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1. Howard League for Penal Reform

Special, 1947

Introduction

The Howard League for Penal Reform, the oldest organization in the world campaigning for penal reform, was founded in 1866, the year that public executions were abolished in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The charity commemorates the work of John Howard, the eighteenth-century reformer who campaigned for change across Europe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims for safer communities, less crime and fewer people in prison. It conducts research, runs public information campaigns and carries out legal representation of young people in custody. Its aim is to experiment, discover and effect improvements to the penal system.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization became a law firm as well as a charity so that it could use legal strategies to force Government to change and improve the response to young people in trouble with criminal law. It has set up university-based groups for students to educate them about penal issues and encourage them to campaign for reform. It has invested in action and research identifying pressure points for change, publishing robust research on the problem and suggesting solutions.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Support for the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, to establish domestic mechanisms to prevent torture, through a side meeting at the April 2011 meeting of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna and an ancillary meeting at the United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Brazil in 2010
- Submission of statement to the twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, April 2010 (A/CONF.213/NGO/9)
- General support for United Nations conventions, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other human rights instruments.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Regular attendance of senior trustees and executive staff at meetings of the Commission in Vienna, in addition to attendance at the twelfth Congress
- Submission of policy papers and reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Links with the Commission and the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

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

- Concentrated on crime prevention, improving the treatment of prisoners, developing community responses to offenders, and enhancing the rights and protection of children.

2. Human Rights Defence Centre

Special, 2003

Introduction

The Human Rights Defence Centre is a non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) that was established in 1998, with its seat in Athens, by a group of people with expertise in human rights. According to its statute, the organization aims at promoting and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms in Greece, the Balkans, the Mediterranean and other regions. The organization also continues its close cooperation with other NGOs in South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, and its scope of operations has grown from national to regional/international, in particular with the successful operation of the Ariadne Network against Human Trafficking in South-Eastern and Eastern Europe on the initiative of the Centre, as well as its participation in international projects.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main aims and objectives of the organization include the provision of practical knowledge on human rights, raising awareness, and training and mobilization for the improvement of the situation of human rights, as well as assistance to and protection of persons belonging to vulnerable social groups, including trafficking victims in Greece and in the Balkan and Mediterranean regions. To achieve the above-mentioned objectives, the Centre organizes conferences, seminars, training and awareness-raising activities and participates actively in international, regional and national meetings and programmes relating to human rights. To finance its activities, the Centre relies on income from annual membership subscriptions, donations and sponsorships from public and private entities based in Greece and abroad. The amount of funding received has increased through donations of works of art by artists and exhibitions organized to support the organization's work. Annual income from donated artwork is an important source of funding.

Significant changes in the organization

While the broad aims and objectives of the organization and its activities remain much as described in the previous quadrennial report (2003-2006), the organization has expanded its range in the Black Sea region by participating in new projects fostering cooperation on issues of common interest for the countries of the region, such as migration and human trafficking. Additionally, during the last year, the Centre initiated human rights training for adults and children based on methods of non-formal education developed by the Council of Europe.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since 2009, the organization has participated as an implementing partner in the programme of cooperation in the Black Sea region in the areas of migration and human trafficking between countries of origin, transit and destination, a project that aims to foster cooperation between Georgia, Greece and the Ukraine.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Human Rights Defence Centre was unable to send representatives to United Nations meetings, as it had done in the past, owing to limited funds during the reporting period.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In March 2008 the organization participated in an expert consultation, conducted by the International Labour Office and the European Commission, to build a European consensus on indicators of human trafficking for the purpose of data collection in European Union member States. The consultation resulted in the publication, in 2009, of a fact sheet on operational indicators on trafficking in human beings, with separate indicators for labour and sexual exploitation of adults and children.

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

The organization contributed to the Millennium Development Goals, especially Goal 3, promotion of gender equality and empowerment of women, with activities combating human trafficking and violence against women.

Additional information

The organization participates actively in NGO initiatives in the wider region that promote networking and synergies in issues of common interest, such as human trafficking, gender equality and the rights of women. To that end, the Centre participated in the NGO platform on trafficking in human beings: responding to root causes and creating equal opportunities, held in Skopje in October 2007, and in the NGO platform on trafficking in human beings: 20 years after the fall of the Berlin wall — where do we stand?, held in Berlin in November 2009, both organized by La Strada International European Network against Trafficking in Human Beings.

3. Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage**Special, 2007****Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization organized activities for World Heritage Week, World Heritage Day, environmental activities, conservation of water including World Water Day, advocacy, heritage education, the creation of heritage awareness at the grass-roots level, and the production of manuals and resource materials. The main focus of the organization is on those areas; other activities include conducting teacher training workshops, setting up heritage clubs in schools and colleges, organizing rural skill development programmes and promoting arts and crafts and heritage tourism with a

view to raising additional income at the local level, as well as empowerment of the local community and alleviation of rural poverty.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization could not participate in any meetings of the United Nations. In addition, scarce funds and few representative staff (all volunteers) make attendance at international meetings very difficult.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has been active in cooperating with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the area of rural heritage tourism in Raghurajpur in Orissa, India.

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

The organization took a number of steps towards meeting the Goals:

- The International Conference of National Trusts was organized in December 2007 with the participation of more than 35 countries. At the Conference, it was decided to set up the International National Trusts Organization, with its headquarters in London. India is a founding member of that organization, along with such countries as Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.
- In follow-up to the 2007 Conference, the Asian Regional Cooperation Conference on a range of culture and heritage issues was organized in December 2008 with participation by a number of countries from the region. The proceedings and recommendations of the conference resulted in three publications on sharing good practice, in the following areas: (a) management of heritage tourism for sustainable development; (b) conservation issues in Asia; and (c) heritage education in Asia.
- Memorandums of understanding have been signed with a number of countries for the promotion of heritage, art and culture, both the tangible and intangible cultural heritage.

Additional information

The organization received a Gold Trophy Award from EMPI — The Indian Express in July 2010 with the following citation: “For their innovative initiatives in restoration, preservation and enrichment of India’s diverse cultural heritage embedded in communities and simultaneously improving the living conditions of the communities. The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage’s initiatives preserve and enrich Indian heritage by synergizing the programme through networking communities, agencies and structures that create and develop ‘culture niche’ areas to promote cultural heritage tourism, thereby not only revitalizing the heritage but also making the process economically sustainable.”

4. Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Special, 2003

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization served as the secretariat for the Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment, a programme of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) to promote environmental action at the local level in Asia. The organization has been involved in the production of reports of the Global Environmental Outlook, led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). For the fifth report, the organization is facilitating the overall production process, including taking roles as coordinating lead authors, lead authors and contributing authors as it contributes to various chapters, including the sections on Asia and the Pacific and global responses. The organization has served as the representative of the Asia-Pacific region in the steering group of the chemicals in products project, initiated by UNEP, and has provided substantial input to the project.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, organizing numerous side events that included the presentation of papers and panel discussions on, inter alia, reconciling Asian developmental priorities and global climate interests in the climate regime beyond 2012 (2007); the role of civil society in tackling climate change (2008); low-carbon Asia: visions and actions (2009); and shifting to low-carbon and climate-resilient development in Asia and the Pacific (2010). In addition, the Institute organized side events in connection with the fifteenth (2007) and eighteenth (2010) sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development. At the eighteenth session, the organization also made a statement at the high-level segment as the representative of an NGO major group.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In April 2008, the organization signed a memorandum of understanding on a cooperative undertaking to exchange clean development mechanism data and information with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The organization co-hosts the Asia and the Pacific Adaptation Network, launched on 3 October 2009, with the Asian Institute of Technology-UNEP Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific to support the implementation of adaptation policies in the Asia and Pacific region. The organization and the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity signed a memorandum of understanding on collaboration in promoting research on biodiversity issues in October 2010. In December 2010, the organization signed a memorandum of understanding with UNEP on strengthening research collaboration in areas including climate change.

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

On the basis of its research, the organization published its second and third White Papers in 2008 and 2010, respectively, focusing on important environmental issues in Asia to mainstream sustainability concerns into development policies and ensure environmental sustainability in support of the Millennium Development Goals.

Additional information

The Institute has organized the International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific annually since 2009, with support from relevant organizations of the United Nations.

5. International Association for Water Law**Special, 1971****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

In September 2010, the International Association for Water Law was granted partner status with UN-Water, in recognition of the Association's expertise in water law and its network in the international community. UN-Water was established in 2003 by the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination through its High-level Committee on Programmes to coordinate the water-related programmes and activities of United Nations organizations operating in that sector. The Association presented several lectures at a pilot course on transboundary groundwater integrated management organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Thessaloniki, Greece, in October 2008.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Although all representatives of the Association attend international meetings at their own costs, on a strictly voluntary basis, the organization managed to send delegations to many United Nations meetings, thanks to its large membership base. A representative of the Association attended the World Summit on Food Security, which was held at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) headquarters in Rome in November 2009. A representative also attended the International Meeting in Support of Israeli-Palestinian Peace, held in Qawra, Malta, in February 2010. The meeting was convened jointly by the United Nations and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, with a view to relaunching a constructive dialogue on the permanent status issues, including those related to water, surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. A delegation attended the high-level Ministerial Conference on Strengthening Transboundary Freshwater Governance — the Environmental Sustainability Challenge, convened by UNEP in Bangkok in May 2009. The Executive Chair and two other members attended a seminar on sharing an invisible water resource for the common good: how to make use of the General Assembly resolution on the law of transboundary aquifers, convened by UNESCO in August 2009. A delegation from the Association also

