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## **1. African Peace Network**

**Special, 2000**

### **Introduction**

African Peace Network, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the United Nations Information Centre distributed educational materials, publications and newsletters in communities in Ghana. The network opened an educational centre in Worawora, Ghana, and organized a workshop on malaria and a women's empowerment seminar. It was also active in the areas of climate change, food security, sustainable development and peace from 2008 to 2011. The network aims to continue to participate in all activities of the Economic and Social Council.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

In 2008, the Executive Director and representatives attended the twelfth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), held from 20 to 25 April in Accra. The organization could be able to contribute more to the implementation of the United Nations programmes were it not for ongoing problems with visas, invitations and accreditation letters arriving too late to allow members to attend meetings and conferences.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Between 2008 and 2011 the network carried out projects in promoting awareness of desertification and drought in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire. The network, in collaboration with the Global Compact, engaged effectively with global business. It also took part in activities carried out in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the United Nations Information Centre on disseminating information about the United Nations.

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

The organization observes the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought each year on 17 June. The network provided seedlings to indigenous peoples and farms in villages of Ghana to eradicate poverty. The organization commemorated the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, through an event that was free and open to the public at Wisdom International School in Ghana, and resulted in a turnout of several hundreds of people.

### **Additional information**

The executive director of the network presented a paper on corruption at a forum of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA) in China.

## **2. African Women's Development and Communication Network**

**Special, 1996**

### **Introduction**

The African Women's Development and Communication Network (known as FEMNET) is a regional women's rights non-governmental organization (NGO) established in 1988 with the aim of strengthening the role and contribution of African NGOs focusing on women's development, equality and other human rights. Membership is open to African feminist organizations and organizations that share the vision of the network. It contributes to efforts aiming to improve the political and socioeconomic status of women and girls in Africa.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The main purpose of the network is to contribute to efforts aiming to improve the political and the socioeconomic status of women and girls in Africa. The objectives are: to strengthen the roles and contributions of NGOs focusing on women's development and the integration of women into the development process in Africa; to create an infrastructure and channel through which women's associations and organizations working on women's issues can reach one another and share crucial information, knowledge and experiences; to initiate, develop, coordinate and maintain close working contacts with the United Nations agencies and regional bodies.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The network has made contributions in the following areas:

- Participation in the 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action
- In 2010, the network, as a the lead women's rights organization, worked with the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to review the Millennium Development Goals and produced a report for Africa
- Advocacy and mobilization of African women around the development framework beyond 2015

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Members of the network participated in the following events:

- Launch of the publication "Freedom of information and women's rights in Africa: a collection of case studies from Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa and Zambia" (2009) organized by the network and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), in Addis Ababa; third workshop on gender-responsive budgeting, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the Kenya Gender Commission; promoting African women's engagement with the 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2010); launch of the second phase of the gender and governance

programme hosted by UNIFEM in Kenya (now the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)).

The network coordinated a process through which African women leaders developed a position statement on the status and focus of UN-Women in relation to its work in Africa and coordinated the African women's caucus at all meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women. The secretariat of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the African Development Bank hosted a meeting in Tunisia to prepare countries for the 2010 review of the implementation of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness: Ownership, Harmonization, Alignment, Results and Mutual Accountability; and the Accra Agenda for Action. The network attended a regional consultative and planning forum on women's rights and the African Union, convened by the liaison office of UNIFEM to ECA and the African Union, and took part in the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, in 2009. The network took part in the focus group led by UN-Women on the gender scorecard.

Other events in which the network participated include a meeting of the Commission for Revenue Allocation and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on fiscal devolution; a regional dialogue hosted by UNDP on meeting the one-third quota in Kenya; the second Ministerial Review Conference on the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development, held in Geneva, in 2011; the Head of Advocacy of the network contributed to a discussion on NGOs and Security Council resolutions; the youth forum and the gender forum, discussing democracy, elections and management of diversity in Africa, in preparation for the eighth African Governance Forum; the seventeenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Durban, South Africa, in 2011; a strategy meeting of UN-Women held in Addis Ababa; a board meeting of the African Women's Rights Observatory, held in Addis Ababa; and a debrief on the Commission on the Status of Women with UN-Women and the Kenya Gender Commission.

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

Initiatives include advocacy and mobilization of African women around the development framework beyond 2015.

### **3. Al Zubair Charity Foundation**

#### **Special, 2008**

##### **Introduction**

Al Zubair Charity Foundation was established in 1998 and the NGO is registered in the Sudan with the Humanitarian Aid Commission, with an agreement signed with the Government of the Sudan as an international institution.

##### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The foundation actively supports communities in need through a portfolio of developmental activities; provides assistance in situations of crises or distress and works towards the development of long-term solutions; and works through equitable

partnerships with those in need to achieve positive and sustainable change in communities. Additionally, it facilitates the rights of all children to attain their full potential and assists in assuring the survival of children to achieve that potential, including through supporting creative and talented persons and allocating scholarships for that purpose. The foundation assists in delivering relief in emergencies and strengthening people's capacity to peacefully resolve conflicts.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The foundation has supported the establishment of national groups of human rights networks in the Sudan, made up of civil society organizations; it works with stakeholders to implement recommendations from the universal periodic review of the Human Rights Council, as concerns the Sudan; it promotes training, awareness and advocacy and education in human rights issues and the preparation of reports of the Sudan for the universal periodic review; it participated with national teams in monitoring the general elections, held in April 2010, and the referendum on self-determination for South Sudan, in 2011; and it conducted workshops and seminars in favour of maternal health and reproductive health.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Representatives of the organization attended the ninth to eighteenth sessions of the Human Rights Council, held from September 2008 to September 2011, in Geneva.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The foundation signed an agreement with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in the Sudan for the distribution of personal hygiene kits to vulnerable women affected by heavy rains and flood.

