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1. Il Cenacolo

Special, 1998

Introduction

Il Cenacolo is based in Rome and affiliated with the non-profit organization World Health Clinicians, based in Norwalk, Connecticut, United States of America. The organization works mainly on women's and children's issues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goals of the organization are to address issues of violence against women, both physical and psychological, and women's health and the well-being of their children.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2009, the organization has had a strong association World Health Clinicians, which focuses on stopping the transmission of HIV from mother to child by providing medication and education to prevent this lethal disease. HIV also created a large number of orphans who have no one to care for them. Starting in 2010, the organization launched several activities concerning the process of democratization in African countries, with particular focus on Libya and Guinea-Bissau.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization collaborated with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the United Nations Democracy Fund.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following events and meetings:

- Fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 2010 and 2011
- The non-governmental Millennium Forum, United Nations, New York, 2000

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization has been working on a project for women and preschool child immigrants since 2009, focusing on addressing their identity, relationships and cultural and psychological problems.

2. Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society

Special, 2010

Introduction

The objective of the Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society is to extend assistance to people in need, particularly women and children suffering from unemployment, hunger, access to education and discrimination. Special attention is paid to children at risk of being exploited. The organization's vision is of a healthy international community based on human rights, equal opportunities, justice and honesty that addresses the needs of deprived persons and children in hazardous environments as well as women's empowerment. Its mission is to enhance the contribution of elites to public culture, law and policies in creative ways in order to create better situations for the target group in developing societies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The general aim is to promote volunteer activities among empowered groups of people. The short-term objective is to resolve critical conditions of families in terms of shelter, food and other basic needs in each targeted region. Specific and continuous educational goals are included in the medium-term activities. The long-term aim is to increase the number of Iranian houses throughout the country to provide an intermediate service between the local community and the poor in every region under the organization's protection. Services are provided all year long to meet clients' educational needs and requirements for assistance.

Significant changes in the organization

One of the most important changes is the adoption by the organization of a regional focus. The Society has also added to its previous focus on urban poverty training to empower poor communities, especially mothers and girls in small cities and rural communities.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Society's contribution included:

- Making oral statements at the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council in 2011
- Submitting a request to be heard at the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council in 2012
- Submitting a request to be heard at the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council in 2013

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representative of the Society attended the following United Nations meetings:

- Fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 2012 and 2013
- Resumed session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, New York, 2010

- Twentieth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, New York, 2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Society implemented a project supported by the Small Grants Programme in the Islamic Republic of Iran of the Global Environment Facility to reduce the use of plastic bags and raise public awareness on endangered species through the production of “environmentally friendly bags”, produced by poor widows; pictures of the species were drawn by children who had been child labourers. The project was completed in 2012 and is now established as an independent project.

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

The Society originated in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and has an international scope. In brief, the organization focuses on sustainable development issues and implements many projects all over the Islamic Republic of Iran that are in accordance with the Millennium Development Goals. The activities of the organization in support of the Goals during the reporting period were:

- Goal 1. The Society established nutrition programmes to address extreme poverty and hunger all over the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the villages, covering more than 1,000 children in affected families in Tehran and seven other cities. It also distributes food packages to more than 10,000 families once a year.
- Goal 2. The Society’s 14 centres for out-of-school children all over Iran, called “science houses”, acted as a bridge for Iranian children to return to the formal education system after overcoming obstacles. The project included Afghan refugees who did not have access to schools.
- Goal 3. In empowering women to reduce poverty, the Society supported entrepreneurship projects such as weaving, tailoring, producing food for resale and literacy projects for illiterate mothers.
- Goal 4. The Society provided children with nutritional food and free medical services and worked to prevent child labour; those activities contributed, directly and indirectly, to lowering child mortality.
- Goal 5. The “*madaraneh*” (“maternal”), project focused on pregnant women who were homeless or living in poor regions or slums or are in jail, providing food, supplements and vital training to almost 160 mothers, including Afghan refugees.
- Goal 6. The Society provided training regarding HIV/AIDS transmission for working children and addicted mothers.
- Goal 7. One of the projects supported by the Small Grants Programme of the Global Environment Facility, described above, was the production of environmentally friendly bags to prevent the use of plastic bags.
- Goal 8. The Society has more than 9,000 volunteer members, most of whom were university students, working to contribute to social development in the country.

3. Imamia Medics International

Special, 2006

Introduction

Imamia Medics International is a global medical professional organization that acts as a platform for the professional development of health-care professionals by providing them with opportunities to offer low/no-cost health and medical services and education to underserved and poor communities globally, particularly those in conflict zones or areas affected by natural disasters.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's vision is to bring together the intellectual and professional resources of the community to serve humanity by providing low- or no-cost access to quality health-promotion and disease-prevention activities. Through hard work, diligence, honesty and self-sacrifice, Imamia Medics International hopes to build an organization that will have an impact on communities in all parts of the world. Its aims are to provide a platform for Ja'fari Muslim medical and allied health professionals; lay the foundation for a research body; explore and foresee future needs; promote and nurture education in the community; encourage professional interactions; establish a medium of communication; and participate in medical relief activities during emergencies.