attended the fourth International Symposium on Transboundary Waters Management, jointly organized by Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the UNESCO Chair on sustainable management of water and conflict resolution, held in Thessaloniki, Greece, in October 2008.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization will be a co-convenor of the governance and water law theme of the fifteenth World Water Congress of the International Water Resources Association, an important NGO event on water, held every three years. The Congress will be held in Porto de Galinhas, Brazil, in September 2011. The UNESCO International Hydrological Programme will be an official participant in the governance and water law theme, including in the subtheme on the legal dimensions of transboundary waters in the face of the climate change challenge. The organization was a co-sponsor of the international conference on transboundary aquifers — challenges and new directions, convened by UNESCO in Paris in December 2010. General Assembly resolution 63/124 of 11 December 2008 on the law of transboundary aquifers was the central theme of the Conference. A representative of the organization attended the High-level Conference on World Food Security: the Challenges of Climate Change and Energy, organized by FAO in Rome in June 2008.

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

Sound water legislation is an essential tool in the sustainable management of water resources, which in turn is a basic factor in the pursuit of four of the eight Millennium Development Goals, namely: the end of poverty and hunger; child health; maternal health; and environmental sustainability. The organization's actions therefore contribute directly to supporting the Goals. The Chair of the Executive Council represented the Association at World Water Week, which was organized by the Stockholm International Water Institute and held in Stockholm in September 2010. On that occasion, the organization was invited to the launch of the UNEP publication entitled *The Greening of Water Law: Managing Freshwater Resources for People and the Environment*. The Association actively participated in a conference devoted to the right to water, organized by the Société française pour le droit international and held in Orleans, France, in June 2010.

6. International Council for Adult Education

General, 1991

Introduction

There have been no changes.

Aims and purposes of the organization and its main course of action

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

- Follow-up and monitoring of the actions of United Nations summits and conferences, particularly the International Conference on Adult Education, organized by UNESCO; Education for All; the Millennium Development Goals; Financing for Development; and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to ensure the inclusion of adult education and lifelong learning in agreements and in their implementation.
- Organization of the International Civil Society Forum to provide a space for the exchange of ideas, build alliances and prepare the advocacy strategy for the sixth International Conference on Adult Education. The preparatory process for the Conference, through its five regional meetings between September 2008 and January 2009, had a strong civil society presence, under the Council's leadership. Some members of the organization participated in drafting commissions and in the elaboration of final documents. At the international level, the Council, in preparation for the Conference, organized a virtual seminar with its partners and members to define strategic advocacy issues, making analyses that were further deepened at a face-to-face seminar in England in May 2008. All the material was gathered in a specific publication, in four languages, as a contribution to the process.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization attended the following meetings: Engaging with Fragile States: Challenges and Opportunities, held in Addis Ababa in July 2007; the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 25 February to 7 March 2008; in June 2008, in New York, the Women's Consultation on Financing for Development, as well as hearings with representatives of civil society and the business sector on financing for development; the Committee on International Non-Governmental Organizations of the Executive Board of UNESCO, held in Paris in April 2009; the UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education, held in Paris in July 2009; the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) public symposium on the global economic crisis and development — the way forward, held in Geneva in May 2009; the United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development, held in New York in June 2009; the sixteenth session of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Copenhagen in December 2009; the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, and the fourth High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development, held in New York in March 2010; and the eleventh Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Brasilia in July 2010. At the High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals, held in New York in September 2010, the organization presented a statement at round table 2, "Meeting the goals of health and education", and it also participated in the United Nations Climate Change Conference, held in Cancún, Mexico, from 29 November to 10 December 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2007, the organization joined an interregional core group of experts created by the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning for the development of international benchmarks for adult education and lifelong learning in preparation for the sixth

International Conference on Adult Education. In June 2010, in Uruguay, the organization's Gender and Education Office held a training course on citizens' participation and women's rights entitled "A sumar saberes" (adding knowledge), with the support of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). In 2010, following a request by UNESCO to provide training in areas related to adult education, the Council organized the following: (a) the third national workshop on the territorial agenda of integrated development of adult education and literacy, held in Brasilia in April; and (b) a course on the social management of education policies module: citizen's watch and advocacy actions on education policies, held in Recife, Brazil, in October and in Brasilia in November.

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

The organization's seventh World Assembly, held in Nairobi in 2007, provided a space for civil society organizations to prepare their inputs into the Education for All midterm review, especially in relation to the adult education-related goals and targets, and in asserting the crucial role of adult learning in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Furthermore, the organization has been actively involved in the Millennium Development Goal process, its follow-up and advocacy actions, having taken part in events organized by the United Nations or in parallel to highlight the centrality of adult education for the achievement of the Goals.

