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1. Cause première

Special consultative status: 2010

Introduction

Established in 1995 at the height of the Casamance conflict, Cause première aims to mitigate the vulnerability of women and girls in the region. Whereas initially Cause première assisted with nutrition and relocation of women affected by the conflict, it has now become an organization fighting for the empowerment of women and girls and the promotion of peace in the region.

Aims and purposes of the Organization

Cause première is primarily motivated by the ideal of a society in which socially and economically empowered women are free to contribute on an equal footing to their communities and in which children can achieve their full potential. The organization's goals include, for instance, raising awareness of the need to abolish excision and child marriages, the promotion of knowledge within communities regarding health issues relating to tuberculosis, malaria and HIV/AIDS, and the advancement of women as participants and leaders in economic and social development.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has recently begun working in Guinea.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Pursuant to its policy of supporting actions by the United Nations, Cause première has organized the following activities:

- Explaining the Millennium Development Goals to the rural women of Casamance (Southern Senegal);
- Putting pressure on local authorities in Senegal to swiftly include the Millennium Development Goals in their agenda with regard to women, so that they can discover how they can contribute to their achievement.
- Cause première is vigorously committed to combating human trafficking in West Africa. In this matter, a particular focus has been on the correlation between human trafficking and the trafficking and growing use of drugs in West Africa. The well-known lack of funding has prevented Cause Première from pursuing its agenda of support for United Nations activities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No information provided.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No information provided.

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

- Cause première carried out the following activities:
- The Combating the Feminization of HIV/Aids Project;
- The Combating Tuberculosis/HIV AIDS Co-infection Project;
- Training youth in Senegal to achieve the Millennium Development Goals through civic-mindedness and a culture of peace;
- Implementation of the Half-Way House and Empowerment Project for women in Casamance who are victims of the armed conflict in Southern Senegal.

Additional information

Cause première plans to launch a Combating Ebola project called “Ceinture de Feu contre Ebola en Afrique de l’Ouest” and we are currently seeking support for it.

2. Fondation Chantal Biya

Special, 2006

Introduction

Fondation Chantal Biya is an apolitical, humanitarian association registered under Cameroonian law. It was admitted to the Réseau Mère et Enfant de la Francophonie in 2006. It is active in urban and rural areas in the Republic of Cameroon in the fields of health, education and social welfare.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main aim of the Foundation is to help social groups in need and relieve the suffering of the Cameroonian population. Other purposes are” prevention and relief of human suffering; protection and education of children; social measures to assist mothers and children; assistance to the poor suffering from disease, orphans, the disabled, and the elderly; and provision of equipment and medicines to hospitals and health centres. It works mainly through four operational bodies: the Research and Application Centre in Laparoscopic Surgery and Human Reproduction (CRACERH), the Centre Mère et Enfant (CME), the Centre Médical de Meyomessala (CMM) and the Children First Center (CFC).

Significant changes in the organization

The Foundation has entered into new partnerships with the Tianjin Bin Institute of Management of China, Ophtalmo Sans Frontières, Fondation TOTAL of France, and Hôpitaux Universitaires in Geneva.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Contribution to the achievement of certain aspects of the objectives assigned to the United Nations Economic and Social Council:

- Organization of health campaigns in urban and rural environments;

- Home care for families affected by HIV/AIDS;
- Multi-faceted assistance to orphans, disabled persons and older persons (education, psychological and social care, provision of care and medicines).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation took part in the United Nations Economic and Social Council session on nongovernmental organizations in May 2010 and in January 2011, when its first quadrennial report was reviewed, and in the United Nations Focus on Autism in September 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

It works with agencies of the United Nations system that have offices in Cameroon, including the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in connection with the immunization of children, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

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

The Foundation engaged in the following activities to facilitate achievement of the Millennium Development Goals:

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: A variety of products and staple foods, worth approximately US\$280,000, distributed to more than 300 orphanages, support centres for the elderly and religious congregations;
- Achieve universal primary education: Construction of the 10th school thanks to partnership with the Hachette Book Group International for approximately US\$225,000 and distribution of school backpacks, worth US\$110,000, to more than 15,000 children in a number of educational establishments in Cameroon;
- Promote gender equality and empower women: In 2012, in cooperation with the Institut Africain d'Informatique, the Foundation continued and completed its sponsoring of the operation aimed at training 100,000 women in information and communication technologies.
- Reduce child mortality: The Foundation helped lower death rates from 4.7 per cent in 2009 to 4.5 per cent in 2013; provided outpatient clinic services to 57,028 patients, approximately 1,188 per month; provided hospital care to 26,504 children; provided more than 120,000 vaccine doses; and provided medical consultations for 40,000 patients, and so on.
- Improve maternal health: The Foundation has assisted more than 12,000 pregnant women, including monitoring of HIV positive mothers. Persons with disabilities, older persons, orphans, members of minorities and socially marginalized groups, such as Pygmy groups, have received wheelchairs and crutches. The orphanage has taken in 43 orphaned and abandoned children from birth and up 18 years of age.