Significant changes in the organization

New chapters have been established in the United States, Pakistan and India. Three new national chapters were also inaugurated, in Australia in 2010, in Canada in 2011 and in New Zealand in 2013.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Imamia Medics International continues to support development in health services by training professionals globally to build capacity (as well as improve gender parity in the sciences) and by providing medical services to underserved, poor communities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2010, representatives of the organization participated in the informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations and the private sector at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Also that year, 12 representatives attended the sixty-third Annual United Nations Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference (related to advancing the health-related Millennium Development Goals), held in Melbourne, Australia, where the organization hosted a workshop on addressing diabetes to advance the Goals and organized an exhibit to raise awareness on these issues; 12 delegates, including youth, attended.

In 2011, representatives of the organization participated in the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York.

In 2012, representatives attended the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York. Also in 2012, representatives attended the fifth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities.

In 2013, representatives attended the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization worked through the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (health cluster) to provide humanitarian relief in Haiti after the earthquake in 2010.

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

The organization contributed to achieving the Goals in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North America. Major actions undertaken were:

- Goal 1. Medical education and training were provided to 6,800 people; medical placements and rotations were arranged for 180 people; 11,500 children were fed or given nutritional care; 15,000 mothers and caregivers were provided with nutrition training.
- Goal 3. Medical education/training was provided for 5,000 women.
- Goal 4. About 11,500 children were fed or given nutritional care; 1,200 vaccinations/immunizations were given to children; a programme was implemented for infants/children with developmental disabilities in Iraq.
- Goal 5. Some 25,000 mothers and health professionals were trained in prenatal and infant care; 11,800 expectant mothers were given prenatal care; health services were provided for 201,000 women/girls through community clinics; 1,000 community midwives were trained.
- Goal 6. Free HIV/AIDS screening, treatment and counselling were provided for 6,000 people, cardiac screening and treatment were given to 8,500 people and general medical care was provided to 410,500 people.
- Goal 8. Medical education was provided for 3,000 youths; free or low-cost medicines were provided to 350,000 people.

4. International Association for Women's Mental Health

Special, 2006

Introduction

The International Association for Women's Mental Health is a non-profit, non-governmental organization established in 2001 to improve the mental health of women throughout the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to improve the mental health of women throughout the world; expand the fund of knowledge about women's mental health;

promote gender-sensitive and autonomy-enhancing mental health services for women; and create a network of national and international societies and sections devoted to women's mental health. Its purpose is to promote research, through international collaboration and networks, in the following areas: the social, economic, ethical, legal, cultural, psychological and biological factors that affect women's mental health; women's roles in marriage, family and society and their effects on mental health; the causes, effects and elimination of domestic violence and abuse of women; the causes, treatment and prevention of mental diseases or disorders that are specific, more prevalent, more severe or have different risk factors or outcomes in women; gender-specific effects of treatment; and basic sciences pertinent to gender difference and female biology.

The organization acts as an international advocate for women's mental health with a view to:

- Eliminate conditions that are harmful to women's physical and mental health
- Improve education and autonomy for women
- Improve medical education and public information about women's mental health
- Increase the number, status, education and resources of women's mental health providers
- Achieve the appropriate representation of women in research, education and organizations concerned with women's mental health
- Enhance of women's personal fertility control.

During the reporting period, activities of the organization included:

- Promoting research through the development of international networks and focused workshops
- Organizing world congresses to which all individuals, societies and sections concerned with women's mental health were invited
- Supporting international, regional, national and local conferences and symposia to exchange information on scientific advances, clinical services and social or legal developments related to women's mental health
- Circulating information about women's mental health through the World Wide Web, scholarly articles and other publications
- Educating clinicians and the public through educational workshops as well as printed and electronic material
- Collaborating with relevant advocacy groups

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association is an active member of the NGO Committee on Mental Health. It contributed to and endorsed the priority theme on elimination and

prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls at the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2013. Its seminal work at the World Psychiatric Association on developing a position and consensus statement on violence against women was published in 2006 and in the *Canadian Journal of Psychiatry* position paper on intimate partner violence in 2013.

The organization endorsed the rights of persons with disabilities, which included the rights of people with mental illness. It also completed the 2013 global NGO survey.

The organization endorsed a joint statement issued by the NGO Committee on Mental Health (New York) and the NGO Forum for Health (Geneva) in recognition of World Mental Health Day 2013 and the World Health Organization (WHO) Comprehensive Mental Health Action Plan 2013-2020.