7. International Federation for Family Development

Special, 1999

Introduction

The family enrichment programmes of the International Federation for Family Development were started in the 1960s to aid parents in child rearing, on the basis of the case method, a specific pedagogical approach pioneered at Harvard University, which utilizes participative learning. Each year, the Federation conducts more than 500 courses, enrolling approximately 18,000 participants, and organizes over 600 events, which are attended by another 34,000 persons. The family enrichment courses and activities directly benefit over 50,000 people annually.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's main objectives are to promote family enrichment courses using the case method and advocate for marriage and family well-being at the national and international levels. The unique methodology encourages parents to learn from other parents. The organization provides the educational materials, teacher training and support to enable the federated associations to carry out programmes alongside families throughout the world. The courses are open and enrol parents from all ideologies, religions, races and nations without discrimination of any kind.

Significant changes in the organization

Geographically, the organization comprises 94 associations located in 60 different countries on five continents. Since 2007, new associations have started in Croatia, India, Lithuania, Slovenia and South Africa, and the total number of participants has

increased by 17 per cent. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of the Economic and Social Council decided, during its annual meeting of 2011, to recommend the reclassification of the organization from special consultative status to general consultative status.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization have stressed to Member States the importance of the family in the success of different programmes. They have spoken with representatives of many Member States about the importance of parent education and of supporting parents' capabilities to provide children with care in a safe environment. The organization has been working together with the Focal Point on the Family of the United Nations Programme on the Family, who has participated in a number of meetings since the leaders' meeting in October 2008. The organization is involved with the Programme in the preparations for the International Day of Families and the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- During the period 2007-2010, the organization participated in a number of meetings, inter alia, the Commission for Social Development (annual); the Commission on the Status of Women (annual); the International Day of the Family (annual); the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (annual), including, in 2009, a side event on the rights of the child — what role for the family?; the Commission on Population and Development (2008 and 2010); high-level meetings of the Economic and Social Council (2007 and 2008); the Human Rights Council, tenth, eleventh and twelfth sessions (2009), and thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth sessions (2010); the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS (2008); the Conference on Legislative Reform to Achieve Human Rights, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) (2008); and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (2008).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization contributes to the activities of the Council, the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF and to the area of human rights. In addition to the grass-roots projects, the organization advocates for the family in all activities of the Council, as "family" is a horizontal concept that affects all economic and social activities.

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

The variety of family enrichment courses provided by the organization around the world allows it to progress in partnership with the United Nations towards the Millennium Development Goals: eradicating extreme poverty, achieving universal primary education, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combating HIV/AIDS and other diseases, ensuring environmental sustainability and developing a global partnership for development.

8. International Federation “Terre des hommes”

Special, 1987

Introduction

Terre des Hommes International Federation is an international NGO founded in 1966 and composed of 10 national Terre des Hommes organizations running projects in about 70 countries.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2008, the organization made amendments to its by-laws to consolidate the internal structure and the interaction between the member organizations. It also revised its name which is now “Terre des Hommes International Federation” instead of “International Federation Terre des hommes”.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributes to the work of the United Nations in publicizing information on the work and achievements of the United Nations. It also runs development projects for the benefit of children, which contribute to implementing the Council’s development agenda. In the humanitarian field, the organization participates in the cluster system, led by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, at the global and local levels. The organization also responds to requests for information coming from offices of the United Nations (for example, a request from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on access to medication in the context of pandemics such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria in December 2007). The organization has been invited to participate in expert consultations such as the Office’s expert consultation on domestic servitude held at Geneva in June 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In July 2009, the organization participated in the Council’s Innovation Fair at Geneva, and presented a hospital ship project. Also in July 2009, at the high-level segment of the Council, the organization made a statement on delivering health care to children. In April 2010, the organization participated in the twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Salvador, Brazil, and in two side events on juvenile justice. From 2007 to 2010, the organization participated in the fourth through fifteenth sessions of the Human Rights Council at Geneva. On the occasion of the annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child, for example, Terre des Hommes co-organized a side event on sexual violence against children with the participation of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children, during the thirteenth session of the Human Rights Council in March 2010. The organization participated in the first and second sessions of the open-ended Working Group on an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child at Geneva in 2009 and 2010 and delivered joint statements on child protection with the other participating NGOs.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization supports the work of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences; and the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children by providing them with information collected from field offices and by facilitating some of their field visits (see, for example, A/HRC/7/8 and A/HRC/14/34). Terre des Hommes is in consultative status with UNICEF and it has cooperated with the Fund over an extended period of time. UNICEF supports the organization's projects in a number of different countries, including in Haiti. The organization worked with UNICEF to co-organize the third World Congress Against the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in November 2008.