3. Fondation généreuse développement

Special consultative status: 2010

Introduction

Fondation généreuse développement was established in Cameroon in 2000 to address poverty, education, training, aboriginal and health issues. It works in Africa, France, Switzerland, the United States and Tunisia. The Foundation has more than 5,000 members.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation works to improve the living conditions of the poor; to coach, inform and train youth, women, orphans and aboriginal people; and to promote the social and professional integration of youth and women.

Significant changes in the organization

No significant changes to report.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

On June 16, the International Day of the African Child, the Foundation organized a tutoring programme for girls in Cameroon on the use of information and communication technologies in Cameroon and in France. In 2013, it trained supervisors in Nantes, France, in combating HIV/AIDS. In June 2012, it distributed medicines to fight malaria in Cameroon. It also helped supply drinking water to rural areas.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- In 2013, the Foundation submitted a written statement at the fifty-second session of the Commission for Social Development, which took place from 11-21 February 2014 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, on “Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all.”
- The Foundation presented a written contribution to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD), during its 16th session, organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), which took place on 3-7 June 2013, in Geneva.
- Contributed on line to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), held on 13-17 May 2013 in Geneva, on “Information and communication technology as an economic and social development tool for reducing poverty and the exclusion of women.”

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Foundation submitted a written statement to UNCTAD on “New economic approaches for a post-2015 agenda: macroeconomic and financial governance on the road to 2015,” 24 and 25 June 2013, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

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

The Foundation has celebrated the International Day of the African Child on June 16 of each year with a view to heightening awareness of HIV/AIDS in orphanages in Cameroon.

4. Greenpeace International

General, 1998

Introduction

Greenpeace International is an environmental non-governmental organization that acts to change attitudes and behaviour, to protect and conserve the environment and to promote peace. Greenpeace is present in 41 countries across Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Greenpeace achieves its aims by catalysing an energy revolution to address the number one threat facing the planet, climate change; defending the oceans by challenging wasteful and destructive fishing and creating a global network of marine reserves; protecting the world's remaining ancient forests and the animals, plants and people that depend on them; working for disarmament and peace by reducing dependence on finite resources and calling for the elimination of all nuclear weapons; creating a toxic-free future with safer alternatives to hazardous chemicals in today's products and manufacturing; and campaigning for sustainable agriculture by rejecting genetically engineered organisms, protecting biodiversity and encouraging socially responsible farming.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's campaigns meet with the development agenda of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations at large through all the actions mentioned above.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Greenpeace has been closely involved with many aspects of the work of the United Nations. Since it is not possible to list all the events, a few selected examples are noted below:

- Every year, Greenpeace attends the First Committee meetings of the United Nations General Assembly, reporting on developments and providing briefings to delegates;
- It has attended all the meetings of the parties to the Montreal Protocol and a number of associated meetings;

- It regularly participates in meetings of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), such as the thirty-ninth session of the Committee on World Food Security, held from 15 to 20 October 2012 in Rome;
- It actively participated in and organized side events at meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, such as the tenth meeting of the Conference, held from 18 to 29 October 2010, in Nagoya, Japan, on "Emergency ocean rescue plan: 10 good reasons on why and how to establish a global network of marine reserves";
- Greenpeace attended all sessions and intersessional meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and organized side events at, for example, the seventeenth Conference of the Parties, held from 28 November to 9 December 2011, in Durban, South Africa, where it organized a side event on "Coal: the Dirty Truth" to expose the true costs of coal in a carbon-constrained world;
- Greenpeace also actively participated in the preparatory meetings for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and in the Conference itself, held from 20 to 22 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at which it organized a side event to present the need for an implementation agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to enable the protection of high seas biodiversity and the creation of marine reserves.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Greenpeace has cooperated in several ways with the United Nations bodies. An example of this cooperation includes the SolarChill project, initiated in 2000 by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Greenpeace, which is aimed at developing solar-driven, lead-free battery, climate- and ozone-friendly vaccine coolers and food refrigerators for parts of the world that lack adequate electrical supply. Greenpeace provided the seed capital for research and development as well as the coordinating function. In 2010 and 2011, the SolarChill project, through a cooperation agreement between Greenpeace and UNEP, received a grant from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to conduct demonstration and technology transfer projects in Africa and Latin America. Greenpeace remains the international coordinator for the SolarChill project, while the UNEP Energy Branch is the implementing agency for the GEF SolarChill project.