The organization contributed to and endorsed the high-level event of the General Assembly, “The contributions of women, the young and civil society to the post-2015 development agenda”.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization undertook research and submitted a report to the Pan American Health Organization on the response of the health sector to violence against women in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2013. The organization is partner of the Preventing Violence Across the Lifespan Research Network (PreVAiL), a large international research and educational project on gender, violence and mental health in Canada. This project contributed to the 2013 WHO clinical and policy guidelines on violence against women.

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

The organization held two large international congresses, in Madrid in 2011 and in Lima in 2013, on women’s mental health. Over 1,000 participants from Europe, Latin America, the South Pacific, Asia, Africa and the Middle East attended each congress. Many topics supported Millennium Development Goals 3, 4 and 5.

5. International Association of Lions Clubs

General, 1998

Introduction

The International Association of Lions Clubs is a worldwide, non-political, voluntary service organization, devoted to the betterment of social and humanitarian conditions. There are approximately 46,124 Lions Clubs with over 1.3 million members in 208 countries and geographical locations (an increase from 205). Many Lions Club branches sponsor Leo Clubs for young adults. There are currently 6,345 Leo Clubs in 140 countries with 158,625 members.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association's mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs. Its purpose is to encourage service-minded people to serve their communities without personal financial reward and to promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, the professions, public works and private endeavours. This includes service in local projects, such as food drives and eyeglass banks, while also encompassing international projects like SightFirst, focused on eradicating blindness at the global level.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association has a long history of working with the United Nations dating back to 1945 when its founder helped to develop the arrangements for NGO participation at the United Nations. Each year, the Association president appoints Lion Leaders to represent the Association at the United Nations in New York and the United Nations Offices in Geneva and Vienna. The Association is also affiliated with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), WHO and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The Association is also an observer at specific meetings of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and maintains a close working relationship with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UN-Women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the Association attended periodic conferences and meetings during the last four years, including:

- Meetings of the WHO Executive Board
- Annual meetings of the United States Fund for UNICEF
- NGO committee meetings at UNICEF
- Annual Department of Public Information/NGO Conferences
- FAO ad hoc meetings
- Meetings of the Committee on World Food Security
- Meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Nations Association of the United States of America

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In the past four years, the following Lions Club programmes represented areas of greatest cooperation with the United Nations:

- Lions Day with the United Nations. This annual event provided an opportunity for Lions Clubs, United Nations leaders and key partners to come together to

assess the various challenges facing the global community, including the Millennium Development Goals, addressing important needs related to education and literacy, youth engagement, hunger and poverty alleviation and environmental sustainability.

- SightFirst programme. SightFirst is a global programme focused on the reduction and control of preventable and reversible blindness. WHO has provided technical support for the programme for over 10 years. The WHO programme director serves on the SightFirst Advisory Committee and provides technical advice on SightFirst project development, in consultation with the Association secretariat, national clubs and others concerned.
- Project for the Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness. This 12-year project is being executed by WHO with support from the Association. The project focuses on enhancing paediatric eye care in 30 countries in each WHO region except North America. SightFirst granted over \$7.6 million to the WHO Prevention of Blindness and Deafness unit, the executing agency.

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

The Association actively supported its members as they addressed the needs of their communities and contributed to the broader efforts in fulfilment of the Goals. Lions Clubs contributed to the Goals through a variety of projects and service activities under the Lions Community Services programme (goals 1-3), the Lions Health and Children's Services programmes (goals 4-6), the Lions Environmental Services programme (goal 7) and the Lions International Relations programme (goal 8). It funded a number of programmes and initiatives to address humanitarian needs on a local and a global scale, including projects to preserve sight, combat disability, promote health, serve youth and respond to natural disasters. Those efforts were critical to building healthy communities and ultimately providing the foundation for many communities to make progress towards the achievement of the Goals.

6. International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations

Special, 2010

Introduction

The International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations was established in 1994. It is an umbrella organization currently representing 171 parent organizations in 88 countries. The experience of a child undergoing cancer treatment can be traumatic, distressing and isolating for parents and siblings as well as the patient. The impact on the whole family has been well understood by health professionals for many years, as have the medical needs of the child; however, providing services to look after the emotional and social needs of the family of the child are necessary as well. Parent support groups have been formed over the past 30 years to provide information and practical, emotional and financial support for families to enable them to cope with the difficulties associated with lengthy treatment, often far from home.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Confederation's vision is to be recognized worldwide as the body representing families of children with cancer. Its mission is to share information and experiences in order to improve access to the best possible treatment and care for children with cancer through an international network of parent support groups and survivor networks. Its objectives are to develop an international network of parent support groups throughout the world by recruiting established groups to the network; provide assistance and guidance in the establishment of new groups, particularly in low- and middle-income countries; provide parent organizations with information about the disease, treatment and effects in understandable, non-medical language; provide forums, events and opportunities for members to meet and share information, experiences and knowledge with other members so that all can benefit from best practice and new ideas; encourage the development of survivor group networks around the world and provide opportunities for these groups to meet and share experiences; be a powerful advocate for the issues and effects of childhood cancer at an international level; and improve childhood cancer care in low- and middle-income countries.