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

All the projects run by the 10 Terre des Hommes organizations aim at supporting the Millennium Development Goals. About 7 per cent of the projects concern nutrition, in support of Goal 1, and 20 per cent of the projects relate to education, in support of Goal 2. The organization runs early childhood education projects and projects to enable marginalized children to have access to schooling. In support of Goals 5 and 6, 10 per cent of the projects concern child and maternal health. The organization provides psychosocial support and medical care to HIV/AIDS-affected children. It also works to prevent infection and minimize prejudice. Other projects concern such areas as child protection, women's rights and community development, and support almost all the Goals.

9. International Informatization Academy

General, 1995

Introduction

The International Informatization Academy was founded in the Russian Federation in December of 1990 as an international public organization. At present the Academy numbers almost 18,000 full members, and they are engaged in activities through 56 regional branches.

Aims and purposes of the organization

For research on global events and appropriate methods for their solution, the organization set up a standing round table on the principles and mechanisms of sustainable development of world society in the twenty-first century. Since 2007 the Academy has actively been pursuing cooperation with the legislative and executive authorities of the Russian Federation and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), providing support by promoting various programmes and projects. An information/exhibition centre on innovative projects and technologies is functioning in the Academy specifically to pursue that important objective.

Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period no major changes occurred that might have significantly influenced the organization's activities.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period the Academy organized a large number of international conferences and round tables, resulting in the publication of various scientific works.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Proceeding from the need to convey to all nations the idea of preserving peaceful co-existence, the Academy created a special symbol reflecting the main purpose for mankind's existence. It is a unique artistic image of our times. The project, designed and implemented on the Academy's initiative, was a sculpture entitled "To preserve peace for future generations". On 12 February 2008, during the Conference on Disarmament, a formal ceremony was held at the Palais des Nations for the unveiling of the sculpture. On behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation and the nation, the gift was presented to the United Nations Office at Geneva by Minister for Foreign Affairs S. V. Lavrov.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The International Informatization Academy compiled a selection of speeches made between 2004 and 2010 by the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, and in 2010 published a booklet on the contemporary world and its challenges. The Academy traditionally cooperates with the United Nations Information Centre in Moscow. The Academy, jointly with the Centre, has developed and published for students, in Russian and English, a mass circulation booklet on the United Nations Millennium Declaration. During the reporting period, representatives of the Academy participated in the activities sponsored by the Centre.

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

In November 2010, the Academy organized at its Moscow headquarters an international conference on the United Nations Millennium Declaration 10 years after: results and perspectives. Members of the Academy have presented a total of 60 reports for publication.

10. International Islamic Committee for Woman and Child

Special, 2003

Introduction

The main focus of the organization's activities is on the development and implementation of programmes of education on family issues and in social awareness campaigns, as well as in expanding knowledge of this matter. The organization addresses its activities through multiple media (press conferences, television and radio programmes).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- In 2007, the organization prepared papers about issues concerning women and children from an Islamic perspective, and distributed them to social activists in many countries, including Algeria, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia and Morocco.
- The organization conducted studies related to the main United Nations agreements on women and children and their applications in Muslim countries, covering the following subjects: (a) domestic violence in international documents — an analytical study; (b) the impact of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women on family law in Arab countries; and (c) the Arab child between international conventions and national laws.
- Representatives of the organization attended and presented papers about women's and children's issues at regional and international conferences, including the following: (a) the fourteenth Annual Conference for the Arabization of Sciences, held in Egypt in February 2008; (b) a conference on achieving a better family life, held in the United Kingdom in March 2008; (c) a symposium on the international dimensions of gender issues, held in Bahrain in April 2008; (d) a conference on the provisions of the family between Islamic law and international agreements and declarations, held in Egypt in October 2008; (e) a conference on the provisions of the family: the need for legitimacy or international obligations, held in Bahrain in February 2009; (f) the nineteenth session of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, in April 2009; (g) the twenty-second meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Organization of the Islamic Call, held in the Sudan in February 2010; (h) a seminar held by the Human Rights Commission of Saudi Arabia in February 2010; and (i) an event dealing with international conventions and conferences and their impact on the Islamic world, held in Bahrain in April 2010.
- The Committee organized training courses and programmes about the international dimensions of women's issues in Saudi Arabia (2009), and in Egypt and Yemen (2010).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In March of 2007, 2009 and 2010 representatives attended the annual meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The Committee participated through the following activities: submitting oral statements; holding workshops as parallel events on the themes of (a) complete equality: gain or loss, and (b) girls' education, practical solutions; and attending parallel events held by a number of NGOs. In addition, the Committee participated in a seminar organized by the Human Rights Council, held in Saudi Arabia in February 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

There was no cooperation with United Nations bodies.