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

The organization's global campaign generally supports the principles of target 7.A (Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes and reverse the loss of environmental resources), such as catalysing an energy revolution to address climate change and protecting the world's ancient forests and the animals, plants and people that depend on them, and of target 7.B (Reduce biodiversity loss, achieving, by 2010, a significant reduction in the rate of loss), such as campaigning for sustainable agriculture that protects biodiversity and encourages socially responsible farming and defending our oceans by challenging wasteful and destructive fishing and creating a global network of marine reserves.

5. Imam Al-Sadr Foundation

Special, 2002

Introduction

Imam Sadr Foundation is a Lebanese community-based, non-profit and non-governmental association. It includes three business units that aim to assist its target constituent base in South Lebanon in the areas of child care and development of minors, the empowerment of women and integrated primary health care.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation aspires to become the champion in empowering women in Lebanon by continuously raising their potential through evolving and innovative social services for the most disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. The Foundation aims to develop healthy, educated and independent communities that are empowered to participate in planning and in making positive and conscientious decisions concerning their lives, society and the environment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Recognized as innovative in the domain of social issues relating to women, the Foundation continued working on a set of pioneering initiatives. Its most recent projects include:

Taqat, a continuing education centre, was established in Tyre in 2011 to enhance the skills of the people working for non-governmental organizations (NGOs), municipalities and other bodies. Training is also offered to delegations from outside Lebanon, especially Iraqis. The centre hosts university students who are fulfilling their internship requirements prior to graduation;

- The Foundation established a mental health curriculum to qualify workers to identify mental disorders and to provide mental health services at primary health-care settings. The programme was inspired by the 2003 mental health nursing curriculum of the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe;
- In order to treat spinal cord injuries and urinary tract problems, a collective initiative between the Foundation and the Norwegian Aid Committee was started in 2013; the Lady Fâtemah Charitable Trust and Al-Musawat [[not traced]] later joined the initiative; .
- The Foundation established the Early Childhood Intervention Centre in Beirut in 2012, targeting children with special needs between the ages of 0 and 3 years by offering them individualized therapy in which parents take part. The Centre strives to build and strengthen the capacities of children (motor, intellectual, communication, social, emotional and life skills).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Given the current turbulence in the Middle East and North Africa, no major regional forums were held during the reporting period.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies [[H2]]

In cooperation with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) battalions operating in South Lebanon, the Foundation carried out several activities in the fields of emergency relief, health care, training and cultural aspects. Partners included the Italian, Korean and Chinese battalions.

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

The Foundation's core contributions remain in the fields of education, capacity-building, social development and health. The following are examples of the services carried out during the reporting period in line with the Millennium Development Goals:

- Every year, nearly 500 orphan girls received comprehensive care services, including shelter, food, education and health provisions;
- Annually, the Foundation enrolled 700 students in its academic institutions and 250 women in its vocational and occupational programmes;
- The network of medical dispensaries and mobile clinics was frequented by 70,000 persons per year, most of whom were children, women and the elderly. Syrian refugees are progressively frequenting this network and seeking assistance in maternity care, vaccinations and primary health-care services.

The Foundation seeks to collaborate and partner with actors that have a solid reputation in terms of experience, success and credibility, including with all the specialized agencies of the United Nations in Lebanon.

6. International Cooperative Alliance

General, 1946

Introduction

International Cooperative Alliance works to unite, represent and serve cooperatives worldwide. It provides a global voice and forum for knowledge, expertise and coordinated action for and about cooperatives. Its members are international and national cooperative organizations from 100 countries, representing one billion individuals worldwide. They represent all sectors of the economy, including agriculture, industry, services, banking, retail, fisheries, health, housing and insurance. The Alliance is included in International Labour Organization (ILO) recommendation No. 193 (2002) on the promotion of cooperatives.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To achieve its goals, the Alliance published *Blueprint for a Cooperative Decade*, a plan for the global cooperative movement spanning the current decade.

The blueprint is aimed at elevating participation within membership and governance to a new level; positioning cooperatives as builders of sustainability; building the cooperative message and securing the cooperative identity; ensuring supportive legal frameworks for cooperative growth; and securing reliable cooperative capital while guaranteeing member control.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In the reporting period, the main initiatives were linked to the preparation and implementation of the International Year of Cooperatives in 2012. The Alliance was the main partner of the United Nations in establishing and implementing a work programme for the International Year. It undertook many initiatives throughout the world, including a launch event in October 2011 at United Nations Headquarters and the closing ceremony in November 2012.

