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## **1. Socialist International Women**

### **Special, 1991**

#### **Introduction**

Socialist International Women (SIW) gathers the women's organizations of the socialist, social democratic and labour parties affiliated to the Socialist International (SI). There are 139 member organizations worldwide.

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

SIW's aims are to promote gender equality and women's rights and end all forms of discrimination against women; strengthen relations between member organizations of SIW in order to coordinate political positions and activities; and encourage its member organizations to ensure the implementation of declarations adopted at SIW meetings.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

On 20 January 2012, SIW held a Council meeting about 'women's rights to sexual and reproductive freedom', during which a declaration was adopted, urging Member States to adopt policies that guarantee the sexual and reproductive rights of women and girls. Declarations were also adopted after the conclusion of the following Council meetings:

- Istanbul, Turkey, November 2013: 'The Millennium Development Goals and the Post-2015 Development Agenda';
- Mexico City, Mexico, June 2014: '20th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action'. The declaration urged the Member States to ratify without reservation the Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; and
- Geneva, Switzerland, December 2014: SIW presented its vision on the 'Beijing+20'.

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

SIW representatives attended the 55th, 56th, 57th and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 22 February-4 March 2011; 27 February-9 March 2012; 4-15 March 2013; and 4-15 March 2014, New York. Each year, SIW hosted a side event jointly with a Permanent Mission to the United Nations. SIW also attended the 21st and 22nd Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Vienna, Austria, 6-7 December 2012 and 22-26 April 2013.

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

SIW's cooperation with the United Nations takes place at the international level, through advocacy, outreach, and participation at United Nations events.

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

SIW's activities focus on supporting the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

## **2. Society for Development and Community Empowerment**

### **Special, 2011**

#### **Introduction**

Society for Development and Community Empowerment (SDCE) was established in 2002 in Nigeria. Its thematic areas of work include health, education and the environment.

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

SDCE aims to improve the development and socioeconomic well-being of communities, through advocacy, empowerment initiatives, and public campaigns, using technology as a tool in solving human problems; and help transitioning economies towards more sustainable modes of consumption and production.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

SDCE created farming activities for 200 indigenous women and worked on improving the level of care for their children in Andoni and Obio Akpor, two local Government Areas of Rivers State, Nigeria. In addition, SDCE helped women assess their risk for sexually transmitted diseases (STI), including HIV/AIDS and take protective actions. It created a forum for issues of gender discrimination and held advocacy and sensitisation workshops for communities.

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

SDCE representatives attended:

- the 2nd and 3rd Annual United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights, 3-4 December 2013, and 1-3 December 2014, Geneva, Switzerland;
- the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the realisation of the Millennium Development Goals, 23rd September 2013, New York; and
- the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Indigenous Peoples, 22-23 September 2014, New York.

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

SDCE has been a member of United Nations Global Compact since 2013. The organization is also a signatory to The Green Industry Platform, which promotes practices such as improving resource efficiency, strengthening waste management, promoting technology transfer and encouraging green industries in Nigeria.

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

SDCE commemorated the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and the World AIDS Day, and contributed to the transition from the MDGs to the SDGs. In Nigeria, SDCE promotes the Digital Literacy Curriculum (Microsoft) and the E-Learning Programme for children in rural schools without internet access. SDCE partnered with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Federal Ministry of Youth Development to host a workshop on the Effective Participation of Youth in the 2015 General Election in Nigeria. SDCE also partnered with the Commonwealth Governance in the area of Local and State Government Accountability.

**3. Society for Human Advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment (SHADE)****Special, 2011****Introduction**

The Society for Human Advancement and Disadvantaged Empowerment (SHADE) works for the empowerment and the rights of women and girls. The organization focuses on 8 districts of Baluchistan, in the Sindh and Punjab provinces of Pakistan.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

SHADE works for the advancement of women and girls through awareness raising activities, advocacy, and assistance. The organization works in rural areas and societies where women's human rights are violated and domestic violence is common. Activities include formation of women councils in villages, skill training, sensitisation sessions, workshops, and signature campaigns. SHADE also lobbies at the local and provincial level to pass resolutions and support bills in favour of women rights.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

In 2012, in district Naseerabad, Balochistan, Pakistan, SHADE delivered the message of the Secretary General of the United Nations "Empower rural women-End hunger and poverty", through a seminar and other activities. The organization worked with the Union Councils Sorah and Cattle farm to provide skill trainings to strengthen rural women economically and reduce their level of poverty. Trainings on the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women were also organized with law enforcing agencies and lawyers.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Representatives attended the 57th and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 4-15 March 2013 and 10-21 March 2014, New York.

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

During the reporting period, SHADE received funding from United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). In 2011-2012, after the floods in Pakistan, 250 shelters were constructed in collaboration with the UNHCR. Until 2011, SHADE collaborated with United Nations Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to provide skill training to female and male youth and give them interest free small loans in order to start their own business.

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

The organization contributed to the MDGs through its programme “Bringing change by implementing MDGs”. On MDG 1, SHADE provided skill training and free materials to empower poor women economically. In support of MDG 2, the organization provided books, uniforms, school shoes, and utensils to 3,500 poor children aged 5-12 and enrolled them at primary schools in the Jaffarabad district, Pakistan. For MDGs 4 and 5, sensitisation sessions were conducted with the help of female doctors, in order to improve pre- and post-natal care in various villages.

## **4. Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology**

### **Special, 2011**

#### **Introduction**

The Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP) is an association of the world’s top workplace behavioural scientists with more than 8,000 members from 43 countries.

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

SIOP seeks to advance the science and practice of organizational psychology; improve the quality of working life; and impact global organizations’ policies regarding corporate social responsibility, gender and ethnic diversity and sustainability initiatives.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

SIOP presented statements to the Economic and Social Council’s (ECOSOC) Annual Ministerial Review High-level Segment, New York, 2-9 July 2012. It co-authored a report for the United Nations Development Programme’s (UNDP) Istanbul International Centre on poverty reduction. It joined the United Nations Global Compact and co-chaired the Psychology Day at the United Nations in April 2013 and 2014. Representatives also serve on the Americans for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) board of directors.

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

Representatives attended:

- the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, New York, 17 September 2013;
- the Stakeholders’ Forum on Challenges and Achievements in the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for Women and Girls: The Road Ahead, United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 4-5 December 2013;
- “Beijing+20 — Leaving No One Behind: Women, Poverty, and Participation”, by the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, New York, 16 October 2014; and
- Subcommittee meetings on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, New York, 2014-2015; and
- the 58th Session of CSW, New York, 10-21 March 2014, where it co-authored written and oral statements.

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

SIOP continues to oversee the development of leadership competencies for the United Nations International Children’s Fund (UNICEF). Besides, the organization collaborated with the International Labour Organization (ILO) on a seminar delivered at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, April 2013.

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

SIOP contributed to MDG 1 and 7 through an effort to build the necessary skills for strategic infrastructure projects in South Africa.

## **5. Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses**

### **Special, 2007**

#### **Introduction**

Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM) works in the field of health and socioeconomic development. It helps vulnerable children, youth, women and society at large who struggle with poverty, homelessness, drug dependence and HIV/AIDS.

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

SPYM’s aim is to enable disadvantaged populations to maximise their potential, increase their abilities, and enhance human dignity by providing quality services within available resources.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

SPYM collaborated with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), and the United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) on training workshops on substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention. It became a member of the Juvenile Justice Committee in India to urge the Government to act towards child protection. It conducted a pilot study on substance abuse among school dropout children in order to suggest measures to curb juvenile delinquency and established recovery centres for homeless people and children. Finally, it promoted the practice of basic human rights with a special focus on rights of migrated community, children, and the homeless.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

SPYM's representatives attended the 11th Paris Pact Consultative Group Meeting, Vienna, Austria, 2014, and the 11th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand, 2013. SPYM has actively participated in the meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of UNODC in the last three years. It also participates regularly in the United Nations meetings at the national level.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

SPYM facilitated a five day Training Workshop on Implementation of Drug Use Prevention and Drug Treatment Services for Children, Adolescents and Families, conducted for UNODC, New Delhi, India. It also continues to provide services to United Nations bodies such as the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, UNAIDS, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and UNODC, among others.

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

SPYM regularly organizes health camps for homeless people; community Audio Visual Programmes on Reproductive Child Health; Self Help Groups within homeless communities to facilitate their linkage with Nationalised Banks for opening bank accounts; and free distribution of meals. In addition, SPYM established Opioid Substitution Therapy Centres for Injecting Drug Users and Recovery Centres for Children in Addiction.

**Additional information**

SPYM was rewarded in 2014 with a National Award for best innovative practices for drug abuse prevention and treatment.

## **6. Society for the Protection of Unborn Children**

### **Special, 1999**

#### **Introduction**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is part of the worldwide pro-life movement, which calls for justice for the most vulnerable human beings: unborn children.

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

SPUC aims to promote the protection of innocent human life, in law, from fertilisation until natural death. SPUC is affiliated with the International Right to Life Federation.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

SPUC representatives have attended numerous United Nations meetings to lobby delegates and protect innocent human life at all its stages of development.

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

Representatives attended:

- the NGO committee, 25 July-3 June 2011; 16-24 May 2011; 30 January-8 February 2012; 21-30 January 2013; 27 January-5 February 2014, New York;
- the 55th, 56th, 57th, and 58th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 21 February-4 March 2011, 27 February-9 March 2012, 4-15 March 2013, 10-21 March 2014, New York;
- meetings of the Human Rights Council, 12-30 September 2011, 10-28 September 2012, 25 February-22 March 2013, 3-28 March 2014; Geneva, Switzerland;
- United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Annual Ministerial Review, 4-8 July 2011, Geneva, Switzerland; 2-9 July 2012, New York; 5-9 July 2013; Geneva, Switzerland;
- meetings of the Third Committee of the General Assembly, 3-14 October 2011, 29 October-9 November 2012, 14-25 October 2013, 20-31 October 2014, New York; and
- the Committee on the Rights of the Child, 13-31 January 2014, Geneva, Switzerland.

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

No cooperation was specified.



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

No activities were specified.

## **7. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues**

### **Special, 1991**

#### **Introduction**

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) brings together a “national group of socially minded psychologists” to address socioeconomic issues.

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

The Society seeks to bring theory and practice to focus on human problems, through conferences, grants, the publication of ‘The Journal of Social Issues’, and books.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

SPSSI organized 24 side events, submitted over 10 statements, and spearheaded the development of the Psychology Coalition at the United Nations (PCUN). Representatives have met with over 80 Missions around the inclusion of well-being in the United Nations goals. SPSSI has started a new NGO committee on SOGI (Sexual Orientation; Gender Identity); it is member-at-large of the Executive Committee on Human Rights, the NGO Committee on Indigenous People and the NGO Committee on Ageing; and it is affiliated with the NGO Committee on the Status of Women and with the NGO Committee on Mental Health.

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

SPSSI organized several side events during United Nations meetings, including the following:

- “Promoting Resilience, Health and Empowerment for Social Development: A Psychosocial Perspective”, Commission on Social Development (CSOcD), February 2013;
- “Eliminating Harmful Social And Cultural Practices Affecting African Children: Our Collective Responsibility”, United Nations Event, 14 June 2013; and
- “Eradicating Stigma & Promoting Psychosocial Well Being, Mental Health and Resilience in the Ebola Epidemic: Policies and Practices to Protect the Global Community”, December 2014.

The organization also submitted a statement “The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current

challenges”, during the 56th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 2012.

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

SPSSI participated in the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) International Conference, 2014, by sponsoring two workshops about Recovering Stolen Childhoods through Education.

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

The organization supported MDGs 3, 4, 5, and 7, through:

- advocacy to include mental health, stress-related disorders, and psychosocial wellbeing in the General Assembly Open Working Group Sustainable Development Goals;
- a parallel event on “The Impact of Women’s Peace-making/Peacebuilding on Progress in Achieving Gender Equality, Empowerment of Women and Girls, and the MDGs” during the 58th session of CSW, 2014; and
- discussions in a 2014 DPI Briefing Panel on “Global Violence: Psychological Perspectives, Prevention, Intervention and Future Trends”.

## **8. Society for Upliftment of Masses, The**

### **Special, 1999**

#### **Introduction**

The Society for Upliftment of Masses (SUM) was established in New Delhi, India, in 1995. Its operations cover the entire country and focus on social and medical welfare.

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

The primary aim of the Society is to provide a forum for its members to improve people’s quality of life. Activities address the issues of human rights, health, water and sanitation, child education, empowerment of women and catalysing youth.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

SUM prepared several documents that contribute to the work of the United Nations: ‘The Future We Want for the Health of the Nations of the World’ was widely circulated in the context of United Nations activities to finalise the post 2015 agenda; ‘Do girls have a right to be born? A study of female foeticide in India’; and comments to the United Nations on the ‘Sustainable Development Goals’. Advocacy campaigns were also organized on issues like ‘Stop unethical medical practices’,

‘Provide Geriatric and Palliative Care’, and ‘Provide access to safe water’, among others.

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

Representatives attended the 64th Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO meeting, 3-5 September 2011, Bonn, Germany; and the High-level Segment of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), 1-4 July 2013, Geneva, Switzerland.

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

The Society submitted oral and written statements in 2013 and 2014. In 2013, the statement drew attention to the need to provide access to affordable drugs. Several strategies were suggested in the 2014 Statement for sustaining gains relating to health in the Post-MDG era. In addition, the World Health Organization (WHO) published a book in 2012 titled “Access to Safe Drinking Water is a Basic Human Right”, with 96 paintings by children from all over the country, who participated in the contest organized by the Society on the theme ‘Access to safe drinking water is our Human Right’.

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

Painting, slogan, and photography contests are held all over India every year on issues related to the MDGs. Some examples are listed below:

- Painting contest on “Let us save this earth”; and slogan contest on “One contribution that I can make to make it a better world is.....”, 2011-2012.
- Painting, slogan and online-photography contest, and debate at the University of Delhi on ‘Yes, I am a city changer’, 2012-2013.
- Slogan contest on the theme ‘Gender Equality’, Painting competition on the theme ‘Creating the Future We Want’, 2013-2014.

## **9. Sociologists for Women in Society**

### **Special, 1999**

#### **Introduction**

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) works to improve women’s lives through advancing and supporting feminist sociological research, activism, and scholars.

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

SWS’s objectives are to encourage the development of sociological feminist theory and scholarship; transform the academy through feminist leadership, career development, and institutional diversity; promote social justice through local, national, and international activism; and support the publication and dissemination of feminist social science.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

SWS disseminates feminist social science through a highly regarded peer-reviewed scholarly journal, 'Gender & Society', and a quarterly newsletter, 'SWS Network News'. SWS also produces succinct Fact Sheets on timely topics concerning women and girls for use in classrooms and the media. It incorporates a focus on global concerns through its international committee, which, among its tasks, sponsors partnerships between SWS and academic feminist organizations globally. In addition, members contribute to gender equality by focusing their research on topics such as diversity in family forms, intersectional explanations for gender inequality, and the impact of women on higher education.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The organization participated in the 55th, 56th, 57th, and 58th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 22 February-4 March 2011, 27 February-9 March 2012, 4-15 March 2013, 10-21 March 2014, New York, during which it submitted written statements and held side events titled "Feminist Responses to Violence Against Women and Girls", 2013, and "Feminine Socialization to Feminist Social Change", 2014.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

In 2014, the organization held the "Weekly gender-café" in Viet Nam, for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) staff.

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

Through teaching and scholarly research, most SWS members are involved in gender equality promotion, in support of MDG 3. SWS members teach primarily in secondary and tertiary institutions and also in religious centres and voluntary organizations.

## **10. Soroptimist International of Europe**

**Special, 2011****Introduction**

Soroptimist International of Europe (SIE) gathers 35,000 professional women working to build a better world for women and girls through awareness, advocacy, and action. The organization is currently present in 60 countries in Eastern and Western Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

The organization aims to improve the lives of women in the areas of education, economic empowerment, elimination of violence against women, health, and sustainable environment. All Soroptimist projects are implemented locally, and

many are focused on advocacy and the fight for women's rights at the local, national, and international levels.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

The organization co-organized a pre-conference to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio+20, with the Women for Water Partnership at the 6th World Water Forum in Marseille, France, 12-17 March 2012, with the theme "Women's leadership in the service of water"; and a conference entitled "The Gender Forum", in partnership with the Women for Water Partnership, in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 19 August 2012.

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

Representatives attended:

- the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Beijing+20 Regional Review Meeting, 6-7 November 2014, Geneva, Switzerland;
- the interactive roundtable organized by the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, 4 November 2014, Geneva, Switzerland;
- the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Liaison Committee on the occasion of the 2014 United Nations International Literacy Day at UNESCO in Paris, France, 8 September 2014;
- the 56th, 57th and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 27 February-9 March 2012, 4-15 March 2013, 10-21 March 2014, New York, during which it delivered oral statements; and
- the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio+20, 20-22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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

SIE collaborated with the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the World Health Organization's (WHO) Department for Violence and Injury Prevention, and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on a large international research project on violence against women in 2014.

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

The organization contributed to MDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7. During the reporting period, members reported approximately 3,000 projects per year, with funds raised for projects and scholarships of approximately EUR 7 million per year.

## **11. SOS Kinderdorf International**

### **Special, 1995**

#### **Introduction**

SOS Kinderdorf International (SOS-KDI) is the umbrella organization for more than 130 affiliated national SOS Children's Villages associations worldwide. It provides direct services in the areas of care, education and health for children at risk of losing or who have lost parental care.

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

SOS-KDI supports strengthening programmes to prevent separation for children at risk of losing parental care, and the implementation of quality care standards for children separated from family, across all regions of the world.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

SOS-KDI brought the voices of children and young people without or at risk of losing parental care to the My World Survey and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) World We Want 2015 online platform. SOS-KDI has engaged through the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development sessions in partnership with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), to ensure children remain at the centre of the Post 2015 Development Agenda. The organization also made specific recommendations for indicators that monitor the progress for the most vulnerable and marginalized children under the auspices of the SDGs.

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

Representatives attended the United Nations World Conference on Youth in Colombo, Sri Lanka, May 2014, and the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum, June 2014, where SOS-KDI organized a side event with the support of the Governments of Austria and Nepal titled "The Future We Want for Us-Young People's Vision of the Post-2015 Agenda" that raised the issues of young people leaving alternative care.

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

With UNICEF and other NGOs, SOS-KDI co-funded and oversaw the development and launch of the "Moving Forward" handbook in 2011. SOS KDI contributed to the ongoing monitoring work of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child through alternative reports. Further, national associations from, inter alia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Colombia contributed to the monitoring work of the Human Rights Council through Joint Stakeholder Submissions for the Universal Periodic Reviews. SOS-KDI also participated as an associate member in annual meetings of the UNICEF-convened Child Protection Working Group and supported the task force for the Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action.

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

Many programmes of SOS-KDI support the MDGs, including the following:

- support of the communities' economic empowerment through village savings and loans groups and advocacy for child sensitive social protection;
- mobilisation of resources to establish community schools and advocate for equitable access to quality education;
- education and empowerment of women with personal development training;
- provision of mobile medical services, skilled birth attendants, and mother and child clinics; and
- provision of education, social and psychosocial support for HIV/AIDS affected families.

## **12. SOS Education**

### **Special consultative status, 2011**

#### **Introduction**

SOS Education is a non-governmental organization whose mission is to contribute to national progress by making schools a tool of socioeconomic development, integration and peace.

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

The aim of the organization is to combat poverty through education for the poorest.

Its objectives are to promote non-violence and respect for educational values through education; to assist teachers and poor students; to provide food to school canteens and medications to school health centres; and to encourage the government in its school enrolment policy.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

SOS Education has participated in the activities of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) through its written reports.

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

No information provided.

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

SOS Education has cooperated with ECOSOC as part of its activities since its accreditation in July 2011.

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

The organization sent a letter during the 2013 High-level Segment of ECOSOC on the Millennium Development Goals.

**13. South Sudanese Women Christian Mission for Peace**

**Special, 2011**

**Introduction**

South Sudan Women Christian Mission for Peace aims to reach the unreached and facilitate and support appropriate community empowerment and other required services, especially in rural areas, in a sustainable manner.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

The organization's objectives are to empower rural communities and sustain their participatory development initiative and leadership; build on the communities' capacities to fight ignorance, poverty and 'dependency' through trainings; increase equitable access to quality and relevant education delivery; advocate for the elimination of all kinds of violence and abuses against women and children; conduct peace education activities among Sudanese women and create general awareness on civic education; and improve the economic conditions of women and promote and ensure women's access to public power and decision making positions in all sectors and at all levels.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

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

The organization contributes to improve women's status through participation in poverty reduction and awareness raising about women's protection, health, and education, with the objectives to avail equal opportunities to girls' education and reduce illiteracy rates. The organization also works to deepen the concept of human rights by protecting women against violations of their constitutional rights and combating violence against women and child.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Representatives attended the 56th, 57th, and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 27 February-9 March 2012, 4-15 March 2013, 10-21 March 2014, New York.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

No cooperation was specified.



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

The organization supported the MDGs in:

- conducting 35 awareness raising events about women issues, ending violence against women and improving maternal and child health;
- participating in combating women illiteracy through illiteracy reduction programmes and parallel girls' education; and
- improving the economic situation of women through small projects aiming to eradicate extreme poverty.

## **14. Southern Diaspora Research and Development Center, Inc. The**

### **Special, 2003**

#### **Introduction**

The Southern Diaspora Research and Development Center, Inc. (SDRDC) seeks to create new alternatives for Sustainable Development in developing countries.

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

The organization aims to implement NGO action proposals, the vision statements of the Algerian Declaration, the Earth Charter, the Millennium Forum and the action goals of the World Conference on Racism in Durban, South Africa, and the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

During the reviewing period, SDRDC provided assistance with housing and local transportation for NGOs to attend United Nations activities and disseminated information about the United Nations and its agencies to its constituencies.

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

Representatives attended many United Nations meeting, including the following:

- 55th, 56th, 57th and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 2011-2014, New York;
- 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th Session on the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and related side events, 2011-2014, New York;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio+20, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20 to 22 June 2012;

- Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Civil Society Forum to Build Public-Private Partnerships for Universal Education through Science, Technology and Innovation, 16 May 2013, New York;
- 19th, 26th and 27th Meeting of the Human Right Council, 27 February-23 March 2012, 10-27 June 2014, 8-26 September 2014, Geneva, Switzerland; and
- World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, 22-23 September 2014, New York.

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

SDRDC disseminated information on the United Nations to Southern NGOs. Besides, for every Annual Global Indigenous and NGO Consultation during the reporting period, SDRDC collaborated with the United Nations Secretariat for the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to provide meeting spaces, craft exhibits, and meet with the Expert Members of the Permanent Forum with Indigenous Peoples and NGOs in preparation for the sessions.

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

SDRDC registered a Global Partnership of 32 organizations of African Descent from Panama to Belize to work on the MDGs in Central America, creating community self-help Master Plan Initiatives on the MDGs. This Regional Integration Initiative will continue beyond 2014. SDRDC and the South African Women's Organization co-sponsored a parallel event during the High-level Ministers Meeting on the MDGs with the Deputy Minister of Social Development of South Africa, 23 September 2011.

### **15. Sucardif Association**

#### **Special, 2011**

##### **Introduction**

Sucardif Association advocates and lobbies the Government to improve the state of libraries in Ghana and promote youth programmes aimed at eradicating poverty.

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

The organization's main objective is to eradicate poverty by championing community participation in developmental programmes such as community library projects and small scale income generation programmes.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

Sucardif Association submitted a written statement on "The Provision and Promotion of Learning Empowerment, Reducing Poverty and Providing Decent

Jobs” to the Economic and Social Council’s (ECOSOC) High-level Segment, Annual Ministerial Review, in 2012.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The organization attended a conference in Europe, related to the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, 17-23 February 2012, Geneva, Switzerland.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

No cooperation was specified.

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

Sucardif Association, in collaboration with 10 Municipal Assemblies in Ghana, organized forums to sensitise school-aged children on the importance of libraries in the development of productive capacity and increasing academic and job opportunities in line with MDGs 1, 2 and 3.

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