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

No initiatives were taken in support of the Millennium Development Goals.

11. International Kolping Society

Special, 1991

Introduction

The International Kolping Society is a Catholic social organization which seeks to serve the needs of the members and promote the common good through the active participation of its individual members and their groups and to cooperate in the continuous renewal and humanization of society. Today the organization has more than 450,000 members in more than 61 countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2007, the organization participated in the forty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development; the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women; and the preparatory meetings for the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The organization also participated in the informal hearings of the business sector on financing for development.

In 2008, the organization participated in the Civil Society Forum on making Copenhagen work: decent work for a decent life, and helped to prepare the civil society declaration presented to the forty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development. In addition, the organization submitted a statement (E/CN.5/2008/NGO/2) to the Commission and dialogued with the International Labour Organization (ILO) regarding its proposed toolkit for mainstreaming employment and decent work. The organization participated in several segments of the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women and attended a number of parallel events. The organization observed the interactive panel of the General Assembly on the global financial crisis.

In 2009, as a member of the NGO Committee for Social Development, the organization participated in the Civil Society Forum, and helped to prepare a statement on social integration that was presented to the forty-seventh session of the Commission for Social Development. The organization also participated in side events (a) dealing with the challenges and best practices for social inclusion when faced with HIV/AIDS, and (b) calling for strengthening the rights of older people. As a member of the NGO Committee on the Family, the organization helped to sponsor a side event on social integration of people on the move.

In 2010, the organization participated in, inter alia, several sessions of the forty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development, with the priority theme of "Social integration", and helped to produce the outcome document entitled "Copenhagen plus 15: achieving a society for all", which was presented to the Commission on opening day. As a member of the NGO Committee for Social Development, which gathered data from around the world to produce a report on social integration in action: stories from the grass roots, the organization participated in a side event promoting best practices and discussing examples.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2008 and 2010, the Society organized a number of seminars on decent work with the national offices of ILO in Uruguay and Chile. The organization supports the

efforts of ILO regarding employment creation, social protection, standards and rights at work, governance and social dialogue.

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

Every year the organization spends about 10 million euros (€) to fight extreme poverty and hunger. It undertakes projects in the areas of rural development, vocational training, and microsavings and credit schemes. The organization has started elementary schools in some countries where the Government is unable to give every young person a chance for primary education. In the Plurinational State of Bolivia, about 1,000 pupils are enrolled in these schools. The majority of members of the organization in developing countries are women. In 2010, the International Board of Directors adopted new ecological guidelines, challenging all local chapters of the organization worldwide to start concrete projects. Every year members of the organization plant about 500,000 new trees, introduce solar energy and biogas systems and collect rainwater.

12. International Organization for Standardization

General, 1947

Introduction

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is the world's largest developer and publisher of international standards. ISO is a network of the national standards institutes of 162 countries, one member per country, with a Central Secretariat in Geneva that coordinates the system. ISO is an NGO that forms a bridge between the public and private sectors. On the one hand, many of its member institutes are part of the governmental structure of their countries, or are mandated by the Government. On the other hand, other members have their roots uniquely in the private sector, having been set up by national partnerships of industry associations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The ISO Action Plan for developing countries 2005-2010 provided the road map for technical assistance programmes targeted at ISO members from those countries. ISO carried out over 250 training and capacity-building activities, involving more than 11,000 participants from developing countries. Around 7,300,000 francs (SwF) was spent directly on implementing the activities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ISO participated in the following meetings: (a) the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission, thirtieth session (Rome, July 2007) thirty-first session (Geneva, 30 June-4 July 2008), thirty-second session (Rome, 29 June-3 July 2009) and thirty-third session (Geneva, July 2010); (b) the regional International Telecommunication Union (ITU) consultation on conformity assessment and interoperability for the Americas region (Quito, July 2010); (c) the twelfth session of the UNCTAD Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities (Geneva, February 2008); the twelfth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Accra, April 2008); and the UNCTAD multi-year expert meetings (Geneva, February 2009 and March

2010); (d) the annual sessions of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) (Geneva, November 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010); (e) the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change: thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (Bali, Indonesia, December 2007), and fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (Copenhagen, December 2009); (f) the Global Compact Leaders Summit 2007 (Geneva, July) and 2010 (New York, June); and (g) the twelfth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) (Vienna, December 2007), and the UNIDO round table on sustainability standards in international trade: hurdles or opportunities? (Vienna, December 2009).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the period under review, memorandums of understanding were signed, and projects continued, with many agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, such as the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the International Maritime Organization (IMO), ITU, the International Trade Centre (ITC), ECE, UNEP, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, UNIDO, the Universal Postal Union (UPU), WHO and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

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

- ISO project committee 253, on treated wastewater re-use for irrigation, established in 2009
- Publication of a brochure entitled *International Standards and “Private Standards”* in February 2010
- ISO 26000 — Social responsibility, published on 1 November 2010
- ISO technical committee 224, services for drinking water supply systems and wastewater systems: published three standards; approved project on crisis management of water utilities (2010)
- ISO technical committee 147, water quality: published 43 normative documents and launched 58 new work items
- ISO technical committee 207, environmental management: ISO 14000 series on environmental management, and 14064/65 standards on greenhouse gas measurement.