Significant changes in the organization

The Confederation's membership has grown over the past four years from 132 members in 78 countries to 171 members in 88 countries.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's members undertook initiatives to support internationally agreed development goals and the United Nations development agenda. Its key contributions included local and global advocacy for health reforms and improved health systems to reduce inequities in quality care and increase survivorship from childhood cancer; promoting increased awareness of the rights of children/adolescents with cancer; eliminating stigma associated with childhood cancer and minimizing discrimination, for example, limited opportunities for marriage, employment and a better future; fostering intercultural dialogue, knowledge creation and -sharing and collaborative multi-stakeholder initiatives; and enabling quality education, lifelong learning and productive reintegration of survivors back into society.

The Confederation mobilized its members to support the United Nations-WHO Non-communicable Diseases Global Monitoring Framework with a focus on three key indicators: reducing mortality; drug access and availability; and paediatric palliative care.

The Confederation undertook community education and public awareness campaigns to reduce unnecessary deaths from delayed diagnosis.

Confederation members have sourced and supplied drugs where required and raised the alarm on counterfeit drugs and the impending depletion of essential drug stocks and advocated successfully for cheaper medicines and Government-funded health insurance coverage for childhood cancer as well as the development of new, more effective childhood cancer drugs.

Its members provide practical assistance, innovative psychosocial initiatives and simple, cost-effective tools for child-friendly palliative care and pain management.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Confederation attended the one-day informal interactive hearing on non-communicable diseases held at United Nations Headquarters on 16 June 2011. It also attended the United Nations Summit and High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable diseases, held at United Nations Headquarters on 19 and 20 September 2011, and the following relevant side events:

- NGO briefing entitled “From advocacy to action” presented by the Non-communicable Diseases Alliance
- A presentation on how existing platforms be leveraged to tackle non-communicable diseases
- A presentation on promoting access to essential drugs nationally and in the global South organized by UNDP

The Confederation presented a discussion paper on expectations and needs of parents and patients concerning radiotherapy at an International Atomic Energy Association conference held in Vienna in 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In February, 2012, the Confederation and the leadership of the organization NCD Child met with representatives from UNICEF and the Office of the Secretary-General in Oakland, California, United States of America, to map out a way forward for United Nations engagement.

In April 2012, the Confederation, with WHO, developed an informational brief for World Health Assembly delegates on key childhood cancer issues, challenges and initiatives.

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

Member organizations of the Confederation undertook the following initiatives in support of the Millennium Development Goals:

- Goal 1. The Confederation assisted poor families in developing countries to face the catastrophic costs of childhood cancer, which pushes poor families deeper into poverty or creates transient poverty. It also provided employment and microenterprise assistance to families of children with cancer, and provided skills training, career coaching and employment assistance to adolescent childhood cancer survivors.
- Goal 2. Member organizations globally have established gender-responsive, child-friendly and hospital-based schools where children with cancer can complete their primary education.
- Goal 4. The Confederation contributed to decreasing the child mortality rate related to childhood cancer.

- Goal 8. The Confederation focuses on addressing the special needs of least developed and vulnerable countries, working with Governments and mobilizing resources from civil society organizations to provide access to affordable essential childhood cancer drugs in developing countries, either to medical facilities or directly to families. It is also developing global partnerships by collaborating with WHO, UNICEF and other global health networks, such as the International Society of Paediatric Oncology, the Union for International Cancer Control and NCD Child.

7. International Council of Chemical Associations

Special, 1998

Introduction

Responding to the need for a global chemical industry presence, the International Council of Chemical Associations was created in 1989 to coordinate the work of chemical companies and associations on issues and programmes of international interest. The members of the organization represent trade associations from each region of the world and companies involved in all aspects of the chemical industry. It serves as the main channel of communication between the chemical industry and various international entities such as NGOs and intergovernmental organizations that are concerned with these global issues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization promotes and coordinates the implementation of Responsible Care and other voluntary chemical-industry initiatives in order to help the global chemical industry continuously improve its performance and reputation by tackling global issues. The organization and its members are actively engaged in many areas where the industry needs an authoritative presence, including chemicals product management, regulatory affairs, stakeholder outreach, advocacy and communications.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization's membership increased in 2012 to include the Singapore Chemical Industry.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As one of the goals of the World Summit for Sustainable Development was to minimize the adverse effects of chemicals on human health and the environment by 2020, the organization participated in the formulation and adoption of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management at the International Conference on Chemicals Management, held in 2013.