The foundation cooperated with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in the Sudan through health-care activities including by distributing drugs and medicines to internally displaced persons in Darfur and by establishing temporary health centres to diagnose and treat affected people during the rainy season.

The foundation cooperated with World Food Programme (WFP) in the Sudan in distributing food items to internally displaced persons in north Darfur affected by war and settled in the camps.

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

The foundation supported more than 1,700 orphans with monthly donations to cover their basic needs and also provided them with schoolbags, notebooks and school shirts, so as to continue their education. The foundation also constructed three schools in Darfur, two health centres in Gezira and two others in Kassala and a centre for orphans in the Blue Nile region for the people affected by the war in those areas; 34,000 people benefited from those services. The foundation helped poor women and widows through income-generating activities in terms of economic and service projects to increase their income and reduce the poverty level of the beneficiaries.

## **4. American Planning Association**

**Special, 2004**

### **Introduction**

The American Planning Association is the world's oldest and largest NGO dedicated to promoting good urban and regional planning. Since 1909, the association has provided research, education and outreach through conferences, publications and technical assistance. Today, the association has over 40,000 members working in over 85 countries and welcomes all those who are interested in making better places: academics, professionals, government officials and engaged citizens, as members. Within the association is the American Institute of Certified Planners, which maintains the code of ethics and oversees the test that leads to accreditation with the Institute.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The association provides leadership in the development of vital communities by advocating excellence in community planning, promoting education and citizen empowerment, and providing the tools and support necessary to meet the challenges of growth and change. It collaborates with organizations, governments, citizens and private sector firms to solve the issues of communities large and small and looks at the issue of human settlement from a comprehensive standpoint, paying attention to the interconnected nature of transportation, land use, environment, culture, art, economics and social equity, to name a few.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

The organization has not changed in any major way since the previous report, however, as planners and planning advocates, members keep up with trends such as global warming, increased natural hazards, pedestrian and non-motorized fatalities, divergence in accumulations of wealth and loss of cultural heritage.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The association has primarily been engaged in the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), UNDP and UNESCO. It has provided support for all the sessions of the World Urban Forum of UN-Habitat and sponsored or facilitated discussions and networking sessions on such topics as climate change, public participation, building planning capacity and disaster mitigation. The association's China programme worked with UNDP, in partnership with the Ministry of Land and Resources of China, to evaluate several rural development programmes over the past 10 years. Teams of experts were sent to sites in Xinjiang, Qinghai, Fulin and Shandong provinces to meet with local community leaders and citizens to see first-hand the impact of several rural development demonstration projects and provide the Ministry with reports on the association's findings. The association has worked closely with UNESCO and the International Council on Monuments and Sites on World Heritage site evaluations and helped provide training and technical assistance through our partnership with the United States Committee of the International Council.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The association has participated in the sessions of the World Urban Forum and in the General Conference of UNESCO, including in discussions on the recommendation on historic urban landscapes, adopted by UNESCO in 2011, where staff and members of the association provided detailed support and input on the final document.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The association has sent professional members to meetings held by the main bodies of the United Nations, although it does not routinely participate in the meetings and activities of the main bodies of the United Nations. It welcomes the opportunity to understand and engage with the main bodies in ways that they see fit.

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

The association has sponsored its “sustaining places” initiative as a vehicle to promote the Millennium Development Goals. This includes a series of “big ideas” forums around the United States of America, and the annual L’enfant lecture on city planning and design, in collaboration with the National Building Museum. The association engages with and invites global experts to the annual conference, which is the world’s largest gathering of planners and features research papers and publications on social equity, environmental conservation, sustainability and civic engagement.

### **Additional information**

The association looks forward to continuing and deepening its relationship within the United Nations family of programmes and to contributing to the goals of social equity, access to clean water, open space and transportation, and opportunities for economic prosperity. All of these goals can only be achieved with information-based participatory urban and regional planning. Efforts by the association to engage with and provide our professional resources to countries around the world rely on collaboration at all levels. The association looks forward to ongoing discussions and efforts with the United Nations and is happy to give feedback and suggestions.

## **5. American Psychological Association**

### **Special, 2000**

#### **Introduction**

The representatives of the American Psychological Association work to inform the work of the United Nations with a psychological/behavioural perspective through documents and statements, and through panels, briefings, side events and the annual Psychology Day at the United Nations.

