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1. Canadian Labour Congress

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Canadian Labour Congress works to promote the interests of its affiliates and, in general, to advance the economic and social welfare of Canadian workers, including those who are unemployed or retired, as specified in the organization's communiqués, policy submissions and resolutions debated at its 2005 constitutional convention.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization's constitution and by-laws have been amended but without changes to the organization's orientation, programmes or scope of work.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Canadian Labour Congress organizes a wide variety of activities across Canada with or for its members and produces and disseminates information in many forms to support activities that promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, decent work and sustainable development, anti-racism and human rights, social development and environmental protection, worker and trade union rights, a United Nations arms treaty, and occupational and community health and safety. Each of those themes has its own programme of work within the organization that takes place within all provinces and territories of the country. Furthermore, each has some international component that involves the organization's participation in United Nations processes, the international trade union structures and engagement with social partners and coalitions both at home and abroad.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following:

(a) High-level meeting on the comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS (June 2011);

(b) Sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (25 February-7 March 2008; 2-13 March 2009; 1-12 March 2010; and 22 February-4 March 2011);

(c) Meetings of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (Manila, 29-30 October 2008; Athens, 2-5 November 2009; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, 8-11 November 2010; Geneva, 30 November-3 December 2011).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization:

(a) Is a sitting member of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Governing Body and coordinates the involvement of a delegation at each annual ILO meeting and the involvement of affiliated members with ILO conventions that Canada has ratified, especially those related to employment promotion and trade union rights;

(b) Monitors, reports on or advocates for human rights in connection with the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities and the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

(c) Honours international observance days, including World AIDS Day, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Human Rights Day, International Women's Day, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and International Migrants Day, through statements, activities or the dissemination of campaign materials or information.

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

The organization supported a range of projects with trade unions and non-governmental organizations in 20 countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East to build the capacity of workers to participate in workplace, national or community decision-making. Some of the projects deal with gender issues and the empowerment of women.

In 2010 the organization hosted a world congress of the International Trade Union Confederation, bringing together delegates from over 100 countries to help shape world trade union policy on economic development, decent work and other policies dealing with poverty and human rights.

Through a special partnership with the African regional body of the Confederation, the organization co-organised in 2010 a multi-country lobbying campaign aimed at Canadian embassies on the occasion of the Group of Eight Summit to support and strengthen world response to HIV and AIDS.

In Canada the organization continues to be active with organizations involved in the promotion of the Millennium Development Goals: Amnesty International, the North-South Institute and the Canadian Council for International Cooperation.

2. Femmes Afrique solidarité

General, 2000

Introduction

Femmes Afrique solidarité works to strengthen the role of African women in the attainment of human security and durable peace in Africa. It emphasizes the critical role and involvement of women in conflict resolution, post-conflict reconstruction and conflict prevention processes, in accordance with Security Council resolution 1325 (2000). Moreover, its activities contribute significantly to the implementation of regional and international instruments that promote gender equality and women's rights. The organization is associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat and has observer status with the International Organization for Migration and the International Organization of la Francophonie. The organization is a member of the Non-Governmental Organizations Commission on the Status of Women, the Working Group on Women and Peace and Security in New York and the Working Group on Peace in Geneva. It holds the first-vice-

presidency of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To achieve its aim of engendering peace processes for the purpose of attaining human security and durable peace in Africa, the organization employs two main axes of intervention: empowerment and advocacy. Advocacy builds and supports the work of the organization by raising awareness and engaging partners, networks and key actors. The assessments and recommendations derived from advocacy are integrated into the organization's empowerment strategies, by which projects and initiatives are developed and implemented to address needs on the ground.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2010, the organization was reclassified from special to general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. The Executive Board now meets twice a year rather than once a year. Three board committees, in operations, finance and fundraising, were created in July 2010 to increase board members' involvement in the management of the organization.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In the Great Lakes region, the organization has been instrumental in the development of national and regional action plans for Security Council resolution 1325 (2000). It has carried out training for parliamentarians from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda on gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting. In the Mano River region, it was a key player in facilitating the national and regional action plans for resolution 1325 (2000). During the reporting period, it carried out election monitoring in Liberia and Sierra Leone, a solidarity mission to Guinea and a consultative dialogue in Côte d'Ivoire. The organization's collaboration with Sudanese women since 2008 culminated in the creation of a common peace agenda and the issuance of a declaration that served as a concrete tool for the women in Darfur to effectively communicate and lobby for their needs, concerns and demands.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization's representatives participated in annual meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, attended and hosted parallel events on women and peace and security and brought women from the field to share their experiences. Its representatives also attended annual sessions of the General Assembly and spoke at parallel events on women and peace and security.

During the sixteenth and seventeenth sessions of the Human Rights Council, held in 2011, the organization brought Ivorian women advocates to Geneva to address the Council. The women advocated for the establishment of an independent international commission of inquiry and for women's concerns to be addressed by the Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Eight members of the Sudanese Women's Association for Darfur were supported by the organization in 2010 to participate in the open day consultative meetings of the

United Nations Development Fund for Women, the United Nations Mission in the Sudan, African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) held in June in Khartoum to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of resolution 1325 (2000).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2010, during the 10-year anniversary of resolution 1325 (2000), the organization's Executive Director was appointed co-chair of the Civil Society Advisory Group, which was set up to advise the high-level steering committee responsible for devising a coordinated approach for the implementation of the resolution.