It was also actively engaged in discussions on sustainable development and participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the follow-up process for the sustainable development goals. During this period, the Alliance established a global development fund, in partnership with FAO, that seeks to provide funding and capacity development to cooperatives working in agriculture in developing countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Alliance participated in the following events, among others:

- Launch of the International Year of Cooperatives, United Nations Headquarters, New York, October 2011;
- Closing of the International Year of Cooperatives, United Nations Headquarters, New York, November 2012;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 2012;
- Committee on World Food Security, Rome, October 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Alliance is a member of the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives, which also includes FAO, ILO and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat. It is within this Committee that International Cooperative Alliance develops initiatives with United Nations agencies. Specifically, the Alliance has a memorandum of understanding with ILO and FAO for initiatives in their respective fields.

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

The concrete initiatives in support of the Millennium Development Goals are undertaken by the national and development cooperative organizations. As a global

body, the role of the International Cooperative Alliance is that of advocacy and promotion of cooperatives at the global level.

7. International Environmental Law Research Centre

Special, 2002

Introduction

International Environmental Law Research Centre is an independent, non-profit research organization established under the Swiss Civil Code. The Research Centre provides a unique forum for collaborative research among researchers in the North and the South. Its main areas of geographical focus are East Africa and India and its main areas of work are biodiversity, biosafety, intellectual property, climate change, human rights, governance and water.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the Research Centre is to contribute to the establishment of legal and institutional frameworks that foster sustainable environmental management in developing countries in an equitable international context. Its mission is to undertake policy-related academic research relating to the environment in a North-South context.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Research Centre makes an important contribution to the work of the United Nations in general and, more particularly, to agencies concerned with sustainable development through its policy-oriented research, which blends in-depth expertise on key areas of the global South and in-depth expertise at the level of international law level. The need for a better understanding of the ways in which national and international legal regimes interact, feed each other and overlap is increasingly important in an increasingly complex legal and institutional framework and in a context where more emphasis is placed on the implementation and realization of existing commitments taken at the international level, in particular in the field of the environment. Organizations such as the Research Centre have the potential to foster a much better understanding of the interactions between the national and the international levels in the field of sustainable development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In the period under review, the Research Centre focused on participating in meetings in Geneva. It regularly attended meetings in human rights bodies when they were addressing environmental and sustainability issues, the environmental meetings of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and meetings of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Research Centre engages with United Nations bodies as a matter of routine in the course of its work. This includes attending a variety of meetings in Geneva and ongoing collaboration with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) concerning the publication of the best papers from their diploma programme on environmental law in the *Law, Environment and Development Journal*.

The Research Centre engaged with the Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation, including collaboration on a forthcoming book on the right to sanitation. It also engaged with the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council on the realization of the human right to sanitation.

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

The Research Centre focuses on contributing to the realization of sustainable development through academic research, policy papers and publications that contribute to poverty alleviation in the global South. As such, all the research projects and outputs of the organization contribute to the realization of the Millennium Development Goals. During the period under review, the Research Centre was engaged most particularly in work concerning water and sanitation law and policy reforms in India, including access to water in rural and urban areas, access to sanitation in rural and urban areas, equity in water allocation for irrigation, and institutional frameworks to ensure equitable and sustainable access to water for domestic and livelihood needs. These research efforts have led to the publication of books.

8. International Federation of Family Associations of Missing Persons from Armed Conflicts

Special, 2006

Introduction

International Federation of Family Associations of Missing Persons from Armed Conflict is an American international charitable organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The primary purpose of the Federation is to assist families of missing persons from armed conflicts who face tremendous social, economic, legal and cultural challenges when the primary economic provider of the family vanishes and cannot be accounted for as a result of the conflict. The Federation assists surviving families in their efforts to remain together, thrive as a unit of society and acquire information regarding the status of their missing family members.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The contribution of the Federation included the following:

- Addressed the National Day of the Missing in Kosovo, sponsored by the government of the territory of Kosovo, Meja, [[not traced]] Kosovo, 27 April 2013;
- Met with African Union directors and the Government of Liberia to discuss the contributions of the Federation, Addis Ababa, 2 to 7 May 2010;
- Met with African Union directors and other officials from Angola, Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Uganda and the State of Palestine to discuss the advisory roles of the Federation, Addis Ababa, 16 to 21 August 2010;
- Addressed a conference in Africa sponsored by Rural Equity for Africa, [[not traced]] Lusaka, 5 April 2010;
- Addressed a conference sponsored by the Great Lakes Women Refugee Association with Zambian Government officials and a representative from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Lusaka, 6 March 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Attended the 2010 informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 14 and 15 June 2010;

