afghanistan. It researched women's health issues, served on the NGO right to health working group at the Commission on the Status of Women and advocated for adoption of the Human Rights Council maternal health resolution in June 2009. It participated in the Non-Governmental Organization Forum on Health steering committee and was a founder and chair of the mental health and psychosocial working group. It participated in WHO workshops on women's sexual and reproductive health, maternal health, the mental health gap and health education. It co-chaired the NGO group on women's rights to health, peace, ageing and human rights at the Commission on the Status of Women. It was a founding member of the CONGO committee on environment (Geneva) and the human rights education committee, a member of the women and climate change committee (New York) and secretary of the family committee (New York).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the fifty-second to fifty-fourth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York); the ninety-sixth to ninety-ninth International Labour conferences; the sixtieth to sixty-third World Health Assemblies; and sessions of the World Summit on the Information Society Forum from 2007 to 2010. Representatives attended the thirty-seventh to forty-first sessions of the Committee on Elimination of Discrimination against Women; and the forty-fourth to fifty-first sessions of the rights of the child-children's health working group.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization provided student interns and research assistants for the CONGO development forums from 2007 to 2010 (Geneva); attended and contributed to maternal health conferences with partners from UNICEF, UNDP and the Global Partnership for Women and Children; and delivered oral and written statements and contributed resolutions on health and human rights education at sessions of the Human Rights Council from 2007 to 2010.

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

In Nigeria, representatives organized medical outreach, educated health attendants, and taught parenting and hygiene skills. They trained women in soap making, tie-dying and gari processing and provided microcredit, increasing family incomes and keeping children in school. They worked with local governments and leaders to

diminish forced early marriages and traditional practices towards widows and established adult literacy programmes.

Additional information

In 2007, the organization built the second largest Nigerian bridge over the Eze River by raising funds and mobilizing local communities. This project brought together villages previously divided by a crocodile-infested river, giving women opportunities to sell their products at local markets and facilitating children's education. The organization participated in the Eleanor Roosevelt task force for the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Its projects supported the development of a Kenyan HIV/AIDS orphans' school. It sponsored rural children's participation in the international HIV/AIDS conference held in Kenya in July 2007. It developed a programme in Mozambique to provide supplies and uniforms for girls to attend school (2007) and installed a water well for a Rwandan orphanage and educational centre (2007).

15. Youth with a Mission

Special, 2003

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

Workshops are presented in the organization's training schools in the United Kingdom and other countries that teach about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the history of the United Nations. The organization seeks to promote awareness of the role of the United Nations in the developing world. The following conferences were held to promote United Nations values: Pursuing peace in a world at war, July 2008, Harpenden, United Kingdom; Universal Declaration of Human Rights: the hopes of 1948 and the reality in 2008, December 2008, Harpenden, United Kingdom.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2007 and 2009, the organization participated in the fifty-first to fifty-third sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and the seventh and eighth sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. In 2010 the Director was unable to participate in the conferences but continued to work on the promotion of the values learned during the past years.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization worked in partnership with the World Food Programme and the United Nations Volunteers in Indonesia for the implementation of the project “Post-tsunami livelihood rehabilitation in Banda Aceh”.

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

In support of goal 1, the organization in partnership with local NGOs runs feeding programmes for about 100,000 people in Africa and Asia. In Cambodia and Uganda alone, nutrition training has been given to 20,000 mothers.

In support of goal 2, the organization in partnership with local NGOs caters to the needs of primary education for about 20,000 children annually both in urban slums and rural areas in regions across the world.

In support of goal 3, the organization runs seminars on income generation and poverty alleviation for over 10,000 rural and indigenous women annually across South America, Asia and Africa.

In support of goal 6, the organization has HIV/AIDS training centres in 50 locations in Africa and Asia. It has given HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention courses for 50,000 people and administered care to over 10,000 AIDS victims around the world.

In support of goal 7, the organization in partnership with local NGOs has provided access to clean water using sustainable methods to islands in the Asia-Pacific region, enhancing the quality of life of over 26,000 people. In partnership it has provided sanitary services to over 1,000 schools, specifically in Cambodia, Viet Nam, Thailand and Myanmar. All of this work is ongoing to the present time.
