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1. Beijing Zhicheng Migrant Workers' Legal Aid and Research Center

Special, 2011

Introduction

Beijing Zhicheng Migrant Workers' Legal Aid and Research Center (BZMW) was the first non-profit organization to provide full time, professional legal aid to migrant workers in China.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to ensure access to justice for migrant workers by establishing a strong civil society support and promoting the protection of migrant workers' rights within the legal profession in China. BZMW carries out its aims through:

- legal aid services to migrant workers;
- the training of legal aid lawyers for better provision of pro bono legal services;
- increasing migrant workers' awareness of their rights and availabilities of legal aid; and
- evidence-based research on labour laws and policies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

BZMW works to increase access to justice for migrant workers, improving their capacity to protect their rights; and promote social and economic policies on the interests of the poor and disadvantaged. During the reporting period, it conducted 96,247 consultations involving about 250,000 people and handled 16,132 cases. It organized know-your-rights training sessions for migrant workers. More than 24,000 migrant workers have been trained in the past four years. BZMW conducted evidence-based research on problems that have been identified through cases with current labour laws and legal aid regulations in order to improve laws and policies. It has participated in the revisions on related laws and regulations and has published its findings.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

BZMW attended the 50th Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD) on 1 February 2012 and the 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) on 28 February 2012, in New York. Furthermore, it attended the first round of "informal-informal" negotiations of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio+20, 22 March 2012, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

On 21 October 2014, Xu Haoliang, Assistant to the United Nations Secretary General, Director of Asia-Pacific of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) visited BZMW.

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

In support of MDG 3, BZMW elaborated a questionnaire survey in 2011 to investigate the female workers' living and working conditions, and completed a report on equal treatment of female and male workers. Furthermore, it cooperated with Beijing Civil Affair Bureau on providing legal aid lawyers in divorce cases representing the poor women and conducted legal training programme for women. In order to promote partnerships among developing countries of South-East Asia, toward MDG 8, BZMW is in discussion with UNDP about the establishment of a platform for experience sharing, cooperation and internship among civil societies in developing countries of Asia.

2. Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti Jaipur

Special, 2007

Introduction

Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti Jaipur (BMVSS) is a registered society operating mostly in India. It also operates in other parts of the world through joint venture (Colombia) associate centres (Pakistan, Philippines, Mauritius) and camps.

Aims and purposes of the organization

BMVSS aims to rehabilitate the disabled, particularly the resource-less in India and the world by providing artificial limbs, callipers, wheelchairs and other aids and appliances to the disabled. On a selective basis, efforts are also made for economic rehabilitation of the disabled.

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, a total number of 246,653 beneficiaries were provided aids and appliances such as limbs/callipers, crutches, hand paddled tricycles, wheelchairs. Besides, patients in spot camps were recipients in Afghanistan, Republic of Iraq, Sri Lanka, Liberia, Senegal, and Mauritius.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

BMVSS's coverage of disabled people has grown enormously, contributing to MDG 1. More than 1.45 million disabled have been benefited since the organization's inception. 95% of its patients are below the poverty line. BMVSS has also supported the economic rehabilitation of the disabled on a selective basis.

3. Buddha's Light International Association**Special, 2003****Introduction**

Buddha's Light International Association (BLIA), an international organization for Buddhist monastic and lay people, was founded in 1992 in California, United States of America. BLIA is an organization that belongs to all the Buddhists around the world. Currently, over 200 BLIA chapters with 6 million members have been established worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

BLIA's mission is to apply tenets of Humanistic Buddhism to benefit society through promoting education, raising gender equality, providing medical services and emergency relief, and supporting environmental sustainability.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In May and June 2013, BLIA Lisbon Chapter in Portugal held the 2nd "Changes for Charity" fundraising event. All donations from the event were donated to the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) and used to help around 200 children in developing countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In addition to attending the weekly United Nations Department of Information (DPI)/NGO briefings, communication workshops, and Town Hall meetings, BLIA has attended the following major events: 55th and 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 22 February-4 March 2011 and 04-15 March 2013, New York; 64th and 65th DPI/NGO Annual Conference, 03-05 September 2011 in Bonn, Germany and 27-29 August, 2014 in New York; and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), 13-22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the 65th Annual DPI/NGO Conference, the BLIA “Bringing Life into the World” exhibition was on display on the first floor of the United Nations building, showing large posters of “Hospital Los Angeles Ciudad Del Este” in Paraguay, an institute committed to serving women and children.