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

During the reporting period, the organization coordinated the "Gender is my agenda" campaign, a network of over 55 organizations. The campaign's consultative meetings, held on the margins of the African Union Summit, monitor the implementation of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa and the progress of African Governments in attaining the Millennium Development Goals. Members also devise and implement strategies to foster increased action.

3. Fundación Instituto Psicopedagógico Uruguayo

Special, 2008

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Fundación Instituto Psicopedagógico Uruguayo contributes to the work of the United Nations, with activities that contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization would have been able to contribute more to the implementation of United Nations programmes if not for the following problems, which are ongoing: information about international meetings and conferences is very sparse and arrives too late. Also, scarce funds and the small number of representative staff make attendance at international meetings very difficult.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In November 2009 the organization conceptualized a research project with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), "Building capacities", for children with disabilities and who are between 0 and 17 years of age to improve their quality of life and access to education. The project was designed to determine the number of such children living in two departments in Uruguay, Artigas and Canelones, as well as their living conditions, with a view to improving their quality of life by promoting equal opportunities for all and the full exercise of their rights, in accordance with the Millennium Development Goals. The project was prepared together with UNICEF but could not be executed because of lack of funds.

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

The organization focuses on children and youth with disabilities, as well as vulnerable groups that are socially at risk. In that regard, it develops actions that contribute to ending poverty. One of the organization's programmes, besides daily attendance to children with autism, is labour training in gastronomy, which is run in a workshop format and lasts one year. People who graduated from the programme have formed a cooperative called "Gastrocoop" and are now working in the open market. The programme met with very high success.

On the basis of that experience, the organization presented a project, "Alternativa de vida" ("Life alternative"), to the European Commission, as part of the European Commission's call for proposals from non-governmental agents and local authorities. The project attempts to reduce poverty in the context of sustainable development, in accordance with the Millennium Development Goals, and is to be developed in five departments of the country: Montevideo, Canelones, Colonia, Maldonado and Paysandú, with a view to occupationally training vulnerable groups (women heads of families, workers undergoing long-term unemployment, people excluded from the job market and persons with disabilities) in the field of gastronomy and forming social cooperatives that will bring services in gastronomy (e.g. Gastrocoop).

The organization also runs a community-based rehabilitation programme in San Ramón, Canelones. Every year, the group organizes a health journey, in which cholesterol, triglycerides, blood sugar, blood pressure and body mass index are checked, in order to contribute to the good health of the community. It is also a journey for sports and social inclusion.

The organization presented a project to the Inter-American Development Bank to be executed with the Japan Special Fund, together with the Ministry of Public Health, to promote healthy and productive communities. The organization also manages and administers a web portal on disabilities, and for that purpose built a network of institutions that work in the field.

Finally, the organization gives lectures to students and professionals about the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It offers free advice to parents and professionals dealing with children with developmental problems. It very frequently participates in the media, giving advice on issues related to the Convention.

4. Foundation for a Culture of Peace**Special, 2008****Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

In January 2008, the organization published the executive report of an international conference held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 8 to 10 December 2007, on the theme "Alliance of civilizations, interculturalism and human rights", organized by the Foundation for a Culture of Peace, the Ibero-American General Secretariat and the Academy of Latinity/Candido Mendes University, with the support of the Alexandre de Gusmão Foundation and the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Brazil and Spain.

Within the 61st annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Paris, the Foundation for a Culture of Peace organized a break-out session (5 September 2008) entitled “The institutional aspects and the role of civil society in the building of peace”. Its Director also participated in the Working Group on the Human Right to Peace (5 September 2008). The organization, the Catalan government’s delegation in France and the municipal office of Paris’s fifth arrondissement joined forces at the Conference to propose the hosting of an exhibition entitled “Ausencias” (“absences”) between 3 and 14 September, with the work of Gustavo Germano, an Argentine photographer residing in Barcelona, on the victims of forced disappearance during the Argentinean dictatorship.

In the context of the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures, the organization conducted an international seminar on the theme “Religions and the building of peace: fostering intercultural and interreligious cooperation and action for a culture of peace” with the support of the NGO Liaison Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva on 18 May 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization was involved as follows:

(a) Participated in the 61st annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, on the theme “Reaffirming human rights: the Universal Declaration at 60”, held in Paris from 3 to 5 September 2008;

(b) Organized an international seminar on the theme “Religions and the building of peace: fostering intercultural and interreligious cooperation and action for a culture of peace” with the support of the NGO Liaison Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva on 18 May 2010;

(c) Participated in an international seminar in October 2011 on the theme “Migration and communication: re-balancing information flows and dialogue”, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, the International Organization for Migration and the global news agency Inter Press Service in Helsinki.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Together with the Triptolemos Foundation, the organization published the *Report on the University Cooperation for Development in the Agro-Alimentary Sector: The Spanish Case*, with the support of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (March 2008).