As part of its commitment to the Strategic Approach, the organization and UNEP signed a memorandum of understanding to advance sound chemicals management and develop effective chemicals management regimes around the world. The organization and UNEP have since collaborated on a number of activities to promote the safe management of chemicals, including a two-year project to promote safer transport and warehousing of chemical products in Africa

and, most recently, finalizing a regulatory toolbox to provide guidance on chemicals management systems.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2010, the organization submitted oral and written statements and actively participated in the following meetings, among others:

- Eleventh session of the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (formerly the Global Civil Society Forum)
- Joint Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade
- Eleventh special session of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, Bali, Indonesia
- Eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, New York

In 2011, the organization participated in the following:

- First intersessional meeting of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, New York
- Twenty-sixth session of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, Nairobi
- Second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, New York
- Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, Geneva
- Eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Doha

In 2013, the organization participated in the following:

- Twenty-seventh session of the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, Nairobi
- Extraordinary Meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, Geneva
- Fourth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, New York
- Nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Warsaw
- Sixth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, held in New York

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization's and its members' main field of cooperation with United Nations bodies is through the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, as described above. It also has a number of joint projects with UNEP and organized with UNEP joint side events on sound chemicals management at the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development in 2011, the regional meeting of the Strategic Approach, held in Nairobi in 2011, and the first session of the open-ended working group of the Strategic Approach, held in in Belgrade in 2011.

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

In the context of the Millennium Development Goals, the organization is engaged in capacity-building efforts to improve the competency of small and medium enterprises in developing countries. From 2010 to 2013, more than 50 capacity-building projects received support from the organization.

8. International Council of Societies of Industrial Design

Special, 1974

Introduction

The International Council of Societies of Industrial Design is a non-profit organization that promotes the interests of the industrial design profession. It works in 50 countries and continues to develop a network of students and professionals in the industrial design community.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The primary aim of the organization is to advance the discipline of industrial design at the international level. Its vision is to create a world where design enhances the social, cultural, economic and environmental quality of life. Its mission is fourfold: to facilitate collaboration among its member organizations; to support and protect the professional practice of industrial design at the regional and international levels; to contribute to the advancement of the study of design in theory, research and practice at all levels of education; and to collaborate with stakeholders to foster a global understanding of design.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization's General Assembly, held in November 2013, approved the withdrawal of the organization from the International Design Alliance. That marked the beginning of a strategic rethinking exercise for the organization to better understand how to meet its mission while supporting its global partners.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization actively participated in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network, which shares several common objectives with the organization's World Design Capital project. The Creative Cities Network includes Torino, Italy, Seoul, Helsinki and Cape Town, South Africa. The organization has been participating as an international non-governmental organization in reviewing applications from cities that want to become part of the Network. In June 2012, it hosted a gathering of delegations of cities at its secretariat.

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

With respect to Goals 2 and 7, the organization continues to support the implementation of interdesign workshops, a platform where global delegates (students and practising designers) collaborate on devising solutions to a specific challenge. In 2013 the organization supported the WeSchool in India to complete the programming and international outreach for an interdesign workshop, Interdesign Mumbai, to be held in February 2014, centred around developing the Mumbai metropolis sustainably, with an emphasis on creating housing around the WeSchool campus.

With respect to Goal 8, the organization's membership of over 168 organizations from 50 different countries organizes international events to provide a valuable platform for cultural and professional exchange. The World Design Capital project is focused on revitalizing cities and local programmes developed by the designated city and encompasses projects centred around health, education and poverty alleviation.

The World Design Impact Prize recognizes and shares best practices of social enterprises and social design projects that focus on maternal and infant health, disease prevention, food security, poverty reduction, education, environmentally sustainable practices and female empowerment.

Interdesign workshops are devoted to analysing, developing and solving issues of international significance. As international forums, these workshops seek to provide innovative and appropriate solutions intended for implementation by bringing local and international designers together.

9. International Council on Jewish Social and Welfare Services

Special, 1962

Introduction

The International Council on Jewish Social and Welfare Services was created in 1962 to coordinate the efforts of its founding organizations in the rescue, relief, resettlement and rehabilitation of refugees and displaced persons in Europe and Asia. Today the organizations under the umbrella of the organization include the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, World Jewish Relief, the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (World ORT) and Magen David Adom. Currently operating in Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa, the members of the organization coordinate activities with other United Nations organizations and