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

In support of MDG 1, BLIA chapters worldwide observed the International Day of Persons with Disability on 3 December 2014 by donating around 1,000 wheelchairs to support the local disabled communities. Working with the Despacho de la Primera Dama de La Nacin, in the Republic of Paraguay, a total of 420 soybean machines produced more than 3,200,000 litres of soybean milk for people in need.

Toward MDG 4, in Iguacu, the Republic of Paraguay, 21 incubators for caring premature new-born babies were sponsored and installed in free clinic local health facilities. These free health facilities have served over 635,000 patients and delivered nearly 33,000 new-born babies since 2003, in support of MDG 5.

For MDG 7, BLIA has encouraged people to become vegetarian since 1992, leading to a reduction of CO2 emissions as some research estimates that a single vegetarian can reduce the amount of CO2 released into the atmosphere by 1,609 lbs every year.

4. Cameroun terre nouvelle

Special, 2011

Introduction

Cameroun terre nouvelle is an active Cameroonian youth NGO without political affiliation for the defence of human rights and freedoms.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization promotes a culture of peace, intercultural dialogue and sustainable development. Its aim is to reduce poverty and organize individuals into a social force for sustainable development, solidarity, respect for the individual and conservation of social, cultural and traditional goods.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Cameroun terre nouvelle organizes round-table discussions moderated by experts and dealing, in particular, with the promotion of a culture of peace and respect for human rights within communities, with the participation of other national associations. The organization also takes part in the online petitions launched on the United Nations website. Lastly, it has established a sports and

academic training centre for the organization of sporting and cultural events on the theme “Peace as a priority enabler of development in sports and culture”.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Cameroon terre nouvelle participates in meetings organized by United Nations agencies based in Yaoundé, including meetings hosted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperates with United Nations bodies, especially in the development of traditional and genetic knowledge and in initiatives in support of indigenous peoples. The organization has observer status at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and cooperates with UNESCO in that area. It is also preparing to sign a partnership agreement with UNDP under the programme on capacity-building for sustainable development, in order to assist the most disadvantaged communities in Cameroon.

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

The organization has carried out a number of initiatives in the framework of the Millennium Development Goals. For example, it has encouraged young people to work in agriculture and has developed tuber growing and poultry and pig farming, with a view to achieving Goal 1. In relation to Goal 4, it has participated in awareness-raising campaigns to reduce child mortality. Lastly, in relation to Goal 7, it has planted trees in ravines in some neighbourhoods of Douala to prevent landslides and keep the ravines from widening.

5. Campaign Life Coalition

Special, 1999

Introduction

Campaign Life Coalition (CLC) is a Canadian-based grassroots organization that works to restore the right to life, from conception to natural death, at all levels of government.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Campaign Life Coalition supports any measures to end anti-life practices. It encourage the defence of the sanctity of human life against threats posed by abortion, euthanasia, doctor-assisted suicide, reproductive and genetic technologies, cloning, infanticide, eugenics, population control, and threats to the family in the public square. To do this, CLC hosts and organizes conferences, organizes public awareness campaigns and regularly contacts government officials and distributes information on life issues to policymakers.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CLC has partnered with other NGOs with consultative status to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to extend the events to the broader United Nations community and to support the 'Life is Beautiful' Platform.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Campaign Life Coalition has provided Member States with information, educational materials, and research when requested and has participated in numerous United Nations Conferences and meetings including, but not limited to:

- High-Level Meeting on Youth, 25-26 July 2011, New York;
- 47th and 49th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), 23-27 April 2012 and 7-11 April 2014, New York; and
- 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 4-15 March 2013, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

Campaign Life Coalition believes it is important to educate young people on the work of the United Nations, particularly MDG 2, 3, 4 and 5 by organizing training sessions for its volunteers prior to participation in United Nations meetings so that they can actively discuss and engage with other NGO representatives, United Nations personnel and country representatives. During the reporting period, CLC has trained over 25 young volunteers who have attended United Nations conferences.

6. Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) changes lives by bringing people and knowledge together to reduce the harm of alcohol and other drugs on society. It partners with public, private, and non-governmental organizations to improve the health and safety of Canadians.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CCSA's vision is that all people in Canada live in a healthy society free of alcohol- and other drug-related harm. CCSA provides national leadership, expertise, and knowledge to advance solutions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CCSA raises awareness to substance abuse as a social and economic global issue through publications, speeches, workshops, studies, conferences and symposia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CCSA contributed to the following United Nations fora during the reporting period:

- CCSA has actively participated in each of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) annual sessions as part of the Canadian Delegation;
- As Chair of the Vienna NGO Committee (VNGOC) from 2011-2015, CCSA reported on progress made on the implementation of the NGO recommendations concerning the Political Declaration and Plan of Action;
- CCSA participated in a round table on Development and Drug Policy, The Road to United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS), New York, June 2014; and
- CCSA attended the High-Level Special Event in Commemoration of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in New York, in June 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As a member of a United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)-led expert advisory committee on prevention standards, CCSA provides input and support for the development of a universal prevention curriculum. In collaboration with UNODC, CCSA developed a quality standards 'road map' of major national and international prevention initiatives in 2014. CCSA provided coordination and technical expertise in the area of civil society engagement to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), UNODC and European Union Member States.

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

In addition to its extensive contribution to the VNGOC, CCSA provided national leadership and representation at an international level, sharing expertise and knowledge gained in Canada to inform and advance global efforts to reduce the harms associated with alcohol and drugs which are recognized as a key component to a comprehensive health approach to supporting the achievement of the MDGs.

7. CARE International

General, 1991

Introduction

CARE International (CI) is a leading humanitarian and development organization, fighting global poverty. In 2014, CI worked in 90 countries and its programmes directly improved the lives of more than 72 million people.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CI facilitates lasting improvements in the world's poorest communities by strengthening capacity for self-help, providing economic opportunity, delivering relief in emergencies, influencing policy decisions at all levels, and addressing discrimination in all its forms. Women and girls are at the heart of CI's community-based work on maternal and child health, basic education, prevention of HIV/AIDS, food security, access to economic opportunity, and adaptation to climate change.

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, CI officials held regular meetings with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), to name a few.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In September 2014, CI participated in the United Nations Climate Change Summit and Leadership Forum and launched a report linking climate change and sustainable development. During the reporting period, CI participated in the annual Conferences of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, providing recommendations, holding side events, and launching reports on adaptation, vulnerable communities and women. From 2012 to 2014, CI participated in the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York, and provided information on the results of CI's activities.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CI is an operational partner of the UNHCR, UNWFP, UNICEF, and OCHA. It participates in the United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee principals and working groups on security, climate change, and gender equality. In November 2011, CI and OCHA co-launched a landmark report on Sex and Age-disaggregated Data in emergencies. CI participates in NGO networks at global, regional and country levels, such as the Climate Action Network, Major Groups for Sustainable Development, Sustainable Development Solutions Network, and NGO Working Group on the Security Council, to name a few.