- Made an oral statement on the theme “Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and the empowerment of women,” high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, New York, 28 June to 2 July 2010;
- Attended the forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development, New York, 9 to 18 February 2011;
- Attended the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 22 February to 4 March 2011;
- Attended the fifty-seventh session of Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 4 to 15 March 2013;
- Attended a meeting at the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat, New York, on 16 May 2013 on the theme “Advancing Social Integration and Intergenerational Solidarity”, for the advancement of families around the world.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- In the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), the Federation was granted observer status to the United Nations Working Group on Persons who are Unaccounted for in Connection with Events in Kosovo;

- It co-authored a joint written statement to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, submitted to the Advisory Committee at its fourth session, Geneva, January 2010;
- The Federation co-authored a joint written statement to the General Assembly for the thirteenth session of the Human Rights Council, 2010.
- It contributed to a joint written statement at the Human Rights Council at its fourteenth session, Geneva, 31 May 2010;
- The Federation co-authored a joint written statement at the fifteenth session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, September 2010.
- It contributed to the report on missing persons prepared by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in accordance with General Assembly resolution 63/183, submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session in New York, 15 July 2010;
- It co-authored a joint written statement at the sixteenth session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, February 2011.

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

- The Federation facilitated occupational training and job placement for African women in Lusaka, 8 to 16 September and 10 to 15 October 2011;
- It initiated computer-training programmes for African women to develop working skills in Lusaka, 24 May 2012;
- It donated 200 educational materials to African children in Lusaka, 20 October 2010 and 5 March 2013.

9. Israel Women's Network

Special, 2006

Introduction

Israel Women's Network is a not-for-profit organization comprising women who are united in their determination to improve the status of women in Israel, regardless of political affiliation, religious outlook or ethnic origin. The Network's mission, to achieve equality of opportunity and reward for all Israeli women, is an essential element in transforming Israel into a just and productive society for all. It was the first organization in Israel dedicated to promoting women's rights and equality and helped to initiate laws on the prevention of sexual harassment and the establishment of an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Today, the Network's primary focus is on women's rights in the workplace, equal representation of women in the private and public sector, women's empowerment and leadership and the promotion of women's health.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Network aims to advance the status of women in Israel by promoting equality through a combination of educational programmes, research initiatives,

legal advocacy and legislative action. It strives for equality on a national policy level and at the grass-roots level. It is specifically engaged in legal representation of women regarding pay equity and equal treatment in the workforce, increasing the public participation and leadership of women, economic empowerment of marginalized women, and supporting at-risk girls and young women. Focusing on tools that create wide-reaching change, the Network takes a proactive role in advocating women's rights in the Knesset and providing pro bono legal aid on precedent-setting cases. It also operates a hotline that provides legal assistance to women who have suffered discrimination in the workplace.

Significant changes in the organization

In the past four years, the Network underwent significant changes. The organization replaced both its leadership and the entire staff to bring in highly qualified employees in each field, thereby contributing to a major expansion of the organization's activity and initiating several flagship programmes such as expansion of legal enforcement and representation services; reintroduction of the women's health programme; the "Equal Pay" project to eliminate pay inequality; the "IMMA" Moms@Work programme to empower and train mothers to advocate for policy change; the establishment of a training and education department for young women, mothers, employers and working women; and a project to open dialogue and implement the monitoring of gender inequality in corporations and organizations and to provide the tools to identify and remedy the sources of this inequality.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Network works to promote United Nations standards on the human rights of women. In particular, the State of Israel is a member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Network works, inter alia, to uphold the obligations derived from those international conventions through its legal advocacy, educational initiatives and overall promotion of women's rights on both the legislative and grass-roots levels. Every one of the Network's activities is carried out with the intent to further the work of the United Nations in enforcing gender equality in the State of Israel.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- The Network recently submitted a report to the Commission on the Status of Women on the gender wage gap in Israel. The report examines the problem of pay inequality between Israeli men and women and the various contributing factors that negatively impact women, such as gender stereotyping, pre-established gender roles, discrimination in the hiring process, cultural norms and lack of child care and transportation. This inequality is in strict violation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

therefore, the Network has set up several initiatives to implement change and hopes that, with the aid of the United Nations, it can eliminate this disparity;

- The Network also submitted a shadow report to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women at the Beijing Plus 10 Review Process, followed by a report entitled “We Keep Running, But Are We Getting ‘Somewhere Else’?” presented to the Beijing Plus 15 Conference in March 2010;
- In 2010, it submitted a written statement to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, reporting on the organization’s programme on “Women of Valour”;
- The Network also maintains a close working relationship with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