The association representatives hold executive positions on the non-governmental organization committees on ageing, family, HIV/AIDS, human rights, mental health and the status of women, and the Inter-Agency Working Group on Violence Against Children. Through these leadership positions, representatives engage in education,

policy development and advocacy. They have effectively promoted social awareness by submitting position papers, resolutions and statements to commissions. They actively engage with other NGOs and governments and cooperated with other NGOs to plan and present at panels, round tables, and side events for sessions of United Nations commissions.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Representatives organize the annual Psychology Day at the United Nations in collaboration with other NGOs and psychologists at the United Nations. Psychology Day at the United Nations provided an opportunity for missions, United Nations staff and NGOs to learn about psychology as a discipline and its relevance to addressing issues of global concern. Panels focused on psychology and social awareness, peace and conflict resolution and human rights and the world of work. Events include briefings by the Department of Public Information and workshops in addition to symposiums.

The representatives of the association present a symposium promoting global principles and psychology's role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals at the annual convention of the association. The representatives mentor between three and five graduate student interns at the United Nations during the academic year. Representatives contribute a regular column on the association's activities at the United Nations to the international newsletter *Psychology International*.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Participation in events at the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, including parallel events on "What psychology offers to the education of women and girls", "Best practices in science, technology, engineering and mathematics education" (co-sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)), and "Mentors and role models: increasing equality in science, technology, engineering and mathematics" (co-sponsored by the Psychology Caucus); at events of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, including a parallel event on "Women's health and mental health in times of crisis: wars, natural disasters and epidemics"; and at events of the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, including parallel events on "Women and AIDS in conflict zones" and "Sharing responsibility for caregiving".

For World AIDS Day in 2010, the association was invited to give an address on "Out of darkness into light: children's reactions worldwide to learning they are HIV positive".

At the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, the association contributed to a parallel event on "Sustainability: applying psychological principles to social change".

Additionally, representatives organized and participated in a half-day advocacy training at the United Nations, and developed advocacy talking points on HIV/AIDS, climate change and science, technology, engineering and mathematics education.



### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The association, in collaboration with the International Union of Psychological Science, is actively involved in providing expertise to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse of WHO in the revision of the chapter on mental health and behavioural disorders of the tenth revision of the International Classification of Disease.

Representatives contributed to the policy papers written for the non-governmental organization committee on sustainable development “Seal the deal” campaign related to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Copenhagen in 2009.

The association served on the Executive Committee of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations from 2008 to 2010 and attended the board meetings in Bangkok, Vienna and New York.

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

The association is an active member in two coalitions based in Washington, D.C., working towards securing ratification for the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The association’s Public Interest Government Relations Office has sponsored congressional briefings on both Conventions and on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. The Public Interest Government Relations Office works collaboratively with the association’s representatives to the United Nations on an array of issues and provides expertise and comments on documents and statements.

## **6. Antonio Restrepo Barco Foundation**

### **Special, 2004**

#### **Introduction**

The areas of work of the foundation are: children, youth, human rights, health, education and social development; the foundation operates in Colombia.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The Antonio Restrepo Barco Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting human rights and social development in Colombia, particularly in the fields of children’s rights, young people, family, health, education, social participation and improvement of the income of displaced and vulnerable populations lacking in resources. While developing its activities it has helped more than 6,000 vulnerable families, 8,000 children and more than 6,000 adolescents in more than 20 of the 32 departments of the territory.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The foundation has contributed to a number of projects with UNICEF, UNDP and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), to protect children and promote

child protection, the improvement of the quality of education, culture, social development, participation and the respect for human rights and peace. It has also contributed by providing United Nations offices, such as those of UNICEF and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), with significant and verified information regarding the human rights violations against children, families and vulnerable communities in armed conflict, collected from work in the field. It has carried out considerable advocacy work with UN-Women, providing them with periodic updates concerning preoccupying rates of teenage pregnancy and sexual abuse of girls under 18 years of age, and with evaluations of the guarantee of the rights of truth and reparation for children victims of conflict. Both the field work and advocacy work of the foundation have contributed to United Nations aims and purposes, demonstrating the close alliance and permanent joint work.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The foundation attended meetings as follows:

- New York, 2008-2011, participants at periodic meetings of the Economic and Social Council
- Bogota, 2009-2011, members of the national monitoring and reporting task force, coordinated by UNDP, related to Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), regarding the situation of children in armed conflict
- Bogota, 2009-2011, representatives of the foundation participated in human rights monitoring report meetings in Colombia
- Bogota, 2009-2010, representatives attended meetings with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- 2011, representatives attended the official visit of the Secretary-General to Colombia

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The foundation has undertaken the following activities in cooperation with United Nations bodies:

- Joint sponsorship with UNICEF of an international congress to analyse the phenomenon of recruitment of child soldiers in Colombia, and the measures that need to be undertaken to prevent it, control it and restitute the rights of the victims of such abuses (2009)
- Project in collaboration with UNDP to prevent child recruitment and promote first job opportunities and social participation in Montes de Maria (2008-2010)
- Contribution to the work of UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR, OHCHR, on the formulation of periodic reports on human rights, women's rights and children's rights within the Colombian conflict (2008-2011)
- Collaboration with UNDP, the national Government, civil society organizations, national and international human rights NGOS and the international community in the "London-Cartagena-Bogota" meetings, to

create a participative public policy on human rights, international cooperation and peace (2003-2010)

- Collaboration with UNDP, the national Government, civil society organizations, national and international human rights NGOs and the international community on a national conference on human rights (2011)
- The foundation has also collaborated with UNDP Colombia as one of the civil society members of the task force regarding Security Council resolution 1612 (2005) (2009-2011)

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

The organization has continued to work in different development fields, among which are the improvement of the quality of education in rural and urban areas, productive projects with families living under conditions of poverty, sexual health education projects with adolescents and expectant mothers, social participation and human rights enhancement, and monitoring reviews on child health and education rights.