13. International Statistical Institute

Special, 1947

Introduction

The International Statistical Institute is a professional society, established in 1885, with individual and institutional members in over 120 countries. Its objective is to promote the understanding, development and good practice of statistics worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Institute is comprised of a central core of eminent statisticians and seven Sections, each focusing on a different area of statistics. The organization's biennial World Statistics Congress is well known and brings together several thousand statisticians. The World Statistics Congress is accompanied by a variety of short courses for training young statisticians and satellite conferences. In addition, numerous smaller meetings and conferences take place under the auspices of the Institute's Sections. The publishing of several professional journals completes the organization's portfolio. To service and support its members and the Sections, the Institute has a permanent office located in The Hague.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2009 the International Environmetrics Society became a Section of the Institute, which now has seven Sections covering areas including official statistics, survey statistics, statistics education, statistical computing, business statistics, and mathematical statistics and probability. The organization supports the participation of statisticians from developing countries in its activities by financing travel and lodging. A grant from the World Bank Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity-Building enables such participation and thus contributes to the objective of building statistical capacity in developing countries. Revision of the organization's statutes and by-laws is ongoing and is expected to be completed in 2011.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A wide range of objectives and activities support the objectives set out in the Millennium Development Goals and in sustainability programmes. The statistical underpinning of the Goals is a core objective and task; the activities undertaken by the Institute and its Sections are at the heart of those objectives. Examples include the following:

- Organization of the World Statistics Congress in 2009 in Durban, South Africa, with over 2,500 participants and a particularly high proportion from the African continent
- The international statistical literacy project, to increase statistical literacy across the world for young persons and adults. In 2008-2009 the Institute organized the first International Statistical Literacy Competition, and presented the awards to the winners at the 2009 World Statistics Congress. Participants in the 2010-2011 competition will come from almost 30 countries.
- The Jan Tinbergen awards for young statisticians from developing countries
- The Mahalanobis Award for lifetime achievement, for eminent statisticians from developing countries
- Contribution to the observation of World Statistics Day on 20 October 2010, which was organized by the United Nations Statistics Division, by calling on statistical societies worldwide to organize events and congresses celebrating the day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participates in the annual meetings of the Statistical Commission. Representatives of the Institute attended meetings of the Commission in February 2008 and in February 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Institute cooperated with the Statistics Division: specific areas of joint work included World Statistics Day (see above) and, in the area of agricultural statistics, co-sponsoring with the Statistics Division and other partners the fifth International Conference on Agricultural Statistics, held in Kampala in 2010, where work was under way on a global strategy for agricultural statistics and plan of implementation. In addition, the Statistics Division organizes several sessions at the Institute's World Statistics Congress.

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

The availability and quality of the indicators for the Goals are crucial for their achievement. The organization has undertaken several initiatives aiming at increasing the statistical capacity in developing countries and thus the statistical basis for the Goals. Examples include the initiatives undertaken for a high-level workshop on leadership in modern statistical systems for anglophone African countries; for mentoring systems for students in developing countries; and for the funding of participants in the congresses, conferences and workshops of the Institute and its Sections.

14. International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education and Development**Special, 2003****Introduction**

The International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education and Development draws its inspiration from the education project of the Salesians. Every year it organizes international conferences, seminars and human rights awareness campaigns to train young volunteers on good practices.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participates in various United Nations forums, including the Human Rights Council, the Universal Periodic Review, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Commission on the Status of Women, as well as in events organized by the Department of Public Information. During the period 2007-2010, the organization submitted five written and five oral statements and organized nine side events. Its main contributions included the following: (a) a written statement on women's human rights violations, at the fourth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva in March 2007; (b) a side event on the right to water, at the sixty-first Annual Department of Public Information/NGO Conference, held in Paris in September 2008; (c) a written statement on the situation of child soldiers in Colombia, at the third session of the Universal Periodic Review, held in Geneva in

December 2008; (d) a joint oral statement on the Human Rights Council support to the recovery process in Haiti after the 12 January 2010 earthquake, at the thirteenth special session of the Human Rights Council, held at Geneva on 27 January 2010; (e) in collaboration with the Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice and with the co-sponsorship of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), three side events at sessions of the Human Rights Council at Geneva: at the thirteenth session of the Council, a side event on the objectives and goals of the right to education of children at risk in Africa: reintegration and/or reinsertion (March); at the fourteenth session of the Council, a side event on Haiti: educational continuity in emergency situations (June); and at the fifteenth session of the Council, a side event on quality education for indigenous children in Latin and Central America (September).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Although the organization works mainly with governmental and local organizations, it contributes to the work of United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system through several activities. For example, it provided technical assistance to UNICEF in relation to humanitarian activities carried out in Haiti in 2009, sending volunteers who collaborated with United Nations staff in guaranteeing educational continuity.

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

The organization contributed to implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa, Asia, Central America, Eastern Europe and South America. The following list provides an overview of the organization's main activities:

- Goal 1. Microcredit initiatives. Families involved: 920; providing children with nutritional care: 13,000; nutritional training for parents: 800
- Goal 2. School packages and uniforms: 15,000
- Goal 3. Schools built or renovated: 300; teachers trained: 1,230; libraries for children: 230; primary education for boys and girls: 12,550; primary schooling for indigenous children: 2,500; scholarships to increase girls' entry into primary school: 7,980; scholarships to increase girls' entry into secondary school: 4,300; scholarships to increase girls' attendance of professional training: 1,250
- Goal 4. Provision of general medical care: 11,000; vaccinations: 2,650; organization of health courses for parents: 580; food supplements for children: 7,650
- Goal 5. Provision of general medical care: 10,450; organization of training for pregnant women: 570
- Goal 7. Wells built: 100; water filters: 120
- Goal 8. Organization of computer training courses for young people: 2,500.

Additional information

Thanks to its consultative status, the organization can enhance the correspondence between local realities and the United Nations agenda. The organization is ready to submit a complete list of all activities carried out in each area of contribution.

15. Mentor Foundation**Special, 2003****Introduction**

The Mentor Foundation is an international, independent, apolitical NGO founded in 1994 and focusing on the prevention of substance abuse and the promotion of the health and well-being of children and young people. Its work has a global scope. It has national mentors based in Colombia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States, with a regional office in Beirut, Mentor Arabia, dedicated to supporting its work in the 22 countries and areas that are members of the League of Arab States.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation seeks to prevent substance abuse and promote the health and well-being of children and young people. It identifies, supports, undertakes and disseminates best and promising approaches to drug abuse prevention to practitioners and policymakers globally. It undertakes specific projects and provides services in countries where it has a national and regional base. It also undertakes projects in other countries, where it has no national or regional base, including Central Asia and Eastern Europe in 2010 and Africa, during the period 2007-2010, where work has been undertaken and supported through its international office. The organization's website aims to provide a central global information base for those interested and working in prevention. The organization provides a regular newsletter with updates on its work and a monthly e-newsletter entitled "Prevention update" to reflect the latest research, information, events, policy news and events in the area of prevention.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation has continued to make a significant contribution to the work of the United Nations, including the following: (a) providing the Vice-Chair of the Vienna NGO Committee on Narcotic Drugs, which is the NGO advisory arm for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; (b) through its President, Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden, providing a presence and input at the meeting of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in March 2010; (c) regular attendance and contributions to the meetings of the Commission, including a presentation from Mentor Arabia in March 2011; (d) major activity as part of the "Beyond 2008" initiative undertaken by the Committee on behalf of the Office to identify the views of the NGO community and provide a global view from the NGO community with respect to the future direction and activity of the Office; (e) regular communication with staff of the Office with respect to the organization's area of expertise in prevention; (f) contributions to the Office's development in respect of the role of families in supporting prevention, with particular input from Mentor Colombia; (g) collaboration, in particular, with the Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa of the United Nations

Office on Drugs and Crime to support specific developments; (h) participation in the UNICEF conferences in Beijing and South Korea; (i) contributions to the WHO global alcohol policy deliberations; (j) dialogue with the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime with a view to supporting the Office's strategy and activities to prevent drug abuse; and (k) support through training workshops to the Regional Office for Central Asia of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Details of the organization's participation in meetings are included in the section concerning its contribution to the work of the United Nations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has linked with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime at a number of events in Vienna and beyond.

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

The Foundation's overall focus on education and substance abuse prevention and the promotion of health and well-being offers a range of inputs that are consistent with and contribute to the Millennium Development Goals in varying degrees and forms. All Goals are relevant to its work, particularly in relation to education and support for children in developing countries and its work on drugs, which has a clear connection to the issue of HIV/AIDS. An example is the organization's work in East Africa, where its efforts to develop human resource capacity and build specific programmes on peer-to-peer education and parent education have made a major contribution to improving the health and welfare of communities there.