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

- All the Network’s initiatives are in line with the Millennium Development Goal of promoting gender equality and empowering women. Examples include:
- Maintaining a hotline on women’s labour rights to offer preliminary legal assistance and advice to women on matters of labour law relating to pregnancy, fertility treatments, equal pay and representation and sexual harassment;
- Leading legislation and reform at the local and national levels by joining petitions to the Supreme Court and labour courts and working closely with members of the Knesset;
- Collecting data on the current status of women in Israel, archiving the history of Israeli feminism and providing informational resources for women and girls in the region;
- Promoting gender discourse in the media to shed light on issues related to the advancement of gender equality in order to increase awareness and influence decision-makers;
- Providing educational projects for young women, adolescent girls and mothers and their teens on female empowerment, gender stereotypes, labour law and so forth;
- Initiating dialogue and monitoring gender inequality in corporations and organizations, and providing tools to identify and remedy the sources of inequality;
- Providing training to mothers about advocacy and policy change in order to promote new legislation;
- Striving to eliminate pay inequality by raising public awareness and mobilizing decision-makers to amend policy and legislation.

10. Kongres Wanita Indonesia

Special, 1998

Introduction

Kongres Wanita Indonesia works on equal rights, equal responsibilities and equal opportunities for men and women alike.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to strive for fairness and gender equality in family and social life at the national and global levels and to increase women's opportunities in society. It aims to coordinate women's groups so that they can undertake concerted endeavours to promote the full implementation of women's equality in respect of rights, responsibilities and opportunities. The target is to position women as equal partners with men in national development, the family, the community and global society.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization works with representatives of the following United Nations bodies in Indonesia: UNESCO, UNICEF, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations information centre, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and ILO.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings of the United Nations:

- The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations Headquarters, New York, 27 February to 9 March 2012;
- The fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 4 to 15 March 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization supports the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by focusing on improving women's economic empowerment; helping the poor and orphans; disseminating the early childhood education and basic education curriculum to the members of the organization; supporting the use of information and communications technology among young people; and cooperating with

governments and associations in Indonesia to organize nutrition seminars for mothers and children, among others.

11. Mujer para la Mujer

Special, 2006

Introduction

Mujer para la Mujer was established to address such contemporary issues as violence, poverty, family disintegration and lack of opportunities, which most women face today. It promotes equality and the active participation of women in society, prevents sociocultural problems such as alcoholism, drug addiction, unwanted pregnancies and domestic violence, and provides guidance on human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main objective of the organization is to work with women, since their vulnerable status allows them to be targets of all kinds of violence. To that end, it provides comprehensive training, giving women the tools they need for their development in all aspects of life.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization submitted a written statement to the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-fifth session, 22 February to 4 March 2011, New York. It also presented oral statements at several sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Population and Development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Mujer para la Mujer participated in the following meetings:

- Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 1 to 12 March 2010, New York;
- High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Youth, 25 and 26 July 2011, New York;
- Fiftieth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 3 to 21 October 2011, Palais des Nations, Geneva;
- Fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 27 February to 9 March 2012, New York;
- Fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 4 to 15 March 2013, New York;
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, second meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on

Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, 16 and 17 April 2013, Guadalajara, Mexico;

– Fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 10 to 21 March 2014, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2008, Mujer para la Mujer has been working with UN-Women in its UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign.

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

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. Mujer para la Mujer organizes workshops and training programmes to promote self-reliance and economic autonomy for women;

Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education. The organization works to prevent school dropout and provides professional advice to parents, benefiting 524 children;

Goals 3 and 5: Promote Gender equality and empower women; Improve maternal health. The organization organizes conferences and training on health issues, facilitated by dieticians.

12. National Association of Vocational Education of China

Special, 2010

Introduction

National Association of Vocational Education of China is a nationwide mass educational organization founded in Shanghai in 1917.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the Association is to help the unemployed to find work and help the employed to find delight in their work. Its main task is to study and promote vocational education, promote the reform and development of vocational education, assist the Government and play a role as an educational organization and develop exchanges and cooperation among different countries and regions.

Significant changes in the organization

The Association has established local branches in 30 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions, as well as in large and medium-sized cities. There are more than 32,000 individual members and over 2,000 group members throughout the country.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since 1995, the Association has sponsored the "Warmth Project", which is aimed at helping the unemployed both in cities and rural areas to find jobs through skills training and helping students who have financial difficulties to continue their

studies. By the end of 2013, it had developed 116 projects. It has implemented more than 200 poverty-reduction projects that have benefited millions of people; trained more than 11 million laid-off workers and farmers; assisted more than 3 million people to find employment; and helped 6,000 underprivileged students, especially those from outlying or minority regions, to continue their studies through exemption or reduction of tuition fees.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association participated in the annual conferences of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations and in the sessions of the Economic and Social Council.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association is accredited to the Department of Public Information and has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and has participated in their annual meetings.