## **7. Arab Network for Environment and Development**

### **Special, 1996**

#### **Introduction**

The Arab Network for Environment and Development was established to support the environmental and developmental NGOs with their actual needs within the different Arab countries. In 1995, the League of Arab States granted the network the status of observer representing civil society organizations in the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment; accordingly, the network participates in most of the activities of that Council and its technical secretariat. In 2004, the network was granted consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the League of Arab States, and in 2009, it joined the Arab Ministerial Water Council as an observer, representing civil society organizations.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The network aims to enhance dialogue between Arab civil society organizations, governmental bodies and State authorities on sustainable development issues; implement capacity development activities to enhance and strengthen the human resources within members and non-members of the network; participate in the Arab and international symposiums and conferences; and meet its members' needs in terms of technical and administrative cadres.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

The network's registration licence for 2012 to 2017 as an international organization in the Arab region was approved. The network has been elected as regional focal point for North Africa in the Global Environment Facility NGO network. The regional project on "capacity-building in Arab communities to address climate change" was launched in 2009 and implemented in four Arab countries. The network

is a partner in the activities and member of the consortium of Horizon 2020 Capacity-building/Mediterranean Environment Programme and a partner in the activities and member of the consortium of the Sustainable Water Integrated Management project.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

In 2008, the network celebrated World Environment Day in cooperation with the Small Grants Programme of the Global Environment Facility, implemented by UNDP. In 2010, the network again celebrated World Environment Day in cooperation with the National Supreme Council of Culture and the Small Grants Programme. In 2009, the network participated effectively in the Green Wave campaign and also participated in the “Seal the deal”, for which its campaign succeeded in collecting more than 3,000 signatures. In 2010 the network participated in the celebration of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (2011-2020).

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The network attended an African civil society consultative meeting, held in November 2008, in Nairobi; an intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting, held in October 2009, in Nairobi; the eleventh meeting of the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum as well as the eleventh special session of the Governing Council of UNEP, held in February 2010, in Bali, Indonesia; the African Regional Major Groups and Stakeholders Consultative Meeting, held in October 2010, in Nairobi; the Multi-Stakeholder Meeting on the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, held in June 2011, in the Republic of Korea; the twelfth meeting of the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum and the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council of UNEP/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, held in February 2011, in Nairobi; the network also participated in meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Copenhagen, in 2009, in Cancun, Mexico, in 2010, and in Durban, South Africa, in 2011; and in the thirty-sixth meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility, held in November 2009, in Washington, D.C.; in the fourth Assembly of the Global Environment Facility, held in May 2010, in Punta del Este, Uruguay; and in the consultation meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility with civil society organizations, held in November 2010, in Washington, D.C.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The network held a regional civil society influenza pandemic workshop in partnership with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and contributed to a study, in cooperation with UNESCO, entitled “Ecohydrology in Biosphere Reserves for Arab Drylands” highlighting integrated water resources management, especially in protected areas. The network cooperated with the office of UNEP for West Asia in a regional workshop on “Environmental security in the Arab and Mediterranean region”, held in Tunisia, in November 2008. As part of the Mediterranean Action Plan of UNEP, the network supports the publication of the newsletter “Montada Al-Biah”. UNDP collaborated with the network to organize a workshop in Cairo for Arab media representatives, which witnessed the launch of the information network for disaster risk reduction in the Middle East and North Africa region. In 2008, the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster

Reduction joined the network in organizing a conference on environmental security in the Arab and Mediterranean region, held in Tunisia; in August 2009 a contract was signed between the network and the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction. The network is an accredited organization with UNEP, representing North Africa since 1996. In 2010, the network had a significant input in the African Major Groups and Stakeholders Statement to the twelfth meeting of the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum and the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council of UNEP/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, held in February 2011, in Nairobi.

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

The network contracted with the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) to conduct a survey in relation to water among grass-roots communities in Egypt and Tunisia. In terms of education, the network participated in issuing a series of educational materials on education for sustainable development and food in the Mediterranean, in 2008. In 2011 the network participated in translating and editing the Arabic version of a training kit on responsible consumption (Youth for change).

#### **Additional information**

The network issued a Sustainable Mediterranean magazine, in cooperation with the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development and the European Environment Agency. Activities in cooperation and partnership with many regional and various international partners and organizations include those undertaken with the European Union, Horizon 2020, the Sustainable Water Integrated Management project, the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN). In collaboration with the Earth Council, the network is actively pushing for the implementation of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development (Earth Charter) in the Arab region.