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

Listed below is the number of projects under operation in 2014 toward the realisation of each MDG:

- MDG 1: 233 projects in 53 countries improved food security for more than 2.6 million people;
- MDG 2: 244 projects in 54 countries improved access to quality education for more than 1.4 million people;
- MDG 3: 406 programmes in 59 countries reached over 2.7 million people, with information and tools to promote gender equality and empower women to realize their rights;
- MDG 4: 189 projects in 44 countries directly provided information and services to more than 17 million women, men and children, to improve child health and nutrition;
- MDG 5: 36.8 million women and men provided with information and access to health services to improve maternal and child health in 46 countries;
- MDG 6: 189 projects in 44 countries reached helped more than 17 million women, men and children with prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDs, malaria and tuberculosis, where relevant; and
- MDG 7: 218 projects in 53 countries directly assisted more than one million people with climate change adaptation, bio-diversity and sustainable use of natural resources.

8. Caribbean Medical Association

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Caribbean Medical Association (AMECA) initially founded in Cuba, extends its reach beyond the region, with 80,000 associates globally.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are to promote collaboration for the improvement of health worldwide and provide support in occurrences of disasters globally.

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 continuously held international seminars during the reporting period, promoting respect for human rights, recognizing universal access to health and quality care and seeking solutions for better healthcare, promoting an active and satisfactory longevity. The association organized the XII International Seminar on Longevity, 28-30 April 2014, in Havana, Cuba. Members of AMECA

have also given lectures worldwide. Finally, AMECA has cooperated with other Caribbean and international organizations to facilitate exchange of information on the Cuban experience, such as the creation of Biotechnological Cuban products for example.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AMECA participated in several meetings organized and coordinated by United Nations Cuban Association, in conjunction with the United Nations Agencies present in Cuba.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AMECA presented a written statement to the 16th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review Mechanism (UPR) for Cuba, Human Rights Council, 3 May 2013, as a joint contribution with other Cuban Organizations.

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

AMECA works mainly toward MDG 3, 4, 5 and 6 by focusing on women's empowerment, promoting universal health coverage, especially for infants, and preventing and managing diseases. The association participated in the national consultations of civil society on the implementation of the MDGs and the vision of the post 2015 agenda held in 2013 and 2014.

9. Caritas Internationalis

General, 1999

Introduction

Caritas Internationalis (CI) is a confederation of over 160 national Catholic humanitarian, social services, and development organizations, working in over 200 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CI's objectives are to:

- reduce the risk and impact of humanitarian crises;
- advocate to transform unjust systems and structures; and
- promote integral human development and develop charitable services so that people in disadvantaged communities have access to essential services. Caritas provides effective technical expertise and coordination to its members to empower the poor to become protagonists of their own development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CI works to ensure the voice of the confederation is heard at the United Nations and can contribute to decisions about humanitarian policy, food security, climate change, migration, trafficking, health, HIV/AIDS, human rights, and fight against poverty. Caritas contributed to the Day of General Discussion on The Rights of All Children in Context of International Migration of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, held in September 2012, with Two Best Practices on Unaccompanied Minors.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, CI attended the World Health Organization's (WHO) World Health Assembly, Executive Board and Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Programme Coordinating Board, Geneva, Switzerland. It also participated in the regular sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC), in Geneva, during which it co-sponsored parallel events on "International Solidarity and the Right to Development", 18th session, 2011; "Obstacles to Access to Treatment: Political Commitments and Social Determinants of Health", 20th session, 2012; and "The Role of Inter-Religious Dialogue in the Promotion of Peace and Reconciliation in the Central African Republic", 26th session, 2014; and made statements on: "Promotion and Protection of the Right to Health of People Living with HIV: the Engagement of Faith-Inspired Organizations", 20th session, 2012; "Access to Treatment — An Integrated Response Is Needed", 23rd session, 2013; and "The Right to Development and the Post-2015 Agenda", 24th Session, 2013, to list a few.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CI organised a side event on kidnapping for ransom of refugees on transit during the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Annual Consultations with Civil Society, in June 2013, Geneva, Switzerland.

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

Caritas Internationalis assumed a leadership voice on the implementation of the MDGs from inception. CI attended the 65th Annual United Nations Department of Information (DPI)/NGO Conference: 2015 and Beyond — Our Action Agenda, held in New York, August 2014. CI organized two side events during the Conference: "The right to food"; and "Fostering Global Citizenship Through Collaboration: Higher Education, NGOs, and the United Nations".

10. Center for Alcohol and Drug Research and Education

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Center for Alcohol and Drug Research and Education (CADRE) compiles research and provides policy guidance, expert services, and reference materials concerning treatment programmes, law enforcement, education, primary drug prevention services and public policy analysis to physicians, treatment and

prevention professionals, appointed and elected officials, clergy and public citizens in the United States of America and 55 other nations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Center's mission is to provide technical assistance, guidance, information and expert service to individuals, organizations, governmental agencies and a variety of local, national and international non-profit organizations to improve the quality of their response to drug use, drug abuse and drug addiction.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CADRE's work is organized around the following purposes:

- to conduct and sponsor research and educate the public about the negative effects of illegal drug use;
- to provide public information regarding the efficacy of medical treatment for alcoholism and drug addiction; and
- to study all federal, state and local drug laws and regulations, and monitor proposed changes therein.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Center spoke at various United Nations meetings, including during the 57th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna, 7-12 March 2012.

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.

11. Center for Global Community and World Law

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Center for Global Community and World Law brings together highly motivated citizens and groups dedicated to collaborative efforts to create a peaceful, just and sustainable global society. It conducts research and offers programmes, services, education, conferences, publications, and art events, through educational institutions, community-based organizations, and the United Nations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goal of the center is to support the provisions of the United Nations Charter relating to the abolition of war by establishing projects to support global community and world law, which recognize the need for new thinking and action to achieve the broad-based changes needed for a peaceful society.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The center created peace competencies for international peacebuilding to complement management competencies in the current model through the ongoing Reconciliation Leadership Certificate Programme from 2011 onwards. It organized a Panel on Peace and Security Perspectives from an International Civil Servant and a Citizen Diplomat United Nations, 2 February 2011, New York. It conducted a series of side events at the United Nations on “Human Rights and the United Nations, the United Nations and Refugees”, 12 May 2011, “United Nations and Middle East Transition to Democracy”, 9 June 2011 and “Humanitarian Assistance to Libya”, 29 June 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The center attended the 65th Annual United Nations Department of Information (DPI)/NGO Conference, New York, 28-29 August 2014 on Post 2015 and Beyond; and a Culture of Peace Event, held by the President of the 67th United Nations General Trusteeship Council Chamber, September 2013, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The center made a presentation on the Reconciliation Leaders for Sustainable Development at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 2013. In 2014, it launched “Friends of Dag Hammarskjöld: Restoring Faith in Humanity”.

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

Reconciliation Leadership Certificate Programme Courses were held in New York. Its segment “Designing and Implementing Interventions for Global Change” focuses specifically on MDG 1, 3, 7, and 8.

12. Center for Inter-ethnic Cooperation**Special, 2007****Introduction**

The Center for Inter-ethnic Cooperation (CIC) was founded in 1997, in Moscow, Russia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main aim of the organization is to support cooperation and mutual understanding among the Russian population and among people worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CIC led four international trainings devoted to fostering intercultural dialogue in Russia with the participation of Russian citizens and representatives from abroad.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CIC representatives participated in the 49th Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD) in 2011, New York; in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio+20, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012; and Global Forums of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in 2011, Doha, Qatar, and in 2013, Vienna, Austria.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CIC cooperates with and participates actively in activities organized by the United Nations Country Team in the Russian Federation.

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

The CIC organizes trainings on ethnic minorities; migrant's rights protection and interethnic conflicts prophylaxes for Police representatives, government representatives and ethnic community leaders in various regions in the Russian Federation. It also led trainings for youth to spread and promote tolerance and intercultural dialogue.

13. Center for International Earth Science Information Network

Special, 1995

Introduction

The Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) was established to help scientists, decision makers, and the public around the world better understand human-environment interactions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CIESIN's mission is to provide access to and enhance the use of information worldwide, advancing understanding of human interactions in the environment and serving the needs of science and public and private decision-making.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CIESIN develops and disseminates interdisciplinary data and indicators widely used by United Nations agencies, Member States, and other bodies on topics such as population distribution, poverty, urbanization, climate impacts, soils, roads, hazards, pollution, biodiversity, and public health. CIESIN co-hosts the Data Distribution Center of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CIESIN participated in many United Nations events, including the following:

- Second Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, New York, 13-15 August 2012;
- Eye on Earth Summit, co-sponsored by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), where it did a presentation, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 11-15 December 2011;
- it presented at Targets and Indicators for Addressing Disaster Risk Management in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, co-organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations International Children’s Fund (UNICEF), and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), New York, 18-19 July 2013;
- 14th Plenary Meeting of the United Nations Geographic Information Working Group, New York, 14-16 May 2014; and
- United Nations Global Forum on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information, New York, 4-5 August 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CIESIN collaborates with the United Nations Cartographic Division on developing and disseminating global geospatial data and improving data validation and analysis and contributes to the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management. CIESIN provides an online search tool as part of the environmental law database of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and UNEP. CIESIN was a coordinating lead author of the UNEP Fifth Global Environmental Assessment and a lead author in the IPCC Fifth Assessment. CIESIN collaborated with the United Nations University on a report on “Where the Rain Falls: Climate Change, Food and Livelihood Security, and Migration,” released in November 2012.

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

CIESIN provides access to population and poverty data important for assessing progress toward the MDGs. CIESIN is working with the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network on data and monitoring issues related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

14. Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables

Special, 2003

Introduction

The Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables was established in 1995 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to ensure the full integration of the indigenous Pygmy people into modern society.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Every year, the organization provides evidence of violations of indigenous peoples' rights to the Human Rights Division of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), the Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Secretary-General on the rights of indigenous peoples and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights of the African Union.

Through its publications in French and in local languages, the organization has also spread awareness of the contents of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Every year it organizes activities to mark the International Day of the World's Indigenous People.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables participated in the following meetings, including through oral statements and written submissions:

- Regional consultation between African indigenous peoples' organizations and the Policy Board of the United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN-REDD) on the process of free, prior and informed consent and appeal mechanisms, Arusha, Tanzania, 24-27 January 2011;
- Sixth meeting of the UN-REDD Policy Board, Da Lat, Viet Nam, 21-23 March 2011;
- United Nations Secretariat regional consultation and capacity-building workshop on biological diversity, with the theme "Biodiversity and REDD in developing countries", Cape Town, South Africa, 20-23 September 2011; and
- Thirteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, 12-23 May 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

There have been no significant changes.

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

The organization contributed to the achievement of Goal 1 by providing schooling for 5,345 indigenous Pygmy children in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo between 2011 and 2014.

15. Centre d'accueil et de volontariat pour orphelins, abandonnés et handicapés du Cameroun**Special, 2011****Introduction**

The Centre d'accueil et de volontariat pour orphelins, abandonnés et handicapés du Cameroun specializes in early childhood education, promotion of children's rights, and assistance to disadvantaged young single mothers.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The principal aims of the organization are to:

- Provide care and education to children in especially difficult circumstances;
- Return abandoned children to their families;
- Support the social integration of children in order to improve their living conditions;
- Protect children from labour exploitation;
- Combat the sexual exploitation of girls; and
- Ensure appropriate medical care for orphans and other vulnerable children and for disadvantaged young single mothers.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has provided care for nearly 50 orphans and other vulnerable children and one young single mother. Educational support has been provided to boarding students between the ages of 3 and 18, with full respect for the rights of the child. The organization has set up an educational programme for very young children and functional education for deaf boarding students.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization's activities contribute primarily to the achievement of Goals 1, 2 and 3.