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

By June 2013, the Association had established 113 training bases under the Warmth Project and had helped to train more than 12 million people from various sectors, including the surplus labour force, unemployed people and the disabled. It also helped more than 3.5 million people to find employment and assisted 678,000 poor students.

13. Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples

Special, 2002

Introduction

Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples is a non-governmental organization based in Amsterdam, working to advocate for the rights of indigenous peoples. The organization operates within a worldwide network of indigenous peoples' organizations, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs and other relevant organizations, institutions, bodies, forums, academic institutions and individual experts.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre aims to realize the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Its focus is on situations in which actors in or from the Netherlands have an impact on the rights and well-being of indigenous peoples.

Significant changes in the organization

Owing to a fallback in resources, the Centre had to downsize during the reporting period and could not sustain some parts of its work, such as supporting indigenous peoples' participation in relevant United Nations meetings and providing

grants to local indigenous peoples' organizations to implement their own projects aimed at strengthening their capacity-building. However, this did not change the organization's objectives, but only its focus and strategy, which now include influencing policies in the Netherlands that impact the rights of indigenous peoples, such as policies on human rights, climate change, sustainable energy, development cooperation and corporate social responsibility. It also works more closely in alliance with other Netherlands-based NGOs.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by the General Assembly on 13 September 2007, the Centre's main contribution has been to promote its implementation, with a focus on the Netherlands. The Centre works on research, organizes public events and dialogues, publishes reports and participates in many platforms in the Netherlands to advocate for the rights of indigenous peoples. Examples of this contribution include:

- Publication of a report on the impact of the Dutch economy on indigenous peoples in 2010;
- Publication of a report on an international expert dialogue on achieving sustainable livelihoods for indigenous peoples in 2010;
- Contribution to a complaint and appeals procedure that revised the judgement of the Dutch Timber Procurement Assessment Committee on the Malaysian Timber Certification System to protect the rights of indigenous peoples in 2010 and 2011;
- Co-authoring of guidelines for the Forest Stewardship Council on the implementation of the right of indigenous peoples and local communities to free, prior and informed consent in 2012;
- Development of indicators for social criteria for guidelines on biomass sustainability and guidelines for companies on the implementation of those social criteria, in close cooperation with indigenous peoples in Kalimantan, Indonesia, who are affected by palm oil development, and development of their capacity to uphold their rights, from 2010 to 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Centre participated in the following meetings of the United Nations:

- Ninth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, 19 to 30 April 2010;
- Tenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, 16 to 27 May 2011;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20 to 22 June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Representatives of UNESCO, ILO and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) participated in and made presentations at the international

expert dialogue on achieving sustainable livelihoods for indigenous peoples, organized by the Centre at The Hague, the Netherlands, in 2010.

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

All the Centre's efforts to promote the implementation of the rights of indigenous peoples contribute to the realization of the Millennium Development Goals. One specific contribution was the organization and publication of a report on the international expert dialogue on achieving sustainable livelihoods for indigenous peoples held at The Hague, the Netherlands, in April 2010.

14. Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

Special, 1998

Introduction

The main activities of Organization for Defending Victims of Violence focus on the promotion and education of human rights and a culture of non-violence. The organization is a member of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims, based in Denmark, and a member of the Aman Network for the Rehabilitation of Victims of Violence and Torture in the Middle East and North Africa. One of its significant activities in recent years was the establishment of a rehabilitation centre for victims of society and domestic violence.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to respect human values, promote justice and equality, monitor human rights and promote and expand a culture of non-violence. In order to achieve its goals, the organization undertakes the following activities: organization of educational seminars, forums and workshops to disseminate information; preparation of articles and conduct of research; protection and defence of the rights of victims of violence and society; provision of advisory and counselling services for the rehabilitation of victims of society; promotion of the mental and social health of refugees in the Islamic Republic of Iran; establishment and facilitation of links with national, regional and international organizations that share similar objectives; and facilitation of the exchange of views, experiences and knowledge.

Significant changes in the organization

As part of the expansion of its international activities and to facilitate extensive participation and further access to United Nations bodies and mechanisms, the organization opened a representative office in Geneva in 2013.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has established a close rapport with the United Nations and its agencies and bodies. Most of this has been accomplished through joint projects with various United Nations bodies in the Islamic Republic of Iran. These include the United Nations information centre, the Department of Public Information and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

From 2010 through 2013, the organization participated in all the sessions of the Human Rights Council and its universal periodic reviews and presented written and oral statements. For example, during this period, it submitted 64 written statements, presented 97 oral statements and organized 11 side events. Since 2012, the organization has participated in the annual consultations of UNHCR with NGOs in Geneva. It also participated in the sixth session of the Forum on Minority Issues within the framework of six items (November 2013) and presented two statements.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- As one of the partners of UNHCR, the organization implemented various projects from 2010 to 2013, including on community-based awareness-raising on the prevention of gender-based violence, strengthening the family institution and the prevention of gender-based violence, and the prevention of domestic violence and life skills education workshop for Afghan refugees;
- The organization commemorated several international days with the cooperation of the United Nations information centre, including the International Day of Families, International Day of Peace, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Nelson Mandela International Day, International Day of Non-Violence, World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Human Rights Day and Universal Children's Day;
- A testament to the organization's extensive participation in reporting to United Nations bodies and mechanisms is that it has been directly mentioned in many reports of the Secretary-General, including the working draft of the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran to the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

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

The projects that the organization implemented in cooperation with UNHCR are clear examples of its commitment to the realization of the Millennium Development Goals. The organization also held several technical meetings between 2010 and 2013 with the aim of reducing violence against women and promoting gender equality.

15. Pew Environment Group

Special, 2010

Introduction

Pew Environment Group, the conservation arm of Pew Charitable Trusts, combines science, policy and outreach expertise to address major global environment challenges.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Pew Environment Group works to advance environmental conservation by supporting top-level scientific research, educating the public and policymakers

about the causes, consequences and solutions to environmental problems, and building, assisting and coordinating broad coalitions of organizations representing diverse constituencies, concerned about environmental protection. Whether advancing policy solutions, informing the debate or supporting rich and vibrant scientific research, the Group is committed to achieving tangible impacts on the global environment based on specific measurable goals through its projects, grants, publications and opinion editorials.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In support of greater protection for global ocean resources, the Group became a founding member of the High Seas Alliance, a partnership of 27 non-governmental organizations plus the International Union for Conservation of Nature, aimed at building a common voice and constituency for the conservation of the high seas and a potential new implementing agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Group facilitated briefings and workshops in New York and Kingston to inform mission personnel and Government officials about high seas issues. It partnered with the Government of Seychelles to host an experts' luncheon at United Nations Headquarters on stopping illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing at port. It monitored the development of annual resolutions and instruments concerning fisheries and ocean conservation and the elaboration of the sustainable development goals, providing comments to Governments on ocean governance.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Group has consistently participated in various meetings of the United Nations to support the protection of oceans and seas and their living resources. The following examples from 2013 represent the organization's activities throughout the review period:

- Attended meetings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction, New York, 19 to 23 August 2013, 1 to 4 April 2014 and 16 to 19 June 2014. The organization, as part of the High Seas Alliance, hosted a briefing on high seas biodiversity;
- Attended informal meetings and side events relating to the annual informal consultations on the draft resolutions on (i) Oceans and the law of the sea, New York, 30 September to 4 October 2013; and (ii) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments, 12 to 19 November 2013. The organization submitted briefs to participants urging the adoption of measures regarding marine protected areas and the high seas, protecting sharks and ending illegal fishing, among other things;
- In 2012 and 2013, the Group also attended meetings of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals in New York. During the Open

Working Group's consultations with civil society, the organization coordinated interventions regarding the oceans and seas focal area.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Group coordinated with FAO to brief mission personnel and Governments through its project on ending illegal fishing and the importance of ratifying the FAO Port State Measures Agreement. It also supported a workshop on the implementation of the Agreement convened by FAO in Trinidad and Tobago.

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

The Group's work supported the achievement of Goal 7, "Ensuring environmental sustainability". In particular, the organization has numerous initiatives under way around the world to encourage the establishment of marine and terrestrial protected areas, reduce overfishing and protect species threatened with extinction.

16. Women's Welfare Centre

Special, 2006

Introduction

Women's Welfare Centre is a registered women's organization in Pune, India. It promotes gender equality through programmes for the empowerment of women. The Centre's target group is women who are victims of domestic violence, societal discrimination and injustice. It has a network of over 400 groups of women from around 100 slums in India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and objectives of the organization are to empower women against violence, human discrimination, social and political exclusion and economic dependence; promote a just and gender-equal society; educate women to provide equal opportunities; promote entrepreneurship among women so that they can become economically independent; assist society's most vulnerable, HIV-infected people and their affected families; and provide community health-care services to the most underprivileged.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization works for women's empowerment and for the reduction of gender violence.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization works to empower women, which relates to all the Millennium Development Goals.

Additional information

India has become a most unsafe place for women to live in. Besides empowering women, the organization feels the need to work towards changing the mind-set of men in society.