## **8. Canadian Federation of Agriculture**

### **Special, 2000**

#### **Introduction**

Founded in 1935, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture is the country's largest farmers' organization. Its members include provincial general farm organizations as well as national and interprovincial commodity organizations from every province. Through its members, the federation represents over 200,000 Canadian farmers and farm families.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The federation's mission is to promote the interests of Canadian agriculture and agri-food producers, including farm families, through leadership at the national and international levels and to ensure the continued development of a viable and vibrant agriculture and agri-food industry in Canada.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The federation was a founding member of the International Federation of Agriculture Producers and its new iteration, the World Farmers' Organisation. Both of these organizations have represented the views of farmers from across the world both to the United Nations and governments to promote the interests of farmers and ultimately aid the work of the United Nations.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Representatives of the federation have been heavily involved and participated in meetings of the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, UNEP, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Committee on World Food Security and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) for the past 10 years.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Representatives of the federation have been the designated focal points for both the process leading up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change process. Representatives have also aided members of the World Farmers' Organisation from developing countries to attend meetings and take part in panels or as speakers at a variety of United Nations events around the world. The federation will continue to take part in the work on sustainable development and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change directly and attend meetings on behalf of farmers.

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

By leading the development of organizations that represent farmers in developing and developed countries through the World Farmers' Organisation, the federation has provided a voice for farmers at the United Nations, as well as for other stakeholders. This has allowed farmers to express the importance of ensuring they have fair livelihoods, strong rural communities and the ability to grow food for their families and fellow citizens. Ensuring farmers have this voice is extremely beneficial for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, particularly the elimination of poverty and hunger.

**9. Carter Center****Special, 2008****Introduction**

Led by former United States President Jimmy Carter, his family and an independent board of trustees, the staff of the organization wages peace, fights disease and builds hope by both engaging with those at the highest levels of government and working side by side with poor and often forgotten people.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The organization has strengthened democracies in Asia, Latin America and Africa; helped farmers to double or triple grain production in 15 African countries; mediated or worked to prevent civil and international conflicts; intervened to prevent unnecessary diseases in Latin America and Africa, including the near eradication of Guinea worm disease; and strived to diminish the stigma against mental illness.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Led by the Carter Center, a coalition of organizations, including UNICEF and WHO collaborate to provide technical and financial assistance to national Guinea worm eradication programmes in Chad, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali and South Sudan. The organization's Onchocerciasis eradication programme of the Americas adheres to resolution CD48.R12 of the Pan American Health Organization, which renewed the call to eliminate onchocerciasis, made in 1991, and set a goal to interrupt transmission of the parasite throughout the region by 2012. The organization's Lymphatic Filariasis control programme follows World Health Assembly resolution 50.29 on eliminating lymphatic filariasis as a public health problem and aims to achieve this in Africa by 2020, and the organization's Schistosomiasis control programme follows World Health Assembly resolution 54.19, calling for control of morbidity caused by schistosomiasis and soil-transmitted helminth infections. The organization assists trachoma endemic countries in support of World Health Assembly resolution 51.11 on the elimination of blinding trachoma. In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 65/273 and 64/79, as well as World Health Assembly resolution 60.18 and numerous other resolutions of the United Nations and the World Health Assembly, the organization's malaria programme is contributing to efforts to control or eliminate malaria, particularly in Africa.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

In 2008, the organization worked closely with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to convene a Policy Forum, which was co-chaired by former President Carter and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. In 2008, the theme of the Forum was "Restoring rights: an agenda for the new United States President". The organization, with the Brookings Institution, co-sponsored a series of meetings in February 2010 with NGO leaders, human rights defenders from every region, OHCHR and United States Government officials to promote various institution-building and country-situation initiatives. Established in 2007, the organization's Human Rights House, based in Kinshasa, serves as a hub for a network of 154 human rights organizations operating throughout the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The staff of the organization has actively participated in the Alliance for Global Elimination of Blinding Trachoma by the year 2020 and Trachoma Scientific Informal Workshops, held between 2007 and 2011.

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

The organization's efforts to eradicate Guinea worm disease have had a positive impact on most areas of the Millennium Development Goals, specifically Goals 1, 2, 6 and 7. Between 2000 and 2010, the Guinea worm eradication programme reduced the number of new cases globally by 99.9 per cent, from 75,120 cases reported in 2000 to 1,797 reported in 2010. The Lymphatic Filariasis control programme is focused in sub-Saharan Africa, specifically Nigeria, which is burdened by the disease more than any other country in Africa. By combating lymphatic filariasis, the organization is assisting Nigeria in addressing a major public health concern responsible for hindering progress towards meeting Goal 1. Between 2000 and 2010 the Lymphatic Filariasis control programme assisted in the distribution of about 30 million treatments worldwide.

**10. Cesvi Fondazione****Special, 2004****Introduction**

In the past years Cesvi Fondazione has strengthened its partnership with Alliance 2015, a strategic network of seven European non-governmental organizations engaged in humanitarian and development activities; the members are Cesvi Fondazione (Italy), Concern Worldwide (Ireland), Welthungerhilfe (Germany), Hivos (the Netherlands), IBIS (Denmark), People in Need (the Czech Republic) and ACTED (France). The main area of operation of Alliance 2015 is the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals together with humanitarian aid.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

In the values which guide the foundation, the moral principle of human solidarity and the ideal of social justice are transformed into humanitarian aid and development, reinforcing an affirmation of universal human rights. The foundation strongly believes that helping the underprivileged in developing countries, or those in difficulty as a result of war, natural calamities and environmental disasters, does not help only those who suffer, but contributes also to the well-being of all on the planet, our "common home" to be looked after for future generations.