voluntary agencies in the fields of social assistance, vocational training, education, agricultural assistance, economic rehabilitation, health services, emigration, resettlement and related sectors.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Members of the organization continue to promote their work in the field of relief and development programmes. The non-sectarian International Development Programme of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, for example, has programmes that provide a response to natural disasters and serve to assist disaster victims on a non-sectarian basis in both the emergency and the long-term recovery phases of a crisis. The aims and purposes of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society are to provide migration assistance to refugees and migrants, reunite separated families and enable immigrants to build new lives with hope and prosperity. It also provides information and a broad programme of services at all stages of the migration process for refugees and migrants; serves as a communications link between clients, communities of resettlement and government authorities; advocates for fair and just policies affecting refugees and immigrants; and provides a cultural orientation for new migrants.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Member organizations of the organization periodically gather to review and collaborate on policies and programme activities of mutual interest, specifically their international development and disaster relief programmes. Through the coordination of its respective members' goals, the organization implements programmes encompassing disaster relief and international development that simultaneously parallel United Nations resolutions and decisions. Specifically, the organization helps to ensure the economic and social well-being of people through its member organizations' programmes, which ultimately contributes to the United Nations aims of international peace and security.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has sent representatives to meetings of, among others, the former Commission on Human Rights and its Subcommittee on Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization's members cooperate with the Economic and Social Council, UNDP, the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and UNICEF.

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

In addition to providing programmes for humanitarian aid and disaster response, the organization's member organizations further the Goals through the implementation of programmes that promote women's empowerment, alleviate hunger and poverty and propagate partnerships with other non-governmental organizations.

10. International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres

General, 1998

Introduction

The International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres is a global movement that connects community organizations that represent and respond to the different needs, strengths and aspirations of families and communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its mission is to build an inclusive global community by empowering, inspiring and connecting people who are working locally for social justice.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, as Vice-Chair of the NGO Committee on Human Rights, the Federation collaborated actively with Member States, other NGOs and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in organizing the following events at United Nations Headquarters in New York, among others:

- Meeting of the NGO Committee on Human Rights on practices and procedures within the Security Council focusing on the realization of human rights (21 January 2010)
- Meeting of the NGO Committee on Human Rights on human rights as the foundation for progress on the Millennium Development Goals (19 May 2010)
- Briefing by the NGO Committee on Human Rights and the NGO Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women and reception for the members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (26 July 2010)
- Meeting of the NGO Committee on Human Rights on the human rights of migrants, internally displaced persons, refugees and trafficked persons (10 November 2011)
- Meeting of the NGO Committee on Human Rights and the NGO Committee on Disarmament on mobilizing for the human right to peace (28 February 2013)
- Meeting of the NGO Committee on Human Rights and the NGO Committee on Migration on ways to protect and promote the human rights of migrants, in

preparation for the international expert conference Vienna+20: Advancing the Protection of Human Rights (9 May 2013)

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Federation participated in the following meetings at the United Nations:

- Dialogue on learning about human rights and a viable strategy for economic, social and human development, a side event co-sponsored by the Federation during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2010
- Sixty-fourth Annual Department of Public Information/NGO Conference, held in Bonn, Germany, in 2011
- Side event on women empowered by learning human rights during the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Cooperation with the United Nations was as follows:

- On 1 April 2010, the Federation organized and moderated a briefing with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay
- On 6 July 2010, the Federation moderated a briefing for NGOs on the universal periodic review process
- On 19 November 2010, the Federation moderated a briefing at the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the work of the Third Committee, including reports and activities of special rapporteurs and the universal periodic review
- On 30 March 2011, the Federation moderated a dialogue between the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights and NGOs

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

The Federation promoted the realization of the Goals through the following activities:

- Goals 1 and 2. Federation members provided services that focused on safe housing, community gardens and sustainable nutrition as well as educational support for those in need.
- Goal 3. Federation programmes, developed in full partnership with local communities, focused on preventing violence against women, mental health services, childcare programmes and services for the elderly.
- Goals 4 and 5. Federation member organizations provided services for parents and children in poverty that had the effect of reducing child mortality.
- Goal 6. Federation member organizations provided public health services and programmes for people living with HIV/AIDS.

11. International Federation of Training and Development Organizations

Special, 2002

Introduction

The International Federation of Training and Development Organizations was founded in Geneva in 1972 to develop and maintain a worldwide network committed to the identification, development and transfer of knowledge, skills and technology to enhance personal growth, human performance, productivity and sustainable development. It is the most multinational, multicultural training and development organization in the world. Its members form a highly diverse network of human resource management and development organizations globally. The Federation currently represents more than 500,000 professionals in over 30 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation's vision is to be a unique and effective resource for the human resource development profession working globally for the betterment of life. Its mission is to promote the concept of human resource development as an effective organizational tool across all sectors of society, in order to increase personal and organizational effectiveness.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Federation made presentations on topics and matters of interest to the United Nations at its annual conferences, which take place in various countries. It is a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact and a member of the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations. It is also an active member of the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Federation has participated in briefings and other important meetings in New York and elsewhere, including of the United Nations Global Compact, held from 2010 to 2013. It also participated in the meetings of Working Group II of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group II held during the reporting period.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

No initiatives were specified.