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

In respect of Goal 1, the organization published the above-mentioned report. In respect of Goal 3, the organization promotes gender equality and the empowerment of women in all its publishing materials for schools and teachers. In promoting Goal 7, it organized an international seminar on the relationship between climate change and peace in 2009 and published a book using background documentation from the United Nations system. To promote Goal 8, it entered into a partnership agreement with UBUNTU Forum and other organizations, the objectives of which are focused on a new form of governance and a fairer financial system.

5. Globe Aware

Special, 2008

Introduction

Globe Aware is a United States and Canadian charity that operates in Brazil, Cambodia, China, Costa Rica, Ghana, India, Jamaica, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Peru, Romania, Thailand and Viet Nam.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Globe Aware aims to promote sustainability and cultural awareness by mobilizing small teams of volunteers to carry out short-term projects in locations throughout its geographical coverage.

Significant changes in the organization

Globe Aware has added a programme helping indigent children in India by offering educational services. It temporarily suspended its programmes in Brazil and Jamaica owing to decreasing number of volunteers able to participate.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Globe Aware would have been able to contribute more to the implementation of United Nations programmes if not for the following problems, which are ongoing: information about international meetings and conferences was very sparse or non-existent in 2010 and 2011. Also, following the 2008 economic crises, scarce funds and limited representative staff (all volunteers) made attendance at international meetings especially difficult during the reporting period. However, Globe Aware did undertake many activities that advance the achievement of the development agenda of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations at large: it helped to improve social and economic conditions and raise the standards of living by providing nutritional care to expectant women in the community of Parismina, Costa Rica, and food and hygiene education to 425 children in Cusco, Peru; building three schools and 14 restroom facilities at schools in several villages in the Ho region of Ghana; teaching English literacy to 40 children in Jaipur, India, on an ongoing basis; building 50 adobe stoves in San Pedro de Caste, Peru, which decrease deforestation and reduce smoke inhalation to the mothers cooking. In Siem Reap, Cambodia, the organization assembled and distributed free of charge 115 wheelchairs to landmine victims with no access to health care; and built and distributed 55 mobile libraries for the use of children in prekindergarten in Hoi An, Viet Nam.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Globe Aware attended the session of the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2009 and drafted recommendations and ideas on future projects for the organization to carry out concerning the promotion of health in women. Globe Aware sent its Projects Associate to participate in the seventeenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on agriculture, rural development, land, drought, desertification and Africa, held from 4 to 15 May 2009.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

All of Globe Aware's projects to date have been with local grass-roots non-governmental organizations in the field carrying out humanitarian activities as described in the initiatives below.

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

The organization contributed to supporting the Millennium Development Goals through the activities described under "Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations" above, as well as by promoting such events as the International Day of Peace and World AIDS Day through a variety of awareness channels, including the Internet, social media and mailings.

6. Institut international des sciences politiques

Special, 2008

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

2008:

- Publication of *Immigration, State and Law*.
- International conference on immigration policies (Madrid, October).
- Political and administrative science course, with emphasis on Latin America (November 2008).
- Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Madrid, December 15).

2009:

- Annual seminar on road safety in the framework of General Assembly resolution 62/244 on improving global road safety, October.
- Seminar of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in support of a proposal submitted by Spain before the United Nations that made special mention of the migration phenomenon.
- Annual meeting on the defence of human rights, 15 and 16 December.

2010:

Annual meeting on the defence of human rights (17 February)

- Seminar on the fight against AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa (10 March).

Annual seminar on road safety in the framework of General Assembly resolution 62/244 on improving global road safety (Madrid, December)

- Seminar on 13 October on the right to health in African countries and its repercussion on immigration (13 October).
- Publication of *Revista Iberoamericana de Derechos y Libertades Civiles*.
- Sustainable and renewable energy project (wave energy).

2011:

- Article by Manuel Balado Ruiz-Gallegos on regulation and economic crisis issued in the Journal of European Union News, December.
- Seminar on the fight against AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa (17 May).
- Constitution of the Permanent Committee for the Holocaust Memorial (21 November).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Owing to the economic crisis and financial difficulties, the organization was not able to participate in the meetings of the United Nations outside Spain but was able to do so in those held in Spain.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization works closely with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and UNICEF in Spain.

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

The organization made financial contributions to Médecins sans frontières and UNICEF for the nutrition of undernourished children and young people in developing countries in Asia and Africa and the reduction of maternal mortality. It also participated in seminars on the fight against AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa and in Asia in March 2010 and May 2011 in Madrid. The organization is a member of the Spanish Permanent Committee for the Holocaust Memorial in the framework of General Assembly resolution 60/7.

7. Lawyers without Borders

Special, 2004

Introduction

Lawyers without Borders has had or has ongoing projects in Albania, Colombia, Ghana, Haiti, Kenya, Liberia, Namibia, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works to protect the integrity of the judicial process worldwide by harnessing and channelling pro bono volunteer services of lawyers and judges from around the world into rule of law programming. The objectives are achieved through the development of programmes that support transparency, capacity-building, conflict resolution, access to justice and service to the underserved. The organization's work is neutrally oriented.

Significant changes in the organization

There is now an independent affiliate relationship with Lawyers without Borders United Kingdom. A branch office in Kenya has been established and an affiliation in Albania is in progress. The organization has created a training programme in Ghana and has conducted assessment activity in South Sudan.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has attended the regular meetings of the Economic and Social Council and the Committee on Human Rights and almost all of the Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) briefing sessions. It consults with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other United Nations bodies in the field in regions where its programming exists or is planned.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, held in Vienna from 18 to 22 October 2010. A representative attended the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) expert group meeting on the development of a case law database on trafficking in persons, in Vienna on 21 and 22 February 2011. The organization has been overseeing the research used to populate a database on the prosecutions in trafficking of persons. It attended a meeting of the President of the General Assembly President with NGO representatives on 4 October 2011 and the UNODC high-level launch of victims of acts of terrorism publication on 22 November 2011 at United Nations Headquarters. It also attended the reconvened twentieth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, held in Vienna on 12 and 13 December 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The following events were prepared and hosted by the organization for the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women during the month of March in New York:

- (a) Panel on the theme “A lesson in peacemaking: exploring the qualities and skills of women leaders” (2008);
- (b) Interactive workshop on the theme “Equality in inheritance — equal division of property for men and women” (2009).
- (c) Interactive workshop on how recording life’s milestones can economically empower and create access to justice, which demonstrated how economic empowerment creates access to justice, and in turn sustains families and enforces legal rights (2010);
- (d) Workshop on the theme “Thinking outside the box — cutting-edge techniques to empower women and girls” (2011). The organization taught complicated legal concepts using interactive games, special challenges facing the woman lawyer and lawyer with the girl child client, and innovative teaching materials.

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

The organization’s workshops on the status of women and girls have contributed to the Millennium Development Goals. It has conducted Support Through Trial Advocacy Training programming in Ghana, Kenya and Liberia on subjects that include domestic violence, murder, rape, bribery, human trafficking, divorce and juvenile crime. The organization has worked on educational graphic novels to provide legally oriented resources for victims of gender violence in Haiti. In

addition, it has educated women, children, and families decimated by HIV/AIDS about succession, land and property regulation and estate planning in Kenya and Rwanda.

8. Mouvement mondial des mères international

General, 1949

Introduction

The organization has new members in Austria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, France, the Republic of Korea, Rwanda, the United States of America, and Uruguay.

Significant changes in the organization

The Mouvement mondial des mères international has decided to change its English denomination, World Movement of Mothers, into Make Mothers Matter International, which will become the only denomination of the NGO by 2015. Amendments to the constitution were adopted with a view to clearer structural organization and better protection of the organization. Explicit reference is made to the Make Mothers Matter workshops to empower mothers.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization, through the activities of its network working to support mothers, highlights the largely unexploited resource that mothers represent. As the Secretary-General of the United Nations recalled on 15 May 2009, the International Day of Families, one factor remains constant: the timeless importance of mothers and their invaluable contribution to raising the next generation. Advocating for mothers (and therefore, women) and voicing their concerns to society and policymakers correlate with major issues in the Economic and Social Council agenda. With regard to peacebuilding and human security, The organization organized a study conference on the theme “A secure society for the twenty-first century: why mothers matter”, highlighting the necessity of mothers’ contribution to the prevention of such problems as drugs, extremism and delinquency through exchanges between the armed forces and civil society (Oxford, Academy of Defence, 10 April 2008). A follow-up seminar was also held in London on 4 December 2008 on the theme “Mothers in action for social cohesion”, gathering representatives of ministries, police, army and civil society. Regarding human rights, the organization participated at the 62nd annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Paris from 3 to 5 September 2008 in celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including in a break-out session entitled “Mothers, a cohesive force: mobilizing mothers for the implementation of human dignity and rights for everyone and fighting discrimination”. At the same Conference, the organization co-drafted, disseminated and followed up on an open letter addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on making senior United Nations leadership accountable for sexual abuse/exploitation by United Nations personnel in peace operations, signed by 184 NGOs and 81 individuals. The letter was acknowledged and answered in March 2009. With regard to gender issues, the organization helped a member in Uruguay to obtain funding from a French foundation for projects on fighting violence against women in 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Permanent representatives at the United Nations in New York and Geneva allow regular input in the work of the Economic and Social Council through regular attendance and contribution to meetings. The organization attends the annual sessions of the Commission of the Status of Women, the Commission for Social Development, the Economic and Social Council, including its high-level segment, and the Human Rights Council.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2010-2011, the organization collaborated on a regular basis with the focal point of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs on the United Nations programme on families, introducing the coordinator to European Union family platform stakeholders and relaying information between the platform and the United Nations.

In 2011, it participated in a United Nations expert group meeting from 1 to 3 June on the theme “Assessing family policies: confronting family poverty and social exclusion and ensuring work/family balance”.

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

The organization’s member associations in developing countries work to improve the living conditions of mothers and children through the empowerment of women. This is done through workshops for and about women and actions related to education and prevention (drugs, alcohol, juvenile delinquency, prostitution and early marriages), literacy, civic responsibilities, health, income generation, women’s rights and single mothers.

9. World Wide Fund for Nature International

General, 1996

Introduction

World Wide Fund for Nature International’s mission is to stop the degradation of the planet’s natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by: (a) conserving the world’s biological diversity; (b) ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable; and (c) promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed information, policy positions, suggestions, case studies and verbal and written advice to participants in international meetings hosted by the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has participated in annual sessions of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Commission on Sustainable Development, the eleventh special

session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Global Ministerial Environment Forum, preparatory committees for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council from 2008 to 2011, meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, among others.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization works in close collaboration with many United Nations bodies, in particular UNEP, specifically on green economy and valuing natural capital.

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

Much of the organization's work supports ecosystem health and resilience, which underpins nearly all of the Millennium Development Goals by working to ensure a clean environment and the biodiversity basis for food, shelter, income, health and well-being more generally.

In respect of Goals 1 and 7, the organization has more than 2,000 projects worldwide, most of which focus on conservation and equity. Examples of the organization's work to link protected area networks to development include: community participation in protected areas and devolving benefits from protected areas, e.g. microfinancing in the West African marine ecoregion; developing models of community participation in protected area management and deriving benefits in the Altai-Sayan; participation and benefit sharing in the Carpathian ecoregion; poverty reduction through natural resource management projects in the Mekong, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Kafue Flats, Zambia, Pastaza region, Ecuador and Peru, Campo Ma'an, Cameroon, and Lake Naivasha, Kenya. The organization also works on sustainable livelihoods to link economic growth with sustainable natural resource use. Since 2008, the organization has adopted four social policies to better integrate around poverty, human rights, indigenous peoples and gender. In addition, it has 13 global initiatives, nearly all of which integrate elements to address local and regional development.

Additional information

The organization also provides support and contributes to the work of the Secretary-General's high-level panels, such as the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability, the High-level Group on Sustainable Energy for All, the High-level Advisory Group on Climate Change Financing and the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

10. World Youth Alliance

Special, 2004

Introduction

The World Youth Alliance is a global coalition of young people promoting the dignity of the person at the international level and building solidarity among developed and developing nations. The members of the organization, from 10 to 30 years of age, are dedicated to building a culture that promotes the dignity of the human person through education, advocacy and culture. With five regional offices across North America, Latin America, Africa, Europe and the Asia-Pacific, the organization is supported by over 1 million members across the globe.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The International Solidarity Forum is the annual event hosted at United Nations Headquarters and the organization's headquarters in New York, bringing together members around the world to examine global issues through lectures, language negotiations and cultural events. The Forums hosted during the reporting period focused on the following themes: assisted reproductive technologies and the human person (2008), dignity and the human person: foundation of a rights system (2009), maternal health (2010) and population and economics: investing in the human person (2011). Cultural activities, including film screenings at the United Nations, are also undertaken to bring together delegates and the organization's active members to examine the topic from a cultural perspective.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated as follows:

- (a) Representatives attended the fifty-second to fifty-fifth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Representatives distributed "Esperanza!", the observations of the organization's youth delegates during negotiations, and communicated with delegates at those sessions;
- (b) Representatives participated in the forty-sixth to forty-ninth sessions of the Commission for Social Development, held at United Nations Headquarters;
- (c) Representatives advocated the idea that the human person is at the centre of development and that a growing population is a valuable resource instead of a burden during the forty-first to forty-fourth sessions of the Commission on Population and Development. Members circulated the organization's declaration on population and economics and called for investment in the human person, since the human capital is our most important resource;
- (d) Members and representatives attended the sixteenth to nineteenth sessions of the Commission and shared the youth perspective on sustainable development in preparation for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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

The organization has been devoted in the area of combating HIV/AIDS and maternal health (Goals 5 and 6 of the Millennium Development). Its delegation participated in the seventeenth and eighteenth sessions of the International AIDS Conference, from 3 to 8 August 2008 in Mexico City and from 18 to 23 July 2010 in Vienna, respectively. In terms of maternal health, the organization has developed projects aimed at raising women's awareness of their own fertility system that are evidence-based and can contribute to a decrease in the maternal mortality rate. It also circulated "Unfinished business", a monthly e-publication that includes advocacy reports and interventions to enhance communication with the diplomatic community, members and key players.

11. World Youth Foundation**Special, 2004****Introduction**

Since its establishment, World Youth Foundation has provided a platform for the exchange of ideas among youth organizations both locally and internationally.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to promote goodwill and understanding among youth by organizing training, seminars, and conferences, among others, and aims to promote research, development and documentation of programmes beneficial to youth worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization became a member of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations in 2010.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's Chief Operations Officer participated in an e-discussion on achieving sustainable development jointly organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and UNDP entitled "Why sustainable development policies fail and the role of communities in the decision-making process" on 23 February 2008. The Chief Operations Officer also participated in e-consultations on climate change and citizen-centred policies and services from 5 to 30 May 2008, on the topic of international cooperation highlighting the role of countries and young people in the process of addressing the challenge of climate change, organized by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and TakingITGlobal. A representative attended and participated actively in the second UNESCO Asian Youth Forum in Gwangju City, Republic of Korea, from 26 to 30 June 2008. The Chief Operations Officer had a meeting on 18 November 2009 with the Regional Adviser for Social and Human Sciences in Asia and the Pacific of the UNESCO office in Bangkok, on formal relations with UNESCO and future collaborations, and presented a talk in conjunction with International Youth Day to

international students of Stamford College Melaka on 20 August 2010. The Chief Operations Officer had a meeting with the Regional Resource Centre for Asia and Pacific, a UNEP collaborating centre, on the organization's engagement in climate adaptation programmes on 19 July 2011. In July 2011, the organization was invited by the UNESCO office for the Pacific States to coordinate the UNESCO project on youth civic engagement in Asia by selecting four youth organizations in the Asian region to submit creative and innovative case studies. A prize of \$1,000 will be awarded to successful entries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The UNESCO office in Bangkok and its headquarters in Paris provided speakers and printed materials, and partial funding support was received from the Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO, for the "No east, no west" international conference on intercultural dialogue, on the theme "Fostering understanding and building bridges across cultures among young people of Asia", held in Malacca, Malaysia, from 26 to 30 April 2010. The UNESCO office in Spain provided its endorsement, and partial funding was given by the National Commission, for "The world, a giant poem" giant poetry project in September 2011. The organization provided local logistic support to participants of the UNESCO Interregional Asia-Arab Philosophical Dialogue Conference: Culture of Peace and Human Dignity on their field visit to Malacca on 14 May 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization supported the world drug campaign of UNODC in April 2009 and "Seal the deal!", the worldwide campaign on climate change in August 2009, highlighted the International Year of Youth during the reporting period and disseminated information thereon through its e-newsletter and through Facebook. It also supported a campaign in May 2010 to promote a student-centric education system and a conference in conjunction with World No Tobacco Day, held from 31 May to 5 June 2011 in Malacca. It signed the Vienna Declaration in support of the thirteenth International AIDS Day Conference on 20 July 2011.

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

In respect of Goal 1, the organization hosted an "Eat so they can" fundraising dinner on 18 October 2008 in Malacca to raise funds for childhood poverty in conjunction with World Poverty Day. Initiatives in respect of Goal 7, included hosting an international training workshop on disaster risk and environmental management from 9 to 12 July 2008, the second annual clean-up of Malacca on 6 December 2008 and an international training workshop on climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction from 27 to 30 April 2011. Advisory support was received from UNEP and partial funding given by the Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO. In promoting Goal 8, the organization co-organized a university scholars leadership symposium in Malacca from 1 to 7 August 2010 entitled "Building dreams" from 1 to 7 August 2010, on the topic of relief programmes.

12. Yachay Wasi

Special, 2001

Introduction

Yachay Wasi in Quechua means “house of learning”. Yachay Wasi has been based in New York since 1993 and in Cuzco, Peru, since 1997. It has also been associated with the Department of Public Information since 1997, in partnership with UNESCO since 2007 and a member of the Mountain Partnership since 2009.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The culture and spirituality of indigenous peoples, which include caring for the environment, are the basis for Yachay Wasi’s commitment. Its “Inka challenge” against the desecration of Inka remains in the Andes led to its involvement in the protection of sacred indigenous sites, concrete symbols of biodiversity and spirituality, which were emphasized by some panel discussions at United Nations Headquarters. In the Peruvian Andes, Yachay Wasi has sustainable development projects based on cultural identity and the environment. An important phase of its work is the sharing of information. It organizes local conferences in remote indigenous communities in the Peruvian Andes to inform on the work of the United Nations on behalf of indigenous peoples, including conferences on the themes of sacred sites, biodiversity, Andean spirituality and climate change in Huilloc-Ollantaytambo, province of Urubamba, Cuzco, Peru (April 2011); Raqchi, province of Canchis, Cuzco (August 2010); and Acopia, province of Acomayo, Cuzco (April 2009). Yachay Wasi publishes a newsletter and maintains web-based information lists. It invites and facilitates visa requirements for its members in Peru to travel to New York to attend the yearly sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since May 2008, the organization has participated in the “Recovery of the circuit of four lakes” project by planting native trees in the Peruvian Andes as a planting partner of the Billion Tree Campaign. Positive feedback was received from the UNEP Executive Director in 2010.

In October 2008, Yachay Wasi was one of the first 100 organizations registered in the UNEP Climate Neutral Network.

During the reporting period, the organization participated in side events to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, including a panel discussion entitled “During the International Year of Biodiversity: biodiversity and spirituality in the High Andes”, hosted by UNEP (22 April 2010), and a panel discussion on the theme “Cultural heritage and sacred sites: world heritage from an indigenous perspective”, hosted by UNEP, with the participation of indigenous representatives (22 May 2009).

In February 2008, the first phase of the “Recovery of the circuit of four lakes” project was completed, following a 2004 field study funded by Yachay Wasi. The first phase of a water and sanitation project, which consisted of cleaning the waters and banks of two lakes and providing environmental training for the benefit of indigenous communities, was implemented from September 2007 to February 2008.

and funded by Rotary International. It was selected as a best practice by the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The project was registered as a partnership for sustainable development with the Commission on Sustainable Development in 2005. Yachay Wasi manned an information desk and led a panel presentation highlighting the project on 12 May 2008 during the partnership fair at the sixteenth session of the Commission at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues from 2008 to 2011. It also took part in the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission for Social Development and the substantive sessions of the Economic and Social Council during the reporting period.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

8-10 June 2010: Invitation and funding from the Voluntary Trust Fund to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the organization's president to speak at the International Conference on Biological and Cultural Diversity: Diversity for Development — Development for Diversity, held in Montreal, Canada, by the secretariat of the Convention and UNESCO.

25 October 2010: Side event organized by the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and UNESCO during the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Nagoya, Japan, during which the main speaker was the organization's president.

13. Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action

General, 1996

Introduction

The Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action, an NGO in India, was founded in 1984 as a voluntary development organization. Its involvement is based on five non-negotiable core values: social justice, gender justice, environmental sustainability, honesty and integrity, and secularism and democracy.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to empower the oppressed and the marginalized by facilitating their organizations and institutions towards building equal partnerships in the development process, ensuring the fulfilment of the human right to live in security, dignity and peace. It will also engage in critical partnership with the Government and forge alliances with other actors of civil society, such as people's movements, trade unions, women's group, academic institutions and the private sector, to enable and strengthen the people's empowerment processes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has been working on several issues in rural and urban communities and is involved in efforts and alliances at the State and national levels. Its intervention with children is based mainly on the universally accepted framework, the Convention on the Rights of the Child. It works closely with children staying alone on the streets and those living in pavement and slum communities, with special emphasis on the girl child. Its work on housing spans such initiatives as protection against evictions, improving living conditions and facilitating access to formal housing. Especially in Mumbai, the organization works at several levels on the issue of privatization of water.

The organization also works towards gender justice and gender equality. It has developed a women's organization composed of 30,000 members, mostly from deprived communities and marginalized farming families in Vidarbha, Maharashtra, that takes up gender issues, advocates women's rights and is involved in the development of women's entrepreneurship towards economic empowerment. Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action also serves as anchoring organization for the "We can end all violence against women" campaign in Maharashtra and is part of the national campaign as a Steering Group member. In addition, it works to positively harness young people's energy and obtain their commitment to processes of social change. It focuses on the formation and strengthening of youth groups and the creation of employment opportunities for youth.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 21 to 25 February 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

With UNICEF, the organization collaborated on the following activities: intensify the campaign on the Right to Education Bill (November 2011); provide folk media and street play training on issues of child protection (November 2011); and address child labour in agriculture in Vidarbha, Maharashtra, covering 74 Gram Panchayat councils.

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

The organization took active part in the national campaign on governance accountability towards the Millennium Development Goals, called *Wada Na Todo Abhiyaan*. It also anchored the State-wide campaign called *Maha Abhiyaan* for the same and conducted consultations on the twelfth five-year plan and the Goals at the State level. Other activities include: a civil society report and a "Stand up, make noise" event in New Delhi for urgent action on the Millennium Development Goals (September 2010); a "Nine is mine" cycle rally to remind the Government to dedicate 6 per cent and 3 per cent of gross domestic product for education and health, respectively; a "Stand up and take action" event and a global call to action against poverty (October 2008); a campaign on girl child education to mark National Girl Child Day (January 2010); and participation in and implementation of women's empowerment activities.

14. Yugoslav Youth Association against Aids: Youth of JAZAS

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Yugoslav Youth Association against AIDS: Youth of JAZAS provides information and guidelines about HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization:

- Organized seminars to educate people living with HIV about the proper use of antiretroviral therapy (2008-2009).
- Implemented the project of the European Youth Foundation on the prevention of HIV/AIDS among the vulnerable population and the promotion of their human rights (2008).
- Implemented a project to improve the legal status of people living with HIV funded by the European Commission and the Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries (2008-2010).
- Attended the fourteenth HIV/AIDS think tank meeting held by the European Commission in Brussels (5 May 2009). The organization also initiated the founding of a Serbian all-party parliamentary group for HIV/AIDS and reproductive health at the National Assembly of Serbia (8 June 2009). It is implementing a Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria project, "Strengthening HIV prevention and care for the groups most vulnerable to HIV/AIDS" (July 2009-June 2014).
- Carried out a series of activities under the project "Healthy style — my style" for young people from more than 80 cities and municipalities in Serbia (2009).
- Enabled the establishment of the Union of People Living with HIV of Serbia (December 2009) and continued to support and help organizations of people living with HIV in building their capacities and networking.
- Attended meetings related to the strengthening of civil society in Noordwijkerhout, Netherlands, 19-21 May 2010; Cape Town, South Africa, 13-16 October 2010; Amsterdam, Netherlands, 16-18 February 2011.
- Was represented, as the secretariat of the Serbian all-party parliamentary group on HIV/AIDS, at meetings in Dubrovnik, Croatia, 17-20 November 2010; and London, 17 and 18 March 2011.
- Organized a seminar on HIV/AIDS for members of regional parliaments in Belgrade (6 December 2010); and educational trainings for persons living with HIV, police officers and social workers.
- Organized the first conference of persons living with HIV in Subotica, Serbia (23-25 March 2011).
- Marked World AIDS Day on 1 December each year through campaigns, central street events and candlelight memorials.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings in New York: General Assembly, 20 September 2009; informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly to provide input for the High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals, 14-15 June 2010; high-level meeting on the comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, 8-10 June 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization participated in the creation of the national strategy on HIV/AIDS for 2011-2015, published by the Ministry of Health of Serbia and the United Nations Theme Group on HIV/AIDS in 2010. It attended consultations of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS in Geneva from 2 to 4 December 2010 and in Nairobi from 1 to 5 November 2011.

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

The organization attended the following meetings in support of the Millennium Development Goals: Eastern Europe and Central Asia AIDS conference, Moscow, October 2009; meeting on the theme "Civil society and evolving processes in international health", Geneva, November 2009; Eastern Europe and Central Asia regional meeting on universal access to prevention, treatment, care and support, organized by the Global Fund and UNDP, Sofia, November 2009; Ford Foundation Global HIV/AIDS Initiative grantee convening, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, December 2009; global health conference, Brussels, 10-12 June 2010; and pledging conference of the Global Fund for grant programmes to fight against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, New York, 4-5 October 2010.

15. Zayed International Prize for the Environment**Special, 2004****Introduction**

The Zayed International Prize for the Environment (Zayed Prize) is the world's most valuable environmental award, worth \$1 million. It was established in 1999 by Sheikh Mohammad bin Rashid al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai, in recognition of the philosophy, vision and achievements of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahyan, former President, who worked tirelessly to preserve and protect the environment for future generations of his country, the region and the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To recognize, reward and promote major pioneering contributions in the field of the environment and sustainable development, in accordance with the development philosophy and vision of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahyan, and in support of global initiatives, such as Agenda 21, the Millennium Development Goals and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

Significant changes in the organization

The Zayed Prize is now recognized internationally as one of the most important contributions of the United Arab Emirates towards global efforts to promote sustainable development. It reflects the great concern of its leaders and people about the environmental issues at all levels. It is not just a prize alone but an institution that endeavours to promote sustainable development through various environmental protection initiatives.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In December 2008, the organization, in collaboration with UNDP, hosted in Dubai the first meeting to establish a technical committee for the proposed Gulf Cooperation Council forum for the promotion of best available techniques and best environmental practices to eliminate and/or reduce the unintentionally produced POPs emissions and releases. In June 2011, it launched with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) the contaminated sites management toolkit for persistent organic pollutants, an environmental document for the global management of sites contaminated with chemicals and organic pollutants, which is of extreme importance and relevance to the Arab world, West Asia and developing countries in general.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In February 2009, representatives of the Zayed Prize attended the twenty-fifth session of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, held at the United Nations Office in Nairobi. In February 2011, the organization participated in the twelfth special Session of the UNEP Governing Council and the Global Ministerial Environment Forum, also in Nairobi. In October 2011, it participated in the Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia at the League of Arab States headquarters in Cairo. In December 2011, it participated in the UNDP-United Arab Emirates country programme 2013-2017, on the theme “Empowered lives: resilient nation” in Abu Dhabi.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In June 2008, the organization, in collaboration with UNEP, organized an international conference on sustainable construction in Dubai. In December 2008, it hosted the first consultation meeting for the contaminated sites toolkit in partnership with UNIDO in Dubai.

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

In November 2008, a workshop on advanced technologies for a green city was organized by Huber Technology Middle East together with the organization. The workshop covered such topics as water supply, sanitation and water reuse, centralized and decentralized waste water treatment solution and sludge treatment. In September 2010, the organization, in collaboration with the Federal Chancellor Willy Brandt Foundation, organized a workshop on environmental policing to strengthen security institutions, improve their land control tasks and implement a

highly advanced and far-reaching technological tool designed for protecting the quality of the environment and, consequently, enhance environmental crime prevention and enforcement activities. In 2011, Sheikh Mohammad bin Rashid al Maktoum integrated local and global efforts in his role as patron of the Zayed Prize by founding a new award, the Emirates Appreciation Award for the Environment, worth 1 million dirhams. The award aims to recognize and promote pioneering contributions from both individuals and organizations within the United Arab Emirates in the field of environmental and sustainable development.

Additional information

The Zayed International Prize for the Environment endeavours to develop more partnerships and better cooperation at all levels to advance the environmental cause and to bring it to the attention of both policymakers and the public.