The year 2008 marked the transformation from "association" to "participatory foundation", with new objectives: to protect the social purposes for which the organization was founded; to consolidate transparency and to open up its social structure to participation by stakeholders; and to increase its operations worldwide and in Italy.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

In the past 5 years the foundation has edited the Italian version of the Global Hunger Index, which is the most important report about the state of food security together with the State of Food Insecurity in the World by FAO. The publication has given the opportunity to participate in different meetings and round tables on the subject of the right to food, especially with United Nations entities based in Rome (FAO, WFP and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)).



### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The foundation has participated in meetings in Rome with WFP and FAO, including several meetings on the issues regarding Goal 1 of the Millennium Development Goals and on the right to food.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The foundation collaborates with various United Nations funds and programmes; projects implemented in collaboration with the United Nations bodies in development and humanitarian aid included: in 2008, nine projects funded by UNICEF, eight by UNDP, four by FAO, one by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and one by WHO; in 2009, seven projects funded by UNICEF, one by UNHCR, nine by UNDP, four by FAO, one by WFP and two by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS); in 2010, four projects funded by UNICEF, three by UNDP, six by FAO, four by WFP and one by UNOPS; and in 2011, nine projects funded by UNICEF, two by UNHCR, six by UNDP, five by FAO, four by OCHA, four by IOM, seven by WFP, one by UNFPA, and one by WHO. A detailed list of the activities undertaken with the United Nations organizations is available in the annual report of the foundation.

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

In the past 4 years the foundation has increased the number of projects committed to the Millennium Development Goals (an average of 70 per cent of the foundation's budget has been given to projects linked to a direct impact on achievement of the Goals, especially Goals 1, 2, 4 and 6). Besides this, until 2010, the foundation edited the report 2015 Watch, regarding the European Union contribution to the Goals, in collaboration with Alliance 2015.

## **11. Charitable Institute for Protecting Social Victims**

### **Special, 2004**

#### **Introduction**

The Charitable Institute for Protecting Social Victims is a non-profit, non-political NGO established with the aim of promoting a healthy quality of life as a right for all, one of the prerequisites of which is the realization of sustainable development. To achieve the Millennium Development Goals, it is necessary to identify the fundamental and priority issues of societies and the creation of mechanisms and the mobilization of all existing facilities to eliminate problems. Homelessness, one of the most fundamental problems of humankind throughout the world, is addressed by the institute.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Aims of the institute include: addressing the problems of deprived people and investigating the situation of deprived groups; helping social victims and people in need to act for eradicating poverty; creating training centres and 24-hour shelters for the homeless, the aged, those suffering from chronic psychological diseases and people with disabilities (both physical and mental); creating special shelters for

abandoned children or neglected children (including babies and young adolescents), and arranging for the adoption of children, when necessary; establishing research and consultancy centres for various kinds of vulnerable social groups, through obtaining permission of legal authorities; working to prevent the spread of infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, hepatitis and tuberculosis, and establishing shelters for taking care of addicts and those infected with infectious diseases.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

With the aim of providing specialized education services and promoting the rehabilitation of patients, and in line with principles of empowerment and making them ready to return to healthy lives in accordance with social norms, and in efforts to implement the Millennium Development Goals and the realization of the social rights of vulnerable groups, particularly social victims, the institute has set up an empowerment and issues studies and social damages centre. The specialized education of this centre has four target groups in mind: (a) general education for patients in order to improve their ability to find a job; (b) technical and professional training to staff before and during service; (c) technical and professional education for the patients on the basis of their abilities and potentials; and (d) briefing education for the general public for the purpose of introducing the institute's activities and fostering their effective participation. Forecasting research of social damages is another of the objectives and activities of the centre. The first step in forecasting research is the phenomenon of homelessness in the Islamic Republic of Iran. The institute received a permit for a detoxification centre and published a book entitled "NGOs, consultative status and its features".

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The institute submitted written and oral statements to the Human Rights Council and to the Working Group of the universal periodic review. The institute took part in a side event to promote the Millennium Development Goals and in a commemoration of World AIDS Day in 2007; and participated in the implementation of joint projects with a reproductive health network.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The institute participated in the eighth to eighteenth sessions of the Human Rights Council.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The institute cooperated with UNFPA in a reproductive health network project. Its cooperation with the Working Group of the universal periodic review included presenting reports on Iran, the United States, the United Kingdom, Iraq, Israel and others.

## 12. Child Welfare League of America

**Special, 2000**

### **Introduction**

The Child Welfare League of America is a powerful coalition of hundreds of private and public agencies serving vulnerable children and families since 1920. The expertise, leadership and innovation on policies, programmes and practices help improve the lives of millions of children throughout the United States.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The mission is to lead and engage its network of public and private agencies and partners to advance policies, best practices and collaborative strategies that result in better outcomes for vulnerable children, youth and families. The vision is that every child will grow up in a safe, loving and stable family. The focus is on children and youth, who may have experienced abuse, neglect, family disruption, or a range of other factors that jeopardize their safety, permanence or well-being. The league also focuses on the families, caregivers and the communities that care for and support these children.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The league is a member of the Steering Committee for the campaign for United States ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Its efforts include: conducting a petition campaign on ratification; producing letters from chief executive officers of non-profit organizations supporting ratification; and promoting ratification on Capitol Hill.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The league participated in meetings and events with the NGO committee on the family and the NGO committee on social development in the following areas: family challenges and prevention; confronting family poverty and social exclusion; the International Day of Families; and the significance of community to child and family well-being.