12. International First Aid Society

Special, 1998

Introduction

The International First Aid Society was established in Greece with an office in Nigeria. The Society was incorporated on 4 August 1994 and, through a bilateral agreement of cooperation signed with the Government of Nigeria, it established its international operational headquarters, which coordinates its worldwide activities, in Abuja in 1997.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the Society are to teach and render first aid and related services to the needy, especially victims of accidents, natural disasters and war and refugees, in times of peace and war; reduce poverty through skills training and job creation; promote basic education for children and adults in literacy, human rights and general knowledge; promote youth development and empowerment through leadership training, workshops and seminars; and promote international friendship and world peace through active collaboration with and support of the aims, objectives and purposes of the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Society organized and sponsored the commemoration of United Nations days and events every year in various towns and cities in Nigeria, including International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on 21 March, World Health Day on 7 April, World Environmental Day on 5 June, International Literacy Day on 8 September, World Food Day on 16 October, International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on 17 October, United Nations Day on 24 October, World Aids Day on 1 December and Human Rights Day on 10 December, among others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Federation participated in the following meetings, among others:

- Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 2010
- Forty-third session of the Commission on Population and Development, 2010
- Eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, 2010
- Informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector, 2010
- Nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, 2011
- Sixty-fourth Annual Department of Public Information/NGO Conference, 2011
- Fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 2012
- Fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development, 2012

- Fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 2013
- Forty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development, 2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Federation collaborated with the Ministry of Health of Nigeria, WHO and UNICEF to organize national and local immunization campaigns against poliomyelitis, tuberculosis, diphtheria, measles, meningitis, pertussis and vitamin A deficiency from 2010 to 2013.

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

From 2010 to 2013 the Society organized free public first aid seminars for 10,000 beneficiaries to prepare them for medical emergencies and natural disasters. In collaboration with the Government of Nigeria and interested state governments, training in modern beekeeping and other skills was organized for 25,000 jobless young Nigerians.

13. International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission

Special, 2010

Introduction

The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, founded in 1990, is a leading international human rights organization dedicated to improving the lives of people who experience discrimination or abuse on the basis of their sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Commission is dedicated to strengthening the capacity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender human rights movement worldwide to effectively document human rights violations committed on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and share the findings with human rights systems within the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Commission worked closely from 2010 to 2013 with various United Nations human rights treaty monitoring bodies and agencies and with Governments to provide information and facilitate discussion of various human rights violations committed on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2010, the Commission attended several Human Rights Committee meetings, including the Committee's examination of Mexico at its ninety-eighth session.

In 2010, the Commission attended meetings of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in Geneva, including the forty-sixth session, when the Committee examined Argentina, and the forty-seventh session, when the Committee examined Uganda.

In 2011, the Commission attended several meetings of the Human Rights Committee, including the 103rd session, when the Committee examined the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the forty-ninth session, when the Committee examined Costa Rica and Singapore.

In 2012, the Commission attended the nineteenth session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

In 2013, the Commission attended the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York where it organized two side events on the year's theme of violence, discussing violence targeting lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Commission authored a submission to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, which was endorsed by 35 organizations, on the Committee's development of a general comment on access to justice. A Commission representative also testified before the Committee in Geneva on 18 February 2013. The organization observed Human Rights Day every year by organizing a high-level panel with OHCHR and a group of Member States at United Nations Headquarters in New York. It also collaborated with OHCHR and various permanent missions to organize a high-level meeting that adopted the Ministerial Declaration on Ending Violence and Discrimination against Individuals Based on Their Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity on 26 September 2013.

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

The Commission observed World AIDS Day every year on 1 December.

14. International Health Awareness Network

Special, 1998

Introduction

The International Health Awareness Network has advisory council members in the United Republic of Tanzania, Jordan, Kenya, India, Switzerland, Turkey, Pakistan, the United States of America, Australia, Bangladesh, South Africa, China, Egypt, Niger, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Dominican Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Japan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the Network is to educate, empower and provide health care to women and children with a focus on underserved groups globally; to develop, fund and implement projects related to education; to organize conferences, workshops and health-care training programmes; to work with the United Nations and other organizations to advocate for and implement policies and programmes that promote

the health of all in an environment of protected human rights and peace; and to participate in international and national health-related and development conferences.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Members of the Network served on the Commission on the Status of Women NGO Planning Committee and as volunteers for various activities at each of the annual sessions of the Commission in New York. During those sessions side events organized by the Network on issues of gender equity and social/economic issues germane to global health drew capacity audiences. Conferences sponsored by the Network at universities in the New York area exposed young people to the mission of the United Nations and the pressing need for citizen involvement for sustainable development. Network members attended all briefings held by the Department of Public Information. A project related to capacity-building to reduce maternal and infant mortality is ongoing in the United Republic of Tanzania. Health teaching is continuing in the Dominican Republic in a preschool and primary school setting. Global outreach was facilitated by cooperation with African Views, a non-profit organization that produces radio programmes with global affiliates. The Network participated in four broadcasts on human rights, building self-esteem in girls and education of women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Network participated in the following meetings:

- Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, New York, 9-11 December 2013
- High-level Forum on the Culture of Peace, United Nations, New York, 6 September 2013
- Sixty-fourth Annual Department of Public Information/NGO Conference, Bonn, Germany 3-5 September 2011
- DPI conference preceding the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 3-5 June 2012, where the Network sponsored an event on education for sustainable development
- In addition, the Network sponsored 42 students to attend the Economic and Social Council Youth Forum held at United Nations Headquarters on 27 March 2013

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The Network contributed to achievement of all eight Goals, with a focus on goals 3, 4, 5 and 6. The Network supported the achievement goal 2, universal primary education, by providing scholarships to underprivileged students in Sri

Lanka, India and South Africa and in the Bronx, New York. Goals 1, 7 and 8 were addressed through partnership with a university to bring water to a rural village in Ecuador. The Network observed World AIDS Day and the International Day of Older Persons each year. Social media sources such as Twitter and Facebook were used to promote the development and implementation of the Goals.

15. ISIS: Women's International Cross-Cultural Exchange

Special, 2002

Introduction

ISIS: Women's International Cross Cultural Exchange is a women's human rights organization whose mandate is to strengthen women's leadership in conflict and post-conflict settings to participate fully in peacebuilding, good governance and development. Founded in 1974 in Geneva, the organization relocated to Uganda in 1994 to tap the voices of African women and link them to debates and campaigns taking place at the national, regional and international levels.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Through its values of justice, equality and fairness, the organization envisions women living in peace and women recreating peace. Its mission is to ignite women's leadership, amplify their voices and deepen their activism. Its operations are international in nature, with a primary focus on Africa.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization:

- Participated in the working group on Nepal at the tenth session of the universal periodic review of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, January/February 2011
- Presented a paper on gender and poverty from an African perspective at the UN-Women conference on gender equality in the post-2015 development framework, held in Kenya from 16 to 18 October 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

At the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women held during the reporting period, the organization participated in the following events:

- At the fifty-seventh session (2013), the organization organized a side event on weaving women's power into peace and nation-building.
- At the fifty-sixth session (2012), the organization co-hosted three conversation circles on Women, human rights and peace and security.
- At the fifty-fifth session (2011), the organization presented two papers.
- At the fifty-fourth session (2010), the organization organized two side events.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) provided the organization with space to participate in and exhibit at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Organization of African Unity, held in Addis Ababa from 19 to 22 May 2013.

In 2011, the organization organized a meeting for women survivors of conflict that was attended by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict.

In 2010, the organization, the UN-Women Liaison Office to the African Union and ECA organized in Addis Ababa a photo exhibition on violations of the bodily integrity of women in conflicts.

On 20 and 21 May 2010, the organization participated in the UNDP practitioners' consultations in preparation for the report of the Secretary-General on women's participation in peacebuilding.

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

- Goal 2:
 - In 2012 and 2013, the organization provided educational materials and rainwater-harvesting tanks to three primary schools in Uganda;
 - In 2012, the organization conducted a study on child marriage in the Kasese district of Uganda, highlighting key actions to curb this evil and increase the retention of girls in school.
- Goal 3:
 - In 2010, the organization trained 53 female leaders in South Sudan in leadership and governance.
 - In 2013, the organization held a high-level brainstorming meeting on women's leadership and governance for female politicians and activists from Uganda, South Sudan, Liberia and Zimbabwe.
 - The organization trained a total of 220 female human rights defenders from Uganda, Liberia, South Sudan, Zimbabwe, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nepal and Myanmar.
- Goal 5:
 - In South Sudan, the organization trained 61 health workers in the management of fistulae and other sexual and reproductive disorders, organized a surgical camp for 23 fistula survivors and provided medicines and maternal health-related equipment to a hospital and two health-care centres.
 - In Uganda, the organization provided maternity delivery beds and other basic supplies to a health-care centre.
 - In Uganda, from 2010 to 2013, the organization conducted cervical cancer screening and provided treatment for other ailments for 4,377 women and trained 19 health workers on cervical cancer screening.

- Goal 6:
 - The organization and the Urgent Action Fund provided start-up grants to 23 groups of women living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda, Liberia and Zimbabwe.
 - The organization trained 37 female leaders living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda and enhanced their capacity on women's rights and the existing law.
 - The organization packaged and disseminated information on women's leadership on HIV/AIDS.
 - The organization conducted health camps providing medical treatment and counselling for 7,039 women and men in Liberia, Uganda and Kashmir. A total of 395 women and men underwent surgical operations.
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