## 13. Chinese Society for Sustainable Development

**Special, 2004**

### **Introduction**

Founded in January 1992, the Chinese Society for Sustainable Development is one of the most influential NGOs in the sphere of sustainable development in China. The council of the society includes 136 Chinese high-level scholars and experts of all circles, and the society is divided into five specialized committees on living conditions, water problems, disaster reduction, the environment and sustainable agriculture. The secretariat of the society consists of four executive committees, including the Academy Committee, the Consulting Committee, the China National Sustainable Communities Committee and the International Exchange and Cooperation Committee. The journal of the society, *China Population, Resources*

*and Environment*, with Chinese and English editions, is one of the most well-known and professional journals in the field of sustainable development in China.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The society is a national academic social organization aiming at promoting technology development and innovation and fostering implementation of sustainable development strategies, through researching on theory and, launching practical activities primarily in the way of strategy research, academic exchange, consulting services and international cooperation, providing theoretic evidence for government decision-making, and contributing to the overall implementation of Agenda 21: Programme of Action for Sustainable Development in China.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Since 2008, the society has actively endeavoured to spread the Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development notions, convened experts for a think tank for Chinese government department officials, attended United Nations conferences and activities on climate change and sustainable development, and responded to the appeals to international societies made by the United Nations.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

In 2008, the society attended the third United Nations Asia-Pacific regional workshop for NGOs in Beijing, and its delegates made speeches at the workshop. In November 2008, the delegates of the society participated in and made a speech at the fourth World Urban Forum organized by UN-Habitat. In October 2010, delegates of the society were present and made speeches at the sixty-third Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

In April 2008, the society organized the Forum on Climate Change and Science and Technology Innovation, jointly hosted by six ministries and administrations of China and UNDP, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and some other international organizations. In November 2008, the society cooperated with the Administrative Centre for Agenda 21 in China to organize the East Asia Summit Seminar on Climate Change Adaptation Capacity Building with support from UNEP and UNDP. Accompanied by the official delegate from China, the experts of the society participated in the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Poznan, Poland (2008), Copenhagen (2009), Cancun, Mexico (2010), and Durban, South Africa (2011), and made speeches to support the basic position of the United Nations.

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

In March 2009, the society organized the China International Energy Saving, Emission Reduction and New Energy Science and Technology Expo, hosted by 13 ministries and administrations of China. The Secretary-General sent congratulations to the Expo through video message from New York, and Chinese leaders visited the Expo. In March 2011, the society supported and made donations

to the programme of school rebuilding and training of pupils in Sichuan, after the earthquake, in association with UN-Habitat. In November 2011, the society cooperated with a German consulting agency, Adelphi, on an exhibition about combating climate change. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs attended the exhibition and delivered a speech.

## **14. Community and Family Services International**

### **Special, 2004**

#### **Introduction**

Community and Family Services International is a humanitarian organization committed to peace and social development, with a particular interest in the psychosocial dimension. It was established in 1981 and is based in the Philippines. Most, but not all, of the activities of the organization are carried out in the Asia and Pacific region, primarily in those States that comprise the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. From 2008 to 2011, the organization carried out its operations in Myanmar, the Philippines, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

2008: The organization amended its articles of incorporation and by-laws, and joined the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network and the Philippines humanitarian country team.

2009: The organization reactivated its Viet Nam programme and was elected Deputy Chair of the South-east Asia Working Group of the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network. The organization joined the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership.

2010: The organization was elected to the Executive Committee of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies and to the Board of the Association of Foundations (Philippines). The organization joined the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network and the Mindanao humanitarian team.

2011: The Timor-Leste programme was formally closed.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization carries out its mission through direct services, capacity-building, research and advocacy. In the Philippines, the organization provided humanitarian assistance, early recovery and reconstruction for conflict-affected communities in Mindanao (2008-2011); durable solutions for urban refugees residing in various locations (2008-2011); child protection, youth development and livelihood projects for disadvantaged communities in Pasay City (2008-2011); emergency relief for internally displaced persons uprooted by renewed armed conflict in Mindanao (2008); and disaster response for survivors of Tropical Storm Ketsana and Typhoon Parma in Luzon (2009) and Tropical Storm Washi in Mindanao (2011). In Myanmar, the organization provided community-based projects for social services and education for the stateless Muslim population in northern Rakhine State (2008-2011); and psychosocial care for humanitarian workers responding to the Cyclone Nargis emergency in Ayerwaddy (2008). In Timor-Leste, the organization provided peacebuilding and reconciliation efforts for internally displaced persons, gangs and

faith-based organizations in Dili (2008-2009). In Viet Nam, the organization provided capacity-building initiatives for social workers at the community level, academia and government agencies for social protection, as well as local civil society groups (2009-2011).

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

At the global level, the organization participated in the following meetings/conferences: Global Humanitarian Platform Meetings in 2008 and 2010 (Geneva); annual consultations of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with NGOs, from 2008 to 2011 (Geneva); and UNICEF consultation with NGOs in humanitarian action, 2008 (Geneva). At the national level in the Philippines, it organized a consultation on the Handbook for the Protection of Internally Displaced Persons, in Manila (2008). In addition, the organization has participated in the Philippines humanitarian country team since 2009, as well as the Mindanao humanitarian team since 2010.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

In the Philippines (Luzon and various locations nationwide), the organization acted as an implementing partner of UNHCR for humanitarian assistance to refugees, asylum seekers, stateless persons and internally displaced persons (2008-2011); in Mindanao conflict-affected areas, the organization acted as an implementing partner of UNHCR for humanitarian assistance to internally displaced persons (2010-2011); the organization was also a cooperating partner of UNICEF for child protection (2008-2011); and a cooperating partner of WFP for food assistance (2008-2011); as well as an implementing partner of UNFPA for psychosocial care and reproductive health (2008-2009). In Myanmar, the organization was an implementing partner of UNHCR for humanitarian assistance to the stateless Muslim population in northern Rakhine State (2008-2011).

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

Goal 1: In partnership with WFP, roughly 637,000 families (3,185,000 persons) were provided with emergency food assistance in disaster-affected areas of Luzon and conflict-affected areas of Mindanao. With UNHCR, the organization provided food assistance to the stateless Muslim population in northern Rakhine State, Myanmar.

Goal 2: In cooperation with UNHCR, the organization provided literacy training to approximately 30,000 persons, 70 per cent of whom were female, in northern Rakhine State, Myanmar. Working with UNICEF, the organization provided education to at least 20,000 preschool and school-age children in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao.

Goal 3: Consultations were organized, training provided and access to materials facilitated, in cooperation with UNHCR and UNFPA, to address sexual and gender-based violence in various locations.

Goal 4 and Goal 5: With support from private sector partners, nutrition support, immunization and training were provided to mothers and children living in a conflict-affected area in Mindanao.

Goal 6: Condoms and materials on reproductive health, as well as sanitation, were provided to disaster survivors in various locations in the Philippines through family support kits.

## **15. Development Promotion Group**

### **Special, 2000**

#### **Introduction**

The Development Promotion Group is a secular NGO founded in 1986 by a group of development professionals from varied disciplines. Its projects cover a broad spectrum of development issues and cover a range including housing, women's empowerment, microfinance, organic farming and livelihood enhancement.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The group's mission is to work with the disempowered both directly and via partnerships with local NGOs and community-based organizations. The group's primary strategy has been to mobilize the community into microlevel institutions.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

The Rose Malar Developmental Co-operative Society Limited was set up in partnership with the group in 2008, it has 3,695 members with total savings of \$87,898. To date, 919 loans have been given out and \$265,199 has been distributed to members. The group built shelters for 822 families after the tsunami in 2004 and rehabilitated the livelihoods of 1,569 families. It set up 94 self-help groups and provided vocational training to 40 women. It also renovated 68 homes and gave school uniforms and materials to 600 students after cyclone Thane in 2011.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The group's projects and activities are developed keeping in mind the needs of the community and under the framework of the Millennium Development Goals.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The paucity of funds for non-project related activities have limited the group's participation in United Nations forums however the group hopes to redress that and looks forward to taking part in meetings of the United Nations in the coming year.

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

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: the group has an active partnership with 17 grass-roots NGOs and 2,824 self-help groups have been set up in 16 districts, with a total membership of 40,449 members. The total savings of those self-help groups amount to \$3,068,035, and \$10,137,115 was rotated for internal lending to the members of the self-help groups. More than 87 per cent of the self-help groups have been linked to external financial institutions for credit support of \$7,043,189. Microfinance support in the amount of \$325,455 was given to

16 community-based organizations. 630 families have been assisted with \$73,659 to set up microenterprises.

Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education: school enrolments have gone up to 98 per cent in the group's target area. 312 students received scholarships and 70 of them have secured employment and are earning between \$91 to \$145 per month.

Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women: (a) 37,396 families were facilitated to receive equal wages and employment under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme; (b) 90 per cent of the women targeted as beneficiaries are taking part in self-help groups and village Panchayat meetings; (c) 50 per cent of women targeted by the group's programmes are engaged in running small enterprises; (d) 2,048 families have constructed individual latrines.

Goals 4-6: Reduce child mortality/improve maternal health/combat HIV/AIDS: Health awareness camps and check-ups are used to increase awareness among the target families.

Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability: 33 farmers' clubs affiliated with the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development have been set up with 459 farmers. 5,165 farmers were facilitated to receive farmers' identity cards (Uzhavar Attai) issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu. 450 farmers have converted partially to organic methods of farming after receiving training and exposure visits.

Goal 8: Develop global partnerships for community: the group has received development cooperation from the following agencies: the Church Development Service (Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst (EED)), Germany; (b) the Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation (ICCO), the Netherlands; (c) Diakonie Emergency Aid, Germany; (d) Christian Aid, United Kingdom; (e) Self-development of People, United States; (f) the Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions, Bangkok; (g) the American India Foundation, Delhi; (h) the Times Foundation, Delhi; and (i) the Government of Karnataka. It is a member of Voluntary Action Network India and has collaborated with more than 20 NGOs. The group takes part every year in the annual general meeting of the Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions. In March 2010, the group hosted a meeting in Chennai that was attended by 14 chief executive officers from seven member institutions of the Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